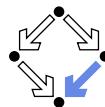


## Model-based Specifications in Larch/C++

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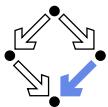


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### Example



```
interface Stack { void push(Elem e); Elem pop(); }

{A(s) = S}
s.push(e);
{A(s) = push(S, A(e))}

{A(s) = S ∧ ¬isEmpty(S)}
e = s.pop();
{A(e) = top(S) ∧ A(s) = pop(S)}
```

Pre/post-conditions in terms of abstract mathematical values.

## Model-based Specifications

C.A.R. Hoare: "Proof of Correctness of Data Representations" (1972).

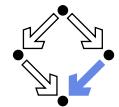
- Verification of abstract datatype implementations.
  - Complements pre/post-condition reasoning about computations.
- Specification uses abstraction function  $\mathcal{A} : C \rightarrow A$ .
  - Maps concrete representations (objects of type Stack) to abstract values (mathematical "stacks").
  - Client of an ADT can reason about its operations without actually knowing its implementation.
- Verification uses inverse concretization function  $\mathcal{C} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(C)$ .
  - Maps abstract values to (sets of) concrete values.
    - $\forall c \in C : c \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}(c))$ .
    - $\forall a \in A, c \in \mathcal{C}(a) : \mathcal{A}(c) = a$ .
  - Implementation of ADT must prove that its operations satisfy the properties expressed in the specification.

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### Example (Contd)



```
class ArrayStack implements Stack
{
    Elem[] array; int n;
    ...
}
```

- $\mathcal{A} : \text{ArrayStack} \rightarrow \text{Stack}$ .
  - $\mathcal{A}(\text{array}, n) := (\text{informal sketch})$   
 $\text{push}(\dots \text{push}(\text{empty}, \mathcal{A}(\text{array}[0])) \dots, \mathcal{A}(\text{array}[n-1]))$ .
- $\mathcal{C} : \text{Stack} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\text{ArrayStack})$ .
  - $\mathcal{C}(\text{empty}) := \{\langle \text{array}, 0 \rangle \mid \text{Elem}[] \text{ array}\}$ .
  - $\mathcal{C}(\text{push}(s, e)) :=$   
 $\{\langle \text{array}, l+1 \rangle : \exists a . \langle a, l \rangle \in \mathcal{C}(s) \wedge$   
 $\forall 0 \leq i < l . \text{array}[i] = a[i] \wedge \text{array}[l] = \mathcal{C}(e)\}$

Must prove that  $\mathcal{C}$  is inverse of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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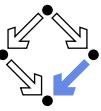
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## Example (Contd'2)



```
class ArrayStack { ... void push(Elem e) { body } ... }

{A(array,n) = S} body {A(array,n) = push(S,A(e))}

{⟨array,n⟩ ∈ C(S)} body {A(array,n) = push(S,A(e))}

■ Case S = empty:
  {n = 0} body {...}

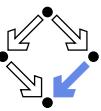
■ Case S = push(s,e):
  {∃l, a . n = l + 1 ∧ ⟨a,l⟩ ∈ C(s) ∧
   ∀ 0 ≤ i < l . array[i] = a[i] ∧ array[l] = C(e)}
  body
  {...}
```

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## Larch/C++



- Behavioral interface specification language for C++.
  - Gary T. Leavens, Iowa State University, 1993-1999.
  - <http://www.cs.iastate.edu/~leavens/larchc++.html>.
- Shared layer: **LSL traits**.
  - Extensible specifications of ADTs.
  - Loose interpretation of algebraic specifications.
- Interface layer: **Larch/C++ specification modules**.
  - Specification of C++ classes.
  - Includes features dealing with state, aliasing, termination, etc.
- Larch/C++ tools.
  - lcpp: parser and type checker.
  - lcpp2html: generation of HTML pages.
  - LP: prover for reasoning about LSL traits.

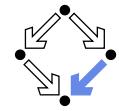
Predecessor of the Java Modeling Language (JML).

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## Model-based Specification Languages



Abstract model specifies vocabulary used in pre/post-conditions.

- **VDM-SL** (Vienna Development Method Specification Language)
  - Started in the IBM laboratory in Vienna in the mid-1970s.
  - (Sort of) functional language to specify models.
- **Z**
  - Started at Oxford University (Hoare and others) in the late 1970s.
  - Set theory and first-order predicate logic to specify models.
- **Larch**: <http://www.sds.lcs.mit.edu/spd/larch>
  - Started at MIT in the late 1970s.
  - Larch Shared Language (LSL) to specify algebraic data types.
  - Several **behavioral interface languages** to specify modules in specific programming languages (including language-specific features).
    - LCL (for C), Larch/Ada, Larch/CLU, Larch/Smalltalk, Larch/C++.

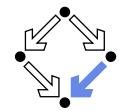
ISO standards for VDM-SL (1996) and for Z (2002).

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## Example: Four Sided Figures



Leavens: "An Overview of Larch/C++ Behavioral Specifications for C++ Modules", 1999.

```
// Quadrilateral.h
#include "QuadShape.h"

class Quadrilateral : virtual public QuadShape {
public:
    Quadrilateral(Vector v1, Vector v2, Vector v3, Vector v4,
                  Vector pos) throw();
    // @ behavior {
    // @  requires isLoop(\<v1,v2,v3,v4\>);
    // @  modifies edges, position;
    // @  ensures liberally edges' = \<v1,v2,v3,v4\> /\ position' = pos;
    // @ }
};

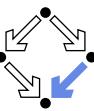
The interface layer.
```

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## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'2)



```
// QuadShape.h
#include "Vector.h"

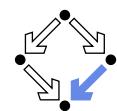
//@ uses FourSidedFigure;
/*@ abstract @*/ class QuadShape {
public:
    //@ spec Vector edges[4];
    //@ spec Vector position;
    //@ invariant isLoop(edges\any);
    virtual Vector GetVec(int i)
        const throw();
    //@ behavior {
    //    //@ requires between(1, i, 4);
    //    //@ ensures result = edges^i;
    //    //@ example i = 1 /\ result = edges^0;
    //    virtual Vector GetPosition()
    //        const throw();
    //    //@ behavior {
    //        //@ ensures result = position^i; } };

    virtual Move(const Vector& v) throw();
    //@ behavior {
    //    //@ requires assigned(v, pre);
    //    //@ requires redundantly assigned(edges, pre)
    //    //@           /\ assigned(position, pre) /\ isLoop(edges^);
    //    //@ modifies position;
    //    //@ trashes nothing;
    //    //@ ensures liberally position' = position^ + v^;
    //    //@ ensures redundantly liberally edges' = edges^;
    //    //@ example liberally position^ = 0:Vector /\ position' = v^; }
```

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## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'3)

```
% FourSidedFigure.lsl
FourSidedFigure(Scalar): trait
    implies
        \forall e: Arr[Vector],
        v1,v2,v3,v4:Vector
        size(\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle) == 4;
        (\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle)[0] == v1;
        (\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle)[1] == v2;
        (\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle)[2] == v3;
        (\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle)[3] == v4;
        allAllocated(\langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle);

    includes
        PreVector(Scalar, Vector for Vec[T]),
        int, Val_Array(Vector)

    introduces
        isLoop: Arr[Vector] -> Bool
        \langle __, __, __, __ \rangle:
            Vector, Vector, Vector, Vector
            -> Arr[Vector]

    asserts
        \forall e: Arr[Vector], v1,v2,v3,v4:Vector
        isLoop(e) == (e[0] + e[1] + e[2] + e[3] = 0:Vector)
        \langle v1,v2,v3,v4 \rangle
        == assign(assign(assign(assign(create(4), 0,v1), 1,v2), 2,v3), 3,v4);
```

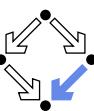
The shared layer.

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## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'4)



```
% PreVector.lsl
PreVector(T): trait
    assumes RingWithUnit, Abelian(* for \circ)
    TotalOrder, CoerceToReal(T)
    % ... and is commutative
    u \cdotdot v == v \cdotdot u;

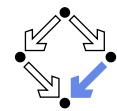
    includes PreVectorSpace(T), Real
    % ... and is positive definite
    (u \cdotdot u) >= 0;
    (u \cdotdot u = 0) == (u = 0);

    introduces
        __ \cdotdot __: Vec[T], Vec[T] -> T
        length: Vec[T] -> T
    approximates(length(u),
        sqrt(toReal(u \cdotdot u)));
    asserts
        \forallall u,v,w: Vec[T], a, b: T
        % the inner product is bilinear
        (u + v) \cdotdot w == (u \cdotdot w) + (v \cdotdot w);
        u \cdotdot (v + w) == (u \cdotdot v) + (u \cdotdot w);
        (a * u) \cdotdot v == a * (u \cdotdot v);
        (a * u) \cdotdot v == u \cdotdot (a * v);
```

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## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'5)

```
% PreVectorSpace.lsl
PreVectorSpace(T): trait
    assumes RingWithUnit, Abelian(* for \circ)
    % ... and is positive definite
    (u \cdotdot u) >= 0;
    (u \cdotdot u = 0) == (u = 0);

    includes
        AbelianGroup
        (Vec[T] for T, + for \circ,
        0 for unit, - __ for \inv),
        DistributiveRingAction
        (T for M, Vec[T] for T)

    implies
        AC(+ for \circ, Vec[T] for T),
        Idempotent(- __, Vec[T])
        \forallall u,v,w: Vec[T], a, b: T
        a * (u + v) == (a * u) + (a * v);
        (a + b) * u == (a * u) + (b * u);
        (a * b) * u == a * (b * u);
        1 * u == u;
        u - v == u + (- v);
        (u + v = u + w) => v = w;
        0 * u == 0:Vec[T];
```

implies

```
-(a * u) == (-a) * u;
-(a * u) == a * (-u);
(-a) * (-u) == a * u;
(a \neq 0 /\ a * u = a * v) =>
    u = v;
```

converts

```
0: -> Vec[T],
__+__: Vec[T], Vec[T] -> Vec[T],
__*__: T, Vec[T] -> Vec[T],
__-__: Vec[T] -> Vec[T],
__ - __: Vec[T], Vec[T] -> Vec[T]
```

implies

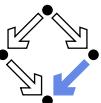
```
PreVectorSig(T): trait
    introduces
        __ + __: Vec[T], Vec[T] -> Vec[T]
        __ * __: T, Vec[T] -> Vec[T]
        0: -> Vec[T]
        __ - __: Vec[T] -> Vec[T]
        __ \cdotdot __: Vec[T], Vec[T] -> T
length: Vec[T] -> T
```

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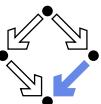
## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'6)



```
edsger2!448> lcpp
Usage: lcpp [preprocessor-options] [checker-options] file1.h [file2.lh ...]
The checker-options are:
  --no-verbose      (don't print verbose messages)
  --no-LSL          (don't run the LSL checker)
  --keep-LSL        (keep LSL trait files if they have errors)
The currently understood preprocessor options are:
  -ansi -Dmacro[=defn] -Umacro -Aquestion[(answer)] -nostdinc++ -undef
  -I dir -H dir -include file -imacros file -iprefix prefix
  -iwithprefix dir -idirafter dir
```

Syntax and type checking; no verification!

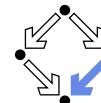
## Proving LSL Properties



```
LP (the Larch Prover), Release 3.1b (98/06/09) logging to
'/usr3/Larch/lp3.1b/samples/list1.lplog' on 18 October 2005 16:18:26.
```

```
LPO.1.9: declare sorts Element, List
LPO.1.10: declare variables e: Element, x, y, z: List
LPO.1.11: declare operators
  null      :           -> List
  cons     : Element, List -> List
  append   : List, List    -> List
  rev      : List          -> List
  ..
LPO.1.15: assert
  sort List generated by null, cons;
  append(null, x) = x;
  append(cons(e, y), z) = cons(e, append(y, z));
  rev(null) = null;
  rev(cons(e, y)) = append(rev(y), cons(e, null))
  ..
```

## Example: Four Sided Figures (Contd'7)



```
edsger2!447> lcpp Quadrilateral.h
LCPP_builtins is up to date.

Checking Quadrilateral.h ...

Checking trait: Scalar
Finished checking LSL traits

Checking trait: PreVector(Scalar,Vector for Vec[T])
Finished checking LSL traits
```

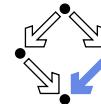
NoContainedObjects(Vector) is up to date.

Checking trait: FourSidedFigure
Finished checking LSL traits

NoContainedObjects(Shear) is up to date.

Quadrilateral.h 0 warnings; 0 syntax & 0 semantic errors!

## Proving LSL Properties (Contd)



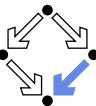
LPO.1.22: prove rev(rev(x)) = x by induction

Attempting to prove conjecture theorem.1: rev(rev(x)) = x  
Creating subgoals for proof by structural induction on 'x'  
Basis subgoal:  
 Subgoal 1: rev(rev(null)) = null  
 Induction constant: xc  
 Induction hypothesis:  
 theoremInductHyp.1: rev(rev(xc)) = xc  
 Induction subgoal:  
 Subgoal 2: rev(rev(cons(e, xc))) = cons(e, xc)

Attempting to prove level 2 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x  
Level 2 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x  
[] Proved by normalization.

Attempting to prove level 2 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction  
on x  
Added hypothesis theoremInductHyp.1 to the system.  
Suspending proof of level 2 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction  
on x

## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'2)



LPO.1.24: % We need a lemma about rev(append(x, y)).

LPO.1.26: prove rev(append(x, y)) = append(rev(y), rev(x)) by induction on x

Attempting to prove level 3 lemma theorem.2:  
rev(append(x, y)) = append(rev(y), rev(x))

Creating subgoals for proof by structural induction on 'x'

Basis subgoal:

Subgoal 1: rev(append(null, y)) = append(rev(y), rev(null))

Induction constant: xc1

Induction hypothesis:

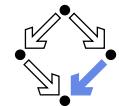
theoremInductHyp.2: rev(append(xc1, y)) = append(rev(y), rev(xc1))

Induction subgoal:

Subgoal 2: rev(append(cons(e, xc1), y)) = append(rev(y), rev(cons(e, xc1)))

Attempting to prove level 4 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

Suspending proof of level 4 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x



## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'3)

LPO.1.28: % We need another lemma, which we obtain by generalization.

LPO.1.30: prove append(x, null) = x by induction

Attempting to prove level 5 lemma theorem.3: append(x, null) = x

Creating subgoals for proof by structural induction on 'x'

Basis subgoal:

Subgoal 1: append(null, null) = null

Induction constant: xc1

Induction hypothesis:

theoremInductHyp.2: append(xc1, null) = xc1

Induction subgoal:

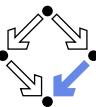
Subgoal 2: append(cons(e, xc1), null) = cons(e, xc1)

Attempting to prove level 6 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

Level 6 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

[] Proved by normalization.

## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'4)



Attempting to prove level 6 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x

Added hypothesis theoremInductHyp.2 to the system.

Level 6 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x

[] Proved by normalization.

Level 5 lemma theorem.3

[] Proved by structural induction on 'x'.

Attempting to prove level 4 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

Level 4 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x:

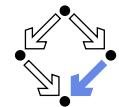
rev(append(null, y)) = append(rev(y), rev(null))

[] Proved by normalization.

Attempting to prove level 4 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x: rev(append(cons(e, xc1), y)) = append(rev(y), rev(cons(e, xc1)))

Added hypothesis theoremInductHyp.2 to the system.

Suspending proof of level 4 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x



## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'5)

LPO.1.32: % We need another lemma (the associativity of append)

LPO.1.35: prove append(append(x, y), z) = append(x, append(y, z)) by induction on x

Attempting to prove level 5 lemma theorem.3:

append(append(x, y), z) = append(x, append(y, z))

Creating subgoals for proof by structural induction on 'x'

Basis subgoal:

Subgoal 1: append(append(null, y), z) = append(null, append(y, z))

Induction constant: xc2

Induction hypothesis:

theoremInductHyp.3: append(append(xc2, y), z) = append(xc2, append(y, z))

Induction subgoal:

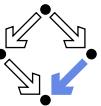
Subgoal 2: append(append(cons(e, xc2), y), z)  
= append(cons(e, xc2), append(y, z))

Attempting to prove level 6 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

Level 6 subgoal 1 (basis step) for proof by induction on x

[] Proved by normalization.

## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'6)



Attempting to prove level 6 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x

Added hypothesis theoremInductHyp.3 to the system.

Level 6 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x  
[] Proved by normalization.

Level 5 lemma theorem.3

[] Proved by structural induction on 'x'.

Attempting to prove level 4 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x:  $\text{rev}(\text{append}(\text{cons}(e, xc_1), y)) = \text{append}(\text{rev}(y), \text{rev}(\text{cons}(e, xc_1)))$

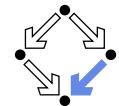
Current subgoal:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{append}(\text{append}(\text{rev}(y), \text{rev}(xc_1)), \text{cons}(e, \text{null})) \\ &= \text{append}(\text{rev}(y), \text{append}(\text{rev}(xc_1), \text{cons}(e, \text{null}))) \end{aligned}$$

Level 4 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x  
[] Proved by normalization.

Level 3 lemma theorem.2:  $\text{rev}(\text{append}(x, y)) = \text{append}(\text{rev}(y), \text{rev}(x))$

[] Proved by structural induction on 'x'.



## Proving LSL Properties (Contd'7)

Attempting to prove level 2 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x:  $\text{rev}(\text{rev}(\text{cons}(e, xc))) = \text{cons}(e, xc)$

Current subgoal:  $\text{rev}(\text{append}(\text{rev}(xc), \text{cons}(e, \text{null}))) = \text{cons}(e, xc)$

Level 2 subgoal 2 (induction step) for proof by induction on x  
[] Proved by normalization.

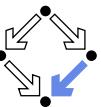
Conjecture theorem.1:  $\text{rev}(\text{rev}(x)) = x$

[] Proved by structural induction on 'x'.

LPO.1.36: qed

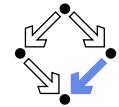
All conjectures have been proved.

## The Java Modeling Language



- Behavioral interface specification language for Java.
  - Gary T. Leavens et al., Iowa State University, since 1999.
  - <http://www.jmlspecs.org>
- Fully embedded into the Java language.
  - No separation between shared layer and interface layer anymore.
  - All specifications expressed in (an extended version of) Java.
- Considerable community support.
  - jml: syntax and type checking.
  - jmldoc: document generation.
  - JMLEclipse: plugin for the Eclipse IDE.
  - ESC/Java2: extended static checking of JML specifications.

Java programmer needs not learn a new expression language, but distinction between model and representation gets blurred.



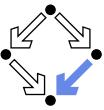
## A Stack Model

```
public /*@ pure @*/ class IntStackModel
{
    // IntStackModel() is default constructor

    /*@ public model boolean isempty();
    /*@ public model IntStackModel push(int e);
    /*@ public model int top();
    /*@ public model IntStackModel pop();

    /*@ public invariant
        @ (\forallall IntStackModel s, s2; s != null;
        @     (\forallall int e, e2; ;
        @         !new IntStackModel().equals(s.push(e)) &&
        @         (s.push(e).equals(s2.push(e2)) ==> s.equals(s2) && e == e2) &&
        @         new IntStackModel().isempty() &&
        @         !s.push(e).isempty() &&
        @         e == s.push(e).top() &&
        @         s.equals(s.push(e).pop())));
    @ */
}
```

# A Stack Implementation



```
public class IntStack // "IntStack.jml"
{
    /*@ public model
     *  @ non_null IntStackModel stackM;
     *  @ public initially stackM.isempty();
     *
     *  @ represents stackM <- toModel();
     *  @ public model
     *  @  pure IntStackModel toModel(); */
    /*@ public normal_behavior
     *  @ assignable stackM;
     *  @ ensures stackM ==
     *  @   \old(stackM.push(e)); */
    public void push(int e);

    /*@ public normal_behavior
     *  @ requires !stackM.isempty();
     *  @ assignable stackM;
     *  @ ensures \result ==
     *  @   \old(stackM.top())
     *  @   && stackM ==
     *  @   \old(stackM.pop()); */
    public int pop(int e);

    /*@ public normal_behavior
     *  @ assignable \nothing;
     *  @ ensures \result <==> stackM.isempty(); */
    public /*@ pure */ boolean isempty();
}
```

See course on “Formal Methods in Software Development”.