

The B Method: an introduction

Formal Software Engineering

The B Method for correct-by-construction software

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Light regulation, Gauge, Resource Management



Examples of development

B Method

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 - Sorting
- Basic concepts of the method : abstract machine
 - Modeling the static part (data)
 - Modeling the dynamic part(operations)
 - Proof of consistency
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 - Proofs of refinement
- Case studies (with AtelierB, Rodin)

- (.1996) A Method to **specify, design and build** sequential software.
- (1998..) Event B ... **distributed, concurrent** systems.
- (...) still evolving, with more sophisticated tools (aka Rodin) ;-(



Examples of application in railways systems



Figure : Synchronisation of platform screen doors - Paris Metro

Industrial Applications

- Applications in Transportation Systems (Alstom>Siemens) braking systems, platform screen doors(line 13, Paris metro),
- KVS, Calcutta Metro (India), Cairo
- INSEE (french population recensement)
- Meteor RATP : automatic pilote, generalization of platform screen doors
- SmartCards (*Cartes à puce*) : securisation, ...
- Peugeot
- etc

⇒ Highly needed competencies in Industries.

A Context that imposes Formal Method

The **standard EN51128** "Systèmes de signalisation, de télécommunication et de traitement" :

Cette norme traite en particulier des méthodes qu'il est nécessaire d'utiliser pour fournir des logiciels répondant aux exigences d'intégrité de la sécurité appliquées au domaine du ferroviaire. L'intégrité d'un logiciel est répartie sur cinq niveaux SIL, allant de SIL 0 à SIL 4. Ces niveaux SIL sont définis par association, dans la gestion du risque, de la fréquence et de la conséquence d'un événement dangereux. Afin de définir précisément le niveau de SIL d'un logiciel, des techniques et des mesures sont définies dans cette norme.

(cf. ClearSy)

SIL : Safety Integrity Level

The Standard EN 50128 : Software Aspect of the Control

Standard NF EN 50128

Titre : Railway Applications, system of signaling, telecommunication and processing equipped with software for the control and the security of railway systems.

Domain: Exclusively applicable to software and to the interaction between software and physical devices;

5 levels of criticality:

Not critical: SIL0,

No dead danger for humans: SIL1, SIL2,

Critical : SIL3, SIL4

Applicable to: the software application; the operating systems ; the CASE¹ tools;

Depending on the projects and the contexts, we will need formal **methods to build the dependable software or systems.**

Method in Software Engineering

Formal Method=

- Formal Specification or Modeling Language
- Formal reasoning System

B Method=

- Specification Language
 - Logic, Set Theory: data language
 - Generalized Substitution Language: Operations's language
- Formal reasoning System
 - Theorem Prover

Formal Development

Formal Software Development=

- **Systematic transformation of a mathematical model into an executable code.**
 - = Transformation from the abstract to the concrete model
 - = Passing from mathematical structures to programming structures
 - = **Refinement** into code in a programming language.

B: Formal Method

+ refinement theory (of abstract machines)

⇒ formal development method

Correct Development (no overflow, for a trajectory)

MACHINE

```
CtrlThreshold /* to control two naturals X and Y */
  /* 0 <= x <= threshold
     ^ &forall; y . 0 < y < threshY */
```

CONSTANTS

```
  threshX, threshY
```

```
PROPERTIES threshX : INT & threshX = 10 ...
```

VARIABLES

```
  xx, yy
```

INVARIANT

```
  xx : INT & 0 <= xx & xx <= threshX
  yy : INT & 0 < yy & yy < threshY
```

INITIALISATION

```
  xx := 0 || yy := 1
```

OPERATIONS

```
  computeY =
    yy := ... /* an expression */
```

END

Correct Development....

OPERATIONS (continued)

```
setXX(nx) = /* specification of an operation with PRE */
```

PRE

```
  nx : INT & nx >= 0 & nx <= threshX
```

THEN

```
  xx := nx
```

END ;

```
rx <-- getXX = /* specification of an operation */
```

BEGIN

```
  rx := xx
```

END

The GCD Example

Constructing the GCD: abstract machine

From the abstract machine to its refinement into executable code.

mathematical model → programming model

MACHINE

```
pgcd1 /* the GCD of two naturals */
      /* gcd(x,y) is  $d \mid x \bmod d = 0 \wedge y \bmod d = 0$ 
       $\wedge \forall$  other divisors  $dx \ d > dx$ 
       $\wedge \forall$  other divisors  $dy \ d > dy$  */
```

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd(xx,yy) = /* OUTPUT : rr ; INPUT xx, yy */
      ...
```

END

Constructing the GCD: abstract machine

Constructing the GCD: refinement

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd(xx,yy) = /* spécification du pgcd */
PRE
  xx : INT & xx >= 1 & xx < MAXINT
  & yy : INT & yy >= 1 & yy < MAXINT
THEN
  ANY dd WHERE
  dd : INT
  & (xx - (xx/dd)*dd) = 0 /* d is a divisor of x */
  & (yy - (yy/dd)*dd) = 0 /* d is a divisor of y */
  /* and the other common divisors are < d */
  & !dx.((dx : INT & dx < MAXINT
    & (xx - (xx/dx)*dx) = 0 & (yy - (yy/dx)*dx) = 0) => dx < dd)
  THEN rr := dd
  END
END
```

REFINEMENT /* raffinement de ... */

```
pgcd1_R1
```

REFINES pgcd1 /* the former machine */

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd (xx, yy) = /* the interface is not changed */
  BEGIN
    ... Body of the refined operation
  END
END
```

END

Constructing the GCD: refinement

```

rr <-- pgcd (xx, yy) = /* the refined operation */
BEGIN
  VAR cd, rx, ry, cr IN
  cd := 1
  ; WHILE ( cd < xx & cd < yy) DO
    ; rx := xx - (xx/cd)*cd ; ry := yy - (yy/cd)*cd
    IF (rx = 0 & ry = 0)
    THEN /* cd divides x and y, possible GCD */
      cr := cd /* possible rr */
    END
    ; cd := cd + 1 ; /* searching a greater one */
  INVARIANT
  xx : INT & yy : INT & rx : INT & rx < MAXINT
  & ry : INT & ry < MAXINT & cd < MAXINT
  & xx = cr*(xx/cr) + rx & yy = cr*(y/cr) + ry
  VARIANT
  xx - cd
END

```

B Method: Global Approach

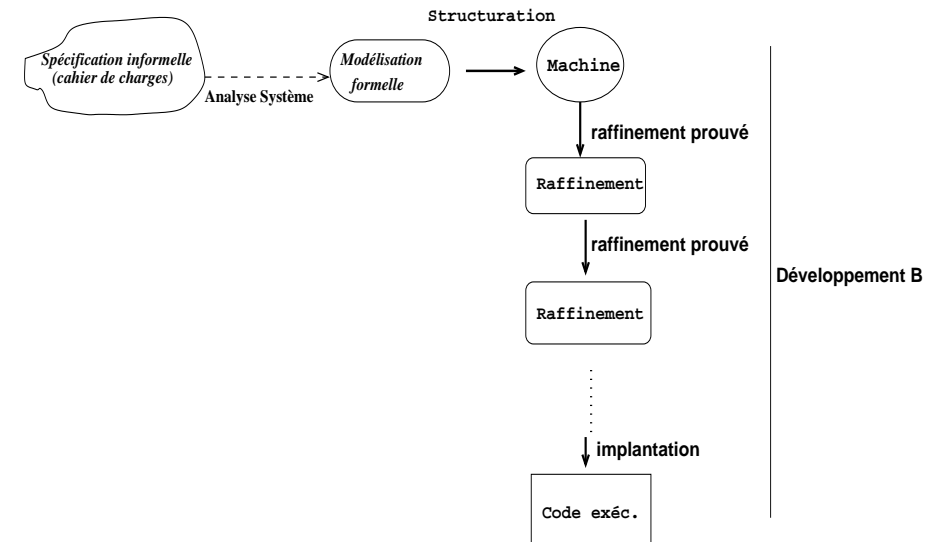


Figure : Analysis and B development

The B Method

Concepts and basic principles :

- **abstract machine** (state space + abstract operations),
- **proved refinement** (from abstract to concrete model)

State and State Space

- Observe a **variable** in a logical model;
- It can take **different values** through the time, or several states through the time;
- For example a **natural variable I** : one can (logically) observe $I = 2$, $I = 6$, $I = 0$, ... provided that I is modified;
- Following a modification, the state of I is changed;
- The change of states of a variable can be modeled by an action that substitutes a new value to the current one.
- More generally, for a natural I , there are possibly all the range or the naturals as the possible states for I : hence the **state space**.
- One generalises to several variables $\langle I, J \rangle$, $\langle V1, V2, V4, \dots \rangle$

Development Approach

The approaches of Z, TLA, B, ... are said: **model (or state) oriented**

- Describe a **state space**
- Describe operations that explore the space
- **Transition system** between the states

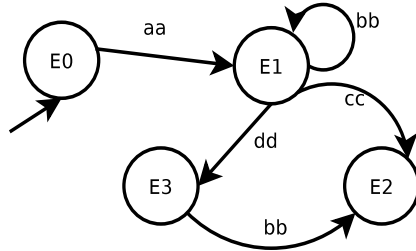


Figure : Evolution of a software system

Specification Approach

- A tuple of **variables** describes a **state**

$$\langle mode = day, light = off, temp = 20 \rangle$$

- A **predicate** (with the variables) describes a **state space**

$$light = off \wedge mode = day \wedge temp > 12$$

- An **operation** that affects the variables **changes the state**

$$mode := day$$

Specification in B = model a transition system
(with a logical approach)

Abstract Machine

variables

predicates

operation

```

MACHINE ...
SETS ...
VARIABLES
...
INVARIANT
... predicates
INITIALISATION
...
OPERATIONS
...
END
  
```

Abstract Machine

```

MACHINE ReguLight
SETS
DMODE = {day, night}
; LIGHTSTATE = {off, on}
  
```

- An abstract machine has a name
- The **SETS clause** enables ones to introduce abstract or enumerated sets; These sets are used to **type** the variables
- The predefined sets are : NAT, INTEGER, BOOL, etc

Abstract Machine

VARIABLES

```
mode
, light
, temp
```

INVARIANT

```
mode : DMODE
& light : LIGHTSTATE
& temp : NAT
```

- The **VARIABLES clause** gathers the variables to be used in the specification
- The **INVARIANT clause** is used to give the predicate that describe the **invariant properties** of the abstract machine; **its should be always true**
- Both clauses go together.

Abstract Machine

INITIALISATION

```
mode := day
|| temp := 20
|| light := off
```

- An abstract machine should contain, an initial state of the specified system. This initial state should ensures the invariant properties. The **INITIALISATION clause** enables one to initialise ALL the variables used in the machine. The initialisation using substitutions, is done **simultaneously** for all the variables. They can be modified later by the operations.

Abstract Machine

OPERATIONS

```
changeMode =
CHOICE mode := day
OR mode := night
END
;
putOn =
light := on
;
putOff =
light := off
;
decreaseTemp = temp := temp - 1
;
increaseTemp = temp := temp + 1
END
```

- Within the **clause OPERATIONS** one provides the operations of the abstract machine. The operations model the **change of state variables** with **logical substitutions** (noted **:=**). The logical substitutions are generalised for more expressivity. The operations has a **PREcondition** (the POST is implicitly the invariant).

Abstract Machine : example of Light Regulation

MACHINE ReguLight

SETS

```
DMODE = {day, night}
; LIGHTSTATE = {off, on}
```

VARIABLES

```
mode
, light
, temp
```

INVARIANT

```
mode : DMODE
& light : LIGHTSTATE
& temp : NAT
```

INITIALISATION

```
mode := day || temp := 20
|| light := off
```

OPERATIONS

```
changeMode =
CHOICE mode := day
OR mode := night
END
;
putOn =
light := on
;
putOff =
light := off
;
decreaseTemp = temp := temp - 1
;
increaseTemp = temp := temp + 1
END
```

Abstract Machine: provides operations

An abstract machine provides operations which are callable from other external operations/programmes.

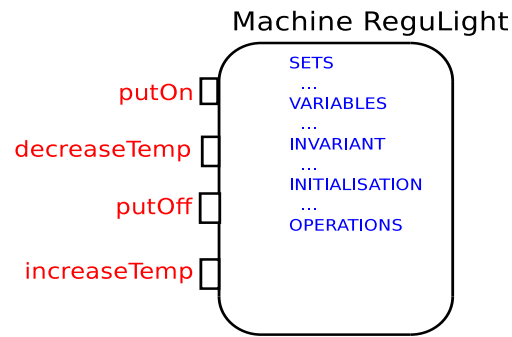


Figure : The operations are callable from outside

Interface of operations

(operations with or without input/output parameters)

- No parameter:

$\text{nameOfOperation} = \dots$

- Input parameters only:

$\text{nameOfOperation}(p1, p2, \dots) = \dots$

- Output parameters only:

$r1, r2, \dots \leftarrow \text{nameOfOperation} = \dots$

- Input and Output parameters:

$r1, r2, \dots \leftarrow \text{nameOfOperation}(p1, p2, \dots) = \dots$

☛ An operation of a machine cannot call another operation of the same machine



Light Regulation System

Study

Requirements:

- The light should not be on during daylight.
- The temperature should not exceed 29 degrees during daylight.
- ...

⇒ Find and formalise the properties of the invariant.

Abstract Machine: example of the gauge

```

MACHINE MyGauge
VARIABLES
gauge
INVARIANT
gauge : NAT
& gauge >= 2
& gauge <= 45
INITIALISATION
gauge := 1 // !! what?
  
```

```

OPERATIONS
decrease1 =
PRE gauge > 2
THEN gauge := gauge - 1
END
; decrease(st) =
PRE st : NAT
& gauge - st >= 2
THEN
gauge := gauge - st
END
...
increase ...
...
END
  
```


Abstract Machine: example of ressources

<p>MACHINE Resrc SETS RESC CONSTANTS maxRes // a parameter PROPERTIES maxRes : NAT & maxRes > 1 VARIABLES rsc INVARIANT rsc <: RESC // a subset & card(rsc) <= maxRes //bound INITIALISATION rsc := {}</p>	<p>OPERATIONS addRsc(rr) = // adding PRE rr : RESC & rr /: rsc & card(rsc) < maxRes THEN rsc := rsc \ {rr} END ; rmvRsc(rr) = // removing PRE rr : RESC & rr : rsc THEN rsc := rsc - {rr} END END</p>
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Basics of correct program construction

Consider operations on a bank account:

- a withdrawal of givenAmount
begin
 account := account - givenAmount
end
- a deposit on the account of newAmount
begin
 account := account + newAmount
end

☞ these operations are not satisfactory, they don't take care of the constraints (the threshold to not overpass).

Basics of correct program construction

- a withdrawal givenAmount

```
withdrawal(account, givenAmount)=
pre
  account - givenAmount >= 0 //unauthorised overdraft
begin
  account := account - givenAmount
end
```

☞ Before calling the operation, we should ensure that it does not overpass the autorised amount.

```
IF withdrawalPossible(account, givenAmount)
  THEN withdrawal(account, givenAmount)
END
```

Basics of correct program construction (before B)

Consider two naturals natN and natD.

What happens with the following statement?

```
res := natN / natD
```

What was expected:

```
IF (natD /= 0)
  THEN res := natN / natD
END
```

Indeed, the division operation has a precondition : (denom /= 0)

B: principle of the method

The control with an invariant of a system (or of a software)

- one models the **space of correct states with a property** (a conjunction of properties).
- While the system is in these states, **it runs safely; it should be maintain within these states!**
- We should avoid the system going out from the state space
- Hence, be sure to reach a correct state **before performing an operation**.

Examples: trajectory of a robot (avoid collision points before moving).

☞ The operations that change the states has a precondition.

B: logical approach

Originality of B: every thing in logics (data and operations)

- state space: **Invariant**: Predicate : $P(x, y, z)$
A state: a **valuation of variables**
 $x := v_x \ y := v_y \ z := v_z \ \text{in } P(x, y, z)$
⇒ **Logical substitution**
- An operation: transforms a correct (state) into another one.
Transform a state = **predicate transformer** (invariant)
Operation = predicate transformer = substitution
other effects than affectation ⇒ **generalized substitutions**

B: the practice

A few specification rules in B

- An **operation of a machine cannot call another operation** of the same machine (violation of PRE);
- **One cannot call in parallel from outside a machine two of its operation** (for example : `incr || decr`);
- A machine should contain **auxilliary operations to check the preconditions** of the principal provided operations;
- **The caller of an operation should check its precondition before the call** ("One should not divide by 0");
- **During refinement, PREconditions should be weaken** until they disappear(Be careful, this is not the case with Event-B);
- ...

B: the foundations

- **First Order Logic**
- **Set Theory (+ types)**
- Theory of **generalized substitutions**
- Theory of **refinement**
- and a good taste of: abstraction and composition!

B: CASE Tools

- **Modularity:**
Abstract Machine, Refinement, Implementation
- **Architecture of complex applications:**
with the clauses **SEES**, **USES**, **INCLUDES**, **IMPORTS**, ...
- **CASE:**
Editors, analysers, provers, ...

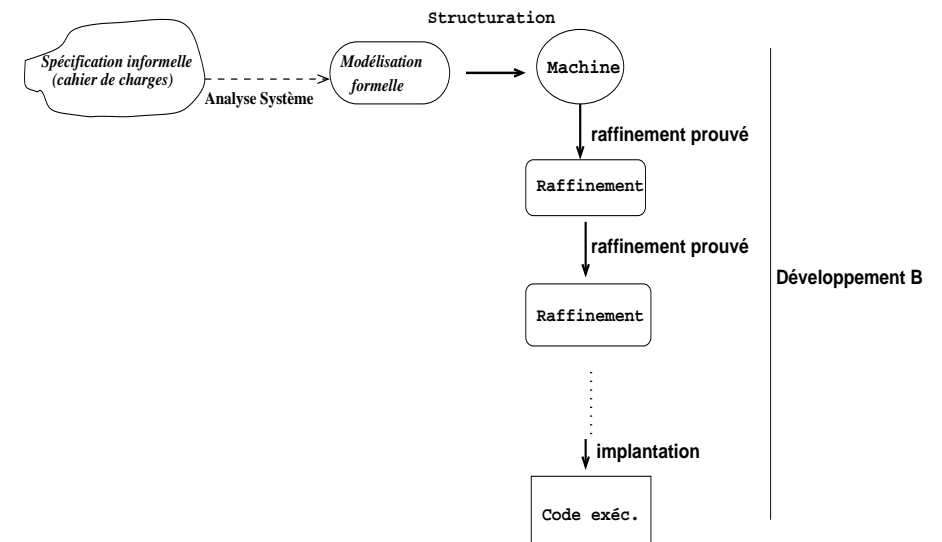


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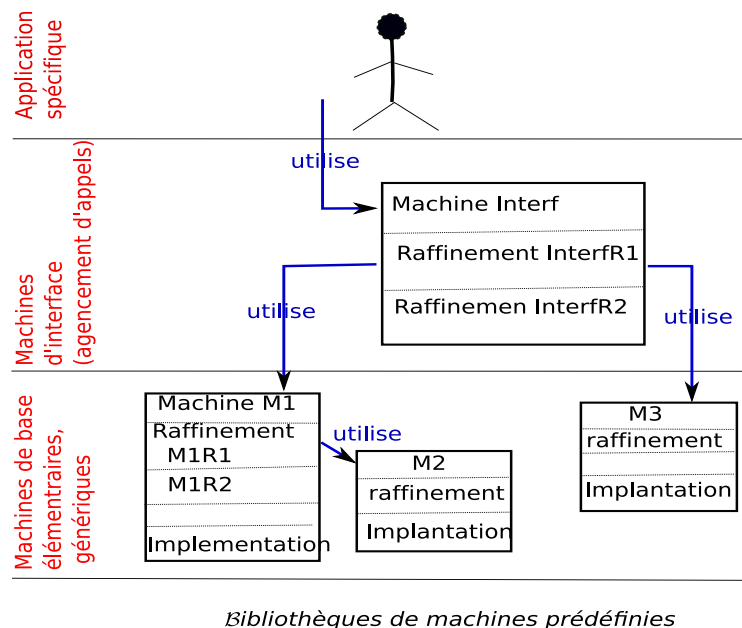


Figure : Structure of a B Development

Position - other methods

- ☞ **B: Correct-by-construction Approach** → *proofs*
- ☞ B: Unique framework for (software lifecycle):
 - Analysis
 - Specification/Modeling
 - Design
 - Development
- ☞ **B: Stepwise Refinements from abstract model to concrete one.**
- ☞ (Other) Approaches: development, test à postériori → *tests*

Constructing the GCD: abstract machine

MACHINE

```
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 $\wedge \forall$  other divisors  $dx \ d > dx$ 
 $\wedge \forall$  other divisors  $dy \ d > dy$  */
```

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd(xx,yy) = /* OUTPUT : rr ; INPUT xx, yy */
...
```

END

Constructing the GCD: abstract machine

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd(xx,yy) = /* spécification du pgcd */
```

PRE

```
xx : INT & xx >= 1 & xx < MAXINT
& yy : INT & yy >= 1 & yy < MAXINT
```

THEN

```
ANY dd WHERE
```

```
dd : INT
```

```
& (xx - (xx/dd)*dd) = 0 /* d is a divisor of x */
```

```
& (yy - (yy/dd)*dd) = 0 /* d is a divisor of y */
```

```
/* and the other common divisors are < d */
```

```
& !dx.((dx : INT & dx < MAXINT
```

```
& (xx - (xx/dx)*dx) = 0 & (yy - (yy/dx)*dx) = 0) => dx < dd)
```

```
THEN rr := dd
```

```
END
```

END

Constructing the GCD: refinement

```
REFINEMENT /* raffinement de ... */
```

```
pgcd1_R1
```

```
REFINES pgcd1 /* the former machine */
```

OPERATIONS

```
rr <-- pgcd (xx, yy) = /* the interface is not changed */
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
... Body of the refined operation
```

```
END
```

END

Constructing the GCD: refinement

```
rr <-- pgcd (xx, yy) = /* the refined operation */
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
VAR cd, rx, ry, cr IN
```

```
cd := 1
```

```
; WHILE ( cd < xx & cd < yy) DO
```

```
; rx := xx - (xx/cd)*cd ; ry := yy - (yy/cd)*cd
```

```
IF (rx = 0 & ry = 0)
```

```
THEN /* cd divides x and y, possible GCD */
```

```
cr := cd /* possible rr */
```

```
END
```

```
; cd := cd + 1 ; /* searching a greater one */
```

```
INVARIANT
```

```
xx : INT & yy : INT & rx : INT & rx < MAXINT
```

```
& ry : INT & ry < MAXINT & cd < MAXINT
```

```
& xx = cr*(xx/cr) + rx & yy = cr*(y/cr) + ry
```

```
VARIANT
```

```
xx - cd
```

```
END
```

After the examples

... *Let's dig a bit* ...

A simplified general shape of an abstract machine

```

MACHINE
  M (prm)           /* Name and parameters */
CONSTRAINTS
  C                 /* Predicate on X and x */
/* clauses USES, SEES, INCLUDES, EXTENDS, */
SETS
  ENS               /* list of basic sets identifiers */
CONSTANTS
  K                 /* list of constants identifiers */
PROPERTIES
  B                 /* preedicate(s) on K */
VARIABLES
  V                 /* list of variables identifiers */
DEFINITIONS
  D                 /* list of definitions (macros) */

```

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A simplified shape of an abstract machine (cont'd)

Semantics: consistency of a machine

```

...
INVARIANT
  I                 /* a predicate */
INITIALISATION  U   /* the initialisation */
OPERATIONS
  u ← O(pp) =      /* an operation O */
  PRE
  P
  THEN
  Subst             /* body of the operation */
  END;
...
end

```

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$$\exists prm.C$$

It is possible to have values f parameters that meet the constraints

$$C \Rightarrow \exists (ENS, K).B$$

There are sets and constants that meet the properties of the machine

$$B \wedge C \Rightarrow \exists V.I$$

There are a state that meets the invariant

$$B \wedge C \Rightarrow [U]I$$

The initialisation establishes the invariant

For each operation of the machine

$$B \wedge C \wedge I \wedge P \Rightarrow [Subst]I$$

Each operation called under its precondition preserves the invariant

Proof Obligations (PO)

There are the predicates to be proven to ensure the consistency (and the correction) of the mathematical model defined by the abstract machine.

The designer of the machine has two types of proof obligations:

- prove that the **INITIALISATION** establishes the invariant;
- prove that **each OPERATION, when called under its precondition, preserves the invariant.**

$$I \wedge P \Rightarrow [Subst]I$$

In practice, one has tools assistance to discharge the proof obligations.

Semantics of a machine - Consistency

To formally establish the condition for the correct functioning of a machine, one uses **proof obligations**.

To **guaranty the correction of a machine, we have two main proof obligations**:

- The initialisation establishes the invariant
- Each operation of the machine, when called under its precondition, preserves the invariant.

These are logical expressions, predicates, which are proved.

New Example

...*SORTING*...

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

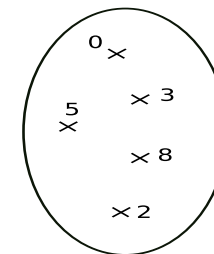


Figure : Modeling the Sorting of (a set of) Naturals

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

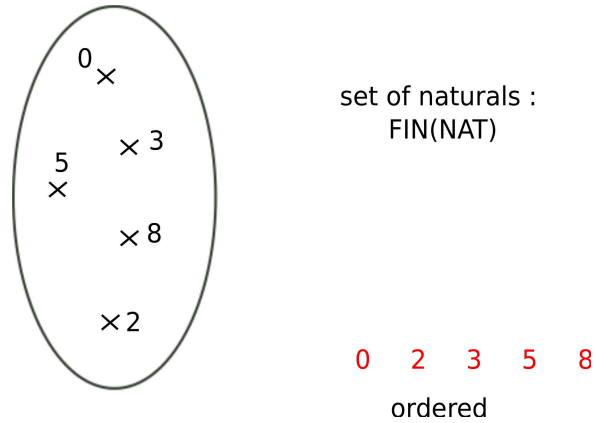


Figure : Modeling the Sorting: ordering the set of Naturals

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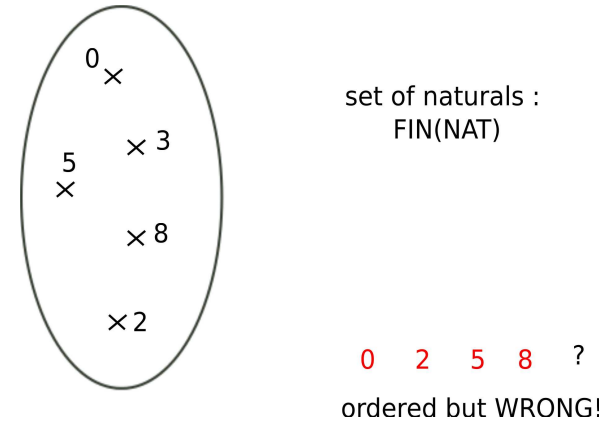


Figure : Modeling the Sorting: be careful!

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

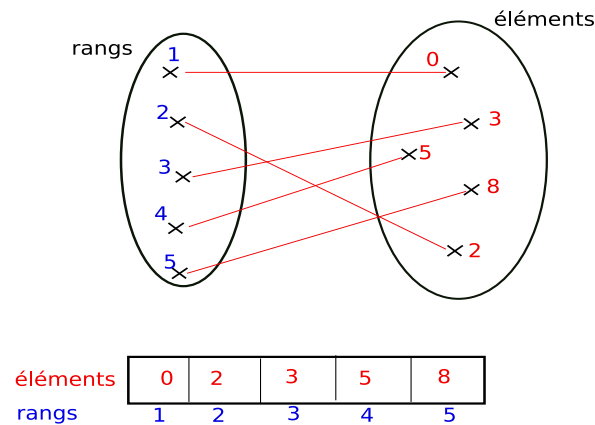


Figure : Modeling the Sorting

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

```

MACHINE /* Specify the sorting of a set of naturals */
  Sort
CONSTANTS
  sortOf /* defining a function */
PROPERTIES
  sortOf : FIN(NAT) +-> seq(NAT) &
  %ss.(ss : FIN(NAT) =>
  (ran(sortOf(ss)) = ss &
  %(ii,jj).(ii : dom(sortOf(ss)) &  jj : dom(sortOf(ss)) &
  ii < jj => (sortOf(ss))(ii) < (sortOf(ss))(jj) )
  ) )
END
    
```

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

```

MACHINE
  SpecSort
  /* specify an appli that gets naturals and then sort them */
SEES
  Sort /* To use the previous machine */
SETS
  SortMode = {insertion, extraction}
VARIABLES
  unsorted, sorted, mode
INVARIANT
  unsorted : FIN(NAT)
& sorted : seq(NAT)
& mode : SortMode
& ((mode = extraction) => (sorted= sortOf(unsorted)))

```

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

```

/* MACHINE SpecSort
  (continued ...) */
INITIALISATION
  unsorted := {} || sorted:= [] || mode := extraction
OPERATIONS
  moveToInsertion =
  PRE
    mode = extraction
  THEN
    mode := insertion ||
    unsorted := {} ||
    sorted :: seq(NAT)
  END
;
...

```

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

```

/* MACHINE SpecTri
  (continued ...) */
input(xx) =
PRE
  xx : NAT & mode = insertion
THEN
  unsorted := unsorted \/{xx} ||
  sorted :: seq(NAT)
END
;
moveToExtraction() =
PRE
  mode = insertion
THEN
  mode := extraction ||
  sorted := sortof(unsorted)
END

```

Example of Specifying Sorting with B

```

/* MACHINE SpecTri
  (continued ...) */
yy <- extract(ii) =
PRE
  ii : dom(sorted) & mode = extraction
THEN
  yy := sorted(ii)
END
END

```


B - Data Language - sets and typing

- Predefined Sets (work as **types**)
BOOL, **CHAR**,
INTEGER (\mathbb{Z}), **NAT** (\mathbb{N}), **NAT1** (\mathbb{N}^*),
STRING
- Cartesian Product $E \times F$
- The set of subsets (powerset) of E $\mathcal{P}(E)$
written **POW(E)**

B - Data Language

With the data language

- we **model the state space of a system** with its data
- we describe the **invariant properties** of a system

Modeling the state:

- **Abstraction, modeling** (abstract sets, relations, functions, ...)
- **Logical Properties**, or algebraic properties.

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- **When we model a system** (with the set of its states) and **make explicit its (right) properties**, we ensure thereafter that the system only goes through the set of states that respect the defined properties: it is the **consistency of the system**.
- To show that it is possible to have states satisfying the given properties, one **builds at least one state** (it is the **initial state**).
- The specified system is **correct** if **after each operation**, the reached state is **a state satisfying the given invariant properties**.

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First Order Logic

Description	Notation	Ascii
and	$p \wedge q$	p & q
or	$p \vee q$	p or q
not	$\neg p$	not p
implication	$p \Rightarrow q$	(p) ==> (q)
univ. quantif.	$\forall x.p(x)$!x.(p(x))
exist. quantif.	$\exists x.p(x)$	#x.(p(x))

Variables should be typed:

#x.(x : T ==> p(x)) and **!x.(x : T ==> p(x))**

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The standard set operators

E, F and T are sets, x an member of F

Description	Notation	Ascii
union	$E \cup F$	$E \cup F$
intersection	$E \cap F$	$E \cap F$
membership	$x \in F$	$x : F$
difference	$E \setminus F$	$E - F$
inclusion	$E \subseteq F$	$E <: F$
selection	choice(E)	choice(E)

+ generalised Union and intersection

+ quantified Union et intersection

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In ascii notation, the negation is written with $/$.

Description	Notation	Ascii
not member	$x \notin F$	$x /: F$
non inclusion	$E \not\subseteq F$	$E /<: F$
non equality	$E \neq F$	$E /= F$

Generalised Union

an operator to achieve the **generalised union** of well-formed set expressions.

$$S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(T))$$

\Rightarrow

$$\text{union}(S) = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge \exists u.(u \in S \wedge x \in u)\}$$

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{union}(\{\{aa, ee, ff\}, \{bb, cc, gg\}, \{dd, ee, uu, cc\}\}) \\ = \{aa, ee, ff, bb, cc, gg, dd, uu\} \end{aligned}$$

Quantified Union

an operator to achieve the **quantified union** of well-formed set expressions.

$$\forall x.(x \in S \Rightarrow E \subseteq T)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\bigcup x.(x \in S \mid E) = \{y \mid y \in T \wedge \exists x.(x \in S \wedge y \in E)\}$$

Exemple

$$\begin{aligned} \text{UNION}(x).(x \in \{1, 2, 3\} \mid \{y \mid y \in \text{NAT} \wedge y = x * x\}) \\ = \{1\} \cup \{4\} \cup \{9\} = \{1, 4, 9\} \end{aligned}$$

Generalised Intersection

an operator to achieve the **generalised intersection** of of well-formed *set expressions*.

$$S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(T))$$

\Rightarrow

$$\mathit{inter}(S) = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge \forall u.(u \in S \Rightarrow x \in u)\}$$

Example

$$\mathit{inter}(\{\{aa, ee, ff, cc\}, \{bb, cc, gg\}, \{dd, ee, uu, cc\}\}) = \{cc\}$$

Quantified Intersection

an operator to achieve the **quantified intersection** of of well-formed *set expressions*.

$$\forall x.(x \in S \Rightarrow E \subseteq T)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\bigcap x.(x \in S \mid E)$$

$$= \{y \mid y \in T \wedge \forall x.(x \in S \Rightarrow y \in E)\}$$

Example

$$\mathit{INTER}(x).(x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \mid \{y \mid y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \wedge y > x\})$$

$$= \mathit{inter}(\{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{4, 5\}\})$$

Relations

Description	Notation	Ascii
relation	$r : S \leftrightarrow T$	$r : S \leftrightarrow T$
domain	$\mathit{dom}(r) \subseteq S$	$\mathit{dom}(r) <: S$
range	$\mathit{ran}(r) \subseteq T$	$\mathit{ran}(r) <: T$
composition	$r; s$	$r; s$
composition r(s)	$r \circ s$	$r(s)$
identity	$\mathit{id}(S)$	$\mathit{id}(S)$

Relations (continued)

Description	Notation	Ascii
domain restriction	$S \triangleleft r$	$S < r$
range restriction	$r \triangleright T$	$r > T$
domain antirestriction	$S \triangleleft r$	$S << r$
range antirestriction	$r \triangleright T$	$r >> T$
inverse	$r \sim$	$r \sim$
relationnelle image	$r[S]$	$r[S]$
overiding	$r1 \oplus r2$	$r1 <+ r2$
direct product of rel.	$r1 \otimes r2$	$r1 << r2$
closure	$\mathit{closure}(r)$	$\mathit{closure}(r)$
reflexive trans. closure	$\mathit{closure1}(r)$	$\mathit{closure1}(r)$

Functions

Description	Notation	Ascii
partial function	$S \mapsto T$	$S \mapsto T$
total function	$S \rightarrow T$	$S \rightarrow T$
partial injection	$S \mapsto\!\!\!\rightarrow T$	$S \mapsto\!\!\!\rightarrow T$
total injection	$S \rightarrow\!\!\!\rightarrow T$	$S \rightarrow\!\!\!\rightarrow T$
partial surjection	$S \twoheadrightarrow T$	$S \twoheadrightarrow T$
total surjection	$S \twoheadrightarrow T$	$S \twoheadrightarrow T$
total bijection	$S \xrightarrow{\sim} T$	$S \xrightarrow{\sim} T$
lambda abstraction	$\%x.(P \mid E)$	

Sequences

Description	Notation
sequence of elements of T	$seq(T)$ $= union(n).(n \in N$ $\quad \mid 1..n \rightarrow T)$
empty sequence	$[]$
injective sequence of element of T T	$iseq(T)$
bijective sequence of element of T T	$perm(T)$
size of a sequence s	$size(s) = card(dom(s))$

Sequences (continued)

Description	Notation
first element of a seq. s	$first(s) = s(1)$
last element of a seq. s	$last(s) = s(size(s))$
restrict. of s t its s n first elem. elements	$s \uparrow n$
elimination of the first n elements of s	$s \downarrow n$

Modeling Operations

Basic Concepts of the Dynamic Part

Weakest preconditions

Context: *Hoare/Floyd/Dijkstra Logic* Hoare triple
(State, state space, statements, execution, **Hoare triple**)

$$\{P\} S \{R\}$$

S a **statement** and R a **predicate that denotes the result of S** .
 $wp(S, R)$, is the predicate that describes:
 the **set of all states | the execution of S beginning with one of them terminates in a finite time in a state satisfying R** ,
 $wp(S, R)$ is the **weakest precondition** of S with respect to R .

Some examples

Let S be an assignment and
 R the predicate $i \leq 1$

$$wp(i := i + 1, i \leq 1) = (i \leq 0)$$

Let S be the conditional:
if $x \geq y$ then $z := x$ else $z := y$
 and R the predicate $z = \max(x, y)$

$$wp(S, R) = \text{Vrai}$$

Weakest preconditions - meaning

The meaning of $wp(S, R)$ can be made precise with two properties:

- $wp(S, R)$ is a **precondition guarantying R after the execution of S** , that is:

$$\{wp(S, R)\} S \{R\}$$

- $wp(S, R)$ is **the weakest of such preconditions**, that is:
 if $\{P\} S \{R\}$ then $P \Rightarrow wp(S, R)$

Weakest preconditions - meaning

In practice a program S establishes a postcondition R .

Hence the interest for the precondition that permits to establish R .

wp is a function with two parameters:

- a **statement (or a program) S** and
- a **predicate R** .

For a fixed S , we can view $wp(S, R)$ as a function with only one parameter $wp_S(R)$.

The function wp_S is called **predicate transformer** - Dijkstra

It is the function which associates to every predicate R the weakest precondition such that $\{P\} S \{R\}$.

B: Generalized Substitutions - Axioms

Generalisation of the classical substitution of the Logic
(to model the behaviours of operations).

Consider a predicate R to be established, the semantics of generalized substitution is defined by the **predicate transformer**.

- **Simple Substitution** S
Semantics $[S]R$ is read : **S establishes R**
- **Multiple Substitution** $x, y := E, F$
Semantics $[x, y := E, F]R$

B: generalized substitutions - Basic set of GS

The abstract syntax language to specify the operations:

Let R be the invariant, S, T substitutions

Name	Abs. Synt.	definition	equivalent in logic
neutral (id.)	$skip$	$[skip]R$	R
Pre-condition	$P \mid S$	$[P \mid S]R$	$P \wedge [S]R$
Bounded choice	$S \parallel T$	$[S \parallel T]R$	$[S]R \wedge [T]R$
Guard	$P \Rightarrow T$	$[P \Rightarrow T]R$	$P \Rightarrow [T]R$
Unbounded	$@x.S$	$[@x.S]R$	$\forall x.[S]R$ x bounded (not free) in R

enough as B specification language but ...

Non determinism - Substitutions

- **Abstraction** \Rightarrow (possible)non determinism. OK for specifying.
- **Concretisation** \Rightarrow refinement into code
- Extending the basic GSL set to other substitutions closed to programming

CASE OF
SELECT
IF THEN ELSE

B - Generalized substitutions language

Syntactic extension of substitutions: basic substitution set

Basis Substitution

noted S

Syntactic Extension

BEGIN
 S
END

Simultaneous Substitutions

Consider S and T two substitutions.

S being $x := E$ and
 T being $y := F$
note $S \parallel T$

B - generalized substitution Language

Neutral Substitution

Syntactic extension

skip

skip

Subst. with precondition

Syntactic extension

 $P \mid S$

PRE

P

THEN

S

END

B - generalized substitution Language

Bounded choice

Syntactic extension

 $S \parallel T$

CHOICE

S

OR

T

END

Guarded Substitution

Syntactic extension

 $(P \implies T) \parallel (\neg P \implies S)$

IF P

THEN T

ELSE S

END

B - generalized substitution Language

Extending the basic substitution set: non-deterministic

Unbounded Choice Substitution

Syntactic extension

 $@x.S_x$

VAR x IN

Sx

END

Nondeterministic @

Syntactic extension

 $@x.(P_x \implies S_x)$

ANY x

WHERE Px

THEN Sx

END

Extending the basic substitution set : non-deterministic

B - generalized substitution Language

Nondeterministic $x \in U$

(becomes member)

 $x :: U$ $@y.(y \in U \implies x := y)$

Syntactic extension

ANY y **WHERE** $y : U$ **THEN** $x := y$ **END**

Extensions... non-deterministic

Nondeterministic $x : P(x)$

(x such that P)

 $x : P(x)$

Proof Obligations

...Proof Obligation (PO)...

Consistency Proof Obligations

```

MACHINE ThreshCtrl
CONSTANTS   thresX, threshY
PROPERTIES   thresX : INT & thresX = 10 ...
VARIABLES   xx
INVARIANT    xx : INT & 0 <= xx & xx <= thresX
INITIALISATION  xx := 0
OPERATIONS
setXX(nx) = /* an operation with PRE */
PRE    nx : INT & nx >= 0 & nx <= thresX
THEN
        xx := nx
END
; incrXX(px) = /* incrementation of xx with px */
PRE    px : INT & xx+px >= 0 & xx+px <= thresX
THEN
        xx := xx+px
END
END

```


Proof Obligations (recall)

The predicates to be proved to ensure the consistency (and the correction) of the mathematical model defined by the abstract machine.

The machine developer has two kinds of PO:

- to prove that the **INITIALISATION establishes the invariant**: $[Init]I$
- to prove that **each OPERATION, when it is called under its precondition, preserves the invariant**.

$$I \wedge P \Rightarrow [Subst]I$$

In practice, CASE tools are used to help in discharging the proofs.

Proof of the operation setXX(nx)

We must prove that $I \wedge P \Rightarrow [Subst]I$

INVARIANT	$xx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx \ \& \ xx \leq thresX$
setXX(nx) =	
PRE	
$nx : INT \ \& \ nx \geq 0 \ \& \ nx \leq thresX$	
THEN	
$xx := nx \quad /* \ Subst \ */$	
END	
INVARIANT	$xx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx \ \& \ xx \leq thresX$

(use white/blackboard)

Precondition computation / preservation of the invariant

$xx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx \ \& \ xx \leq thresX$
setXX(nx) =
PRE
... ?
THEN
$xx := nx \quad /* \ Subst \ */$
END
$nx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq nx \ \& \ nx \leq thresX$

We express $[Subst]I$ and obtain a predicate which should be true!

$$nx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq nx \ \& \ nx \leq thresX \ ?$$

It is the precondition!

Precondition computation / preservation of the invariant

$xx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx \ \& \ xx \leq thresX$
incrXX(px) =
PRE
... ?
THEN
$xx := xx+px \quad /* \ Subst \ */$
END
$xx : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx \ \& \ xx \leq thresX$

We express $[Subst]I$ and obtain a predicate which should be true!

$$xx+px : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq xx+px \ \& \ xx+px \leq thresX \ ?$$

hence the precondition: $px : INT \ \& \ 0 \leq px \ \& \ xx+px \leq thresX$

Example of ressources allocation (recall)

<p>MACHINE Resrc</p> <p>SETS RESC</p> <p>CONSTANTS maxRes // a parameter</p> <p>PROPERTIES maxRes : NAT & maxRes > 1</p> <p>VARIABLES rsc</p> <p>INVARIANT rsc <: RESC // subset & card(rsc) <= maxRes // bounded</p> <p>INITIALISATION rsc := {}</p>	<p>OPERATIONS addRsc(rr) = // adding ressources</p> <p>PRE rr : RESC & rr /: rsc & card(rsc) < maxRes</p> <p>THEN rsc := rsc \ / {rr}</p> <p>END ;</p> <p>rmvRsc(rr) = // allocation</p> <p>PRE rr : RESC & rr : rsc</p> <p>THEN rsc := rsc - {rr}</p> <p>END END</p>
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Consistency of a machine: proof obligation

The Initialisation establishes the invariant: $[U]I$;
 $[rsc := \{\}] (rsc <: RESC \ \& \ card(rsc) \leq maxRes) ?$

Replace variables with their values:
 $\{\} <: RESC \ \& \ card(\{\}) \leq maxRes ?$

Reduce
 $\{\} <: RESC \ \& \ 0 \leq maxRes ?$

TRUE

Consistency of a machine: proof obligation

Preservation of the invariant by: addRsc(rr)

$rsc <: RESC \ \& \ card(rsc) \leq maxRes$
<p>PRE rr : RESC & rr /: rsc & card(rsc) < maxRes</p> <p>THEN rsc := rsc \ / {rr}</p> <p>END</p>
$rsc <: RESC \ \& \ card(rsc) \leq maxRes$

...Cas Euclide...

Replace variables with their values in I:

$rsc \ \setminus / \ \{rr\} <: RESC \ \& \ card(rsc \ \setminus / \ \{rr\}) \leq maxRes ?$

(use white/blackboard)

D mo division euclidienne

suite d mo

Euclid Pgm demo

```

+-----+
+  Menu de l'application      +
+-----+
+ Nouvelle division          : 1
+-----+
+ Quitter                    : 0
+-----+
choix ? 1
Division euclidienne
Donnez le dividende (entre 3 et 78)
56
Donnez le diviseur (entre 1 et 78)
78
Resultat de la division : 0
Reste de la division : 56

```

```

+-----+
+  Menu de l'application      +
+-----+
+ Nouvelle division          : 1
+-----+
+ Quitter                    : 0
+-----+

```

```

choix ? 1
Division euclidienne
Donnez le dividende (entre 3 et 78)
67
Donnez le diviseur (entre 1 et 78)
6
Resultat de la division : 11
Reste de la division : 1

```

Sp cification de Euclide

MACHINE

euclide

OPERATIONS

reste, quot \leftarrow calculReste (divis, divid) =

PRE

$$\text{divis} \in \text{NAT} \wedge \text{divid} \in \text{NAT} \wedge \text{divis} > 0$$

$$\wedge \text{divis} \leq \text{divid} \text{ /* sinon B le trouve */}$$

THEN

ANY vq, vr WHERE

vq \in NAT \wedge vr \in NAT \wedge divid = vq*divis + vr

THEN

quot := vq

|| reste := vr

END

END

END

Example of development with B

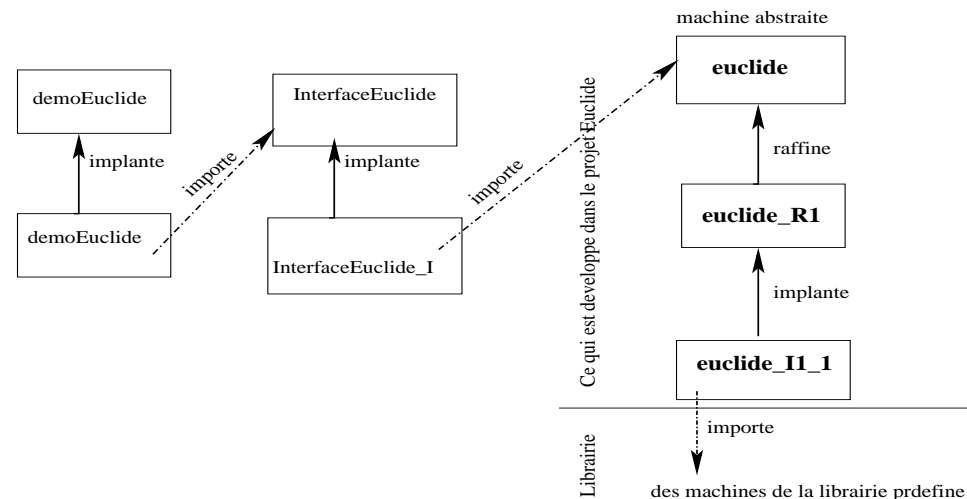


Figure : Architecture of applications with B

Refinement: development technique

Idea of refinement :

- We start with an abstract machine defining an **abstract mathematical model**,
- we refine this model to obtain a **concrete model** :
 - the abstract model is not executable.
Why? (it is defined with **mathematical objects**)
 - to obtain an equivalent model, wrt to functionalities, but more concrete.
(it is described with **programming objects**)

There is a well-defined Theory of refinement

[Morgan 1990; R-J. Back 1980; C. Ralph-Johan Back, Joakim Wright, 1998]

Refinement: development technique

- The objective of refinement is the **construction of executable code**.
- We should **guaranty that the refinement is correct**:
(refinement proof).

⇒ **refinement proof obligations**

Approach of refinement

What to refine in the model?

- The **variables and the invariant**
Static Part - state space
Changes of variables (replacement with more concrete ones):
- The **operations**
Dynamic Part - generalized substitutions
refinement of substitutions.
Introduce refinement substitutions
(until reaching programming substitutions).

Approach of refinement: How to refine?

Introducing data structures and replacing abstract structures by concrete ones.

- Use the clause **REFINES** to link the abstract machine with its refinement

```
REFINEMENT
    MM_R1
REFINES
    MM
```

```
...
END
```

- **Refining the state space:**
 - introduce new (concrete) variables,
 - **choice of (less abstract) structures**,
 - binding abstract and concrete variables by a **binding invariant**

Approach of refinement: How to refine?

Examples of refinement

- **Refinement of the operations:**

- The interface should not be modified.
- Rewrite the abstract operations with the new variables and the appropriate substitutions (introducing sequences, loop, local variables).
- Introduce **refinement substitutions**.
- Remove non-determinism
- **Weak** in the concrete refined machine, **the preconditions** of the abstract operations, **until they disappear**.

⇒ extending the substitution language.

Already seen:

- **Resource Allocation**
- **Euclidian Division**

Example refinement

Example : resource allocation

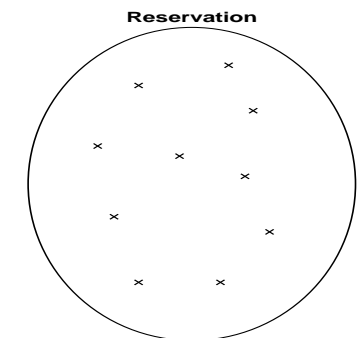
- Modeling and development of a resource allocation system
- There are N resources to allocate/free
- The allocation is done according to the availability of the resources
- the allocated resources are free after a while

$n_rsrc \in 0..100$

$n_rsrc = \text{cardinal of the set}$

`allocate` → - 1 element

`free` → + 1 element



MACHINE

Allocation

VARIABLES

`n_rsrc`

INVARIANT

`n_rsrc : 0..100`

INITIALISATION

`n_rsrc := 100`

OPERATIONS

```

allocate =
  PRE  n_rsrc > 0
  THEN
    n_rsrc := n_rsrc - 1
  END
;
free =
  PRE  n_rsrc < 100
  THEN
    n_rsrc := n_rsrc + 1
  END
;
bb <-- available =
  bb :: BOOL
// ou bb := bool(0 < n_rsrc)
END

```

Consistency Proof

The developer of the abstract machine has to kinds of PO:
To prove that the INITIALISATION establishes the invariant

$$[n_rsrc := 100](n_rsrc \in 0..100)$$

we should prove that $100 \in 0..100$

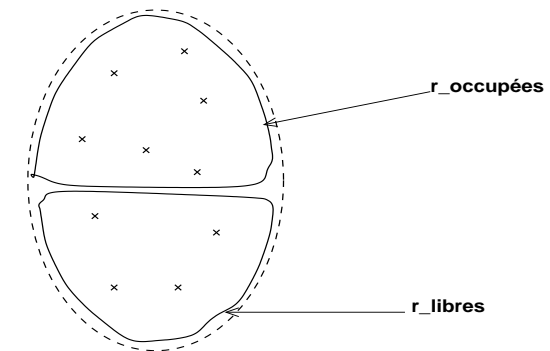
Consistency Proof

We have to prove that each operation called under its **PRE**condition, preserve the invariant.

- for the operation *allocate* we should prove:
 $n_rsrc \in 0..100 \wedge 0 < n_rsrc \Rightarrow n_rsrc - 1 \in 0..100$
- for the operation *available* we should prove:
 $n_rsrc \in 0..100 \wedge (n_rsrc > 0 \vee \neg (n_rsrc > 0))$
 \Rightarrow
 $n_rsrc \in 0..100$

Resource allocation (Refinement)

Reservation1



`allocate` → find 1 free element

`free` → find 1 unavailable element

REFINEMENT

```

Allocation_R1
REFINES
Allocation
VARIABLES
  rs_free, rs_unavailable // n_rsrc est incluse
  // new less abstract variables
INVARIANT
  rs_free : POW(INTEGER)
& rs_unavailable : POW(INTEGER)
& rs_free /\ rs_unavailable = {}
& n_rsrc = card(rs_free) // binding invariant
INITIALISATION
  rs_free, rs_unavailable, n_rsrc := 1..100, {}, 100

```

OPERATIONS

```

allocate = // rewritten with the new variables
ANY ss WHERE
  ss : rs_free // non-deterministic way
THEN
  rs_free := rs_free - {ss}
  || rs_unavailable := rs_unavailable \/ {ss}
  || n_rsrc := n_rsrc - 1
END
;

```

Resource allocation (Implementation)

```

free = // rewritten with the new variables
ANY ss WHERE
  ss : rs_unavailable
THEN
  rs_free := rs_free \/ {ss}
  || rs_unavailable :=
    rs_unavailable - {ss}
  || n_rsrc := n_rsrc + 1
END
;

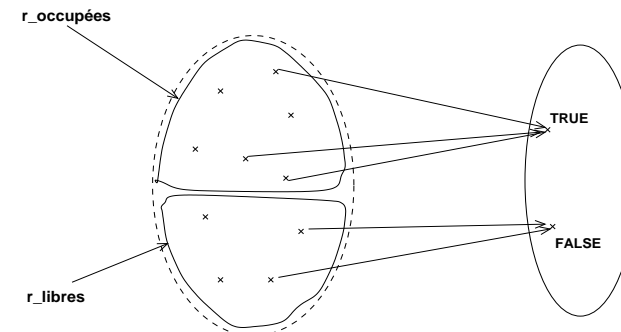
bb <-- available =
IF 0 < n_rsrc
THEN
  bb := TRUE
ELSE
  bb := FALSE
END
END

```

Implantation

Tableau (structure prédéfinie)

TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	
1							100



Structure of the implementation

IMPLEMENTATION

Allocation_I1

REFINES

Allocation_R1

IMPORTS

... // import predefined machines

VARIABLES

... // new concrete variables

INVARIANT

...

INITIALISATION

...

OPERATIONS

... // They are now rewritten with refinement subst.
and programming substitutions



Refinement substitutions

Refinement substitutions

• Sequential substitutions

Let S and T be substitutions,
the sequential substitution is noted: $S ; T$
Its **semantic definition** is expressed with:

$$\begin{aligned} [S;T]R &\equiv [S][T]R \\ &\equiv [S]([T]R) \\ &S \text{ establishes } [T]R \end{aligned}$$



Refinement substitutions

Semantic of the loop substitution

• Loop substitution

The loop substitution has the following shape:

while P **do**

S

invariant

I

variant

V

end

Semantically, it is

$$\begin{aligned} &I \wedge \\ &\quad \text{/* the variant is a natural */} \\ &\forall x.(I \Rightarrow V \in \text{NATURAL}) \wedge \\ &\quad \text{/* the variant decreases after each step */} \\ &\forall (x,n).(I \wedge P \Rightarrow [n := V][S](V < n)) \wedge \\ &\quad \text{/* continuation of the loop */} \\ &\forall x.(I \wedge P \Rightarrow [S]I) \mid \\ &\quad @x'.([x := x'](I \wedge \neg P) \Rightarrow x := x') \end{aligned}$$

Substitution VAR ... IN

Architecture of Large Systems

- **Block with local variables**

The notation is :

```
var x in // introduction of local variables
  S
end
```

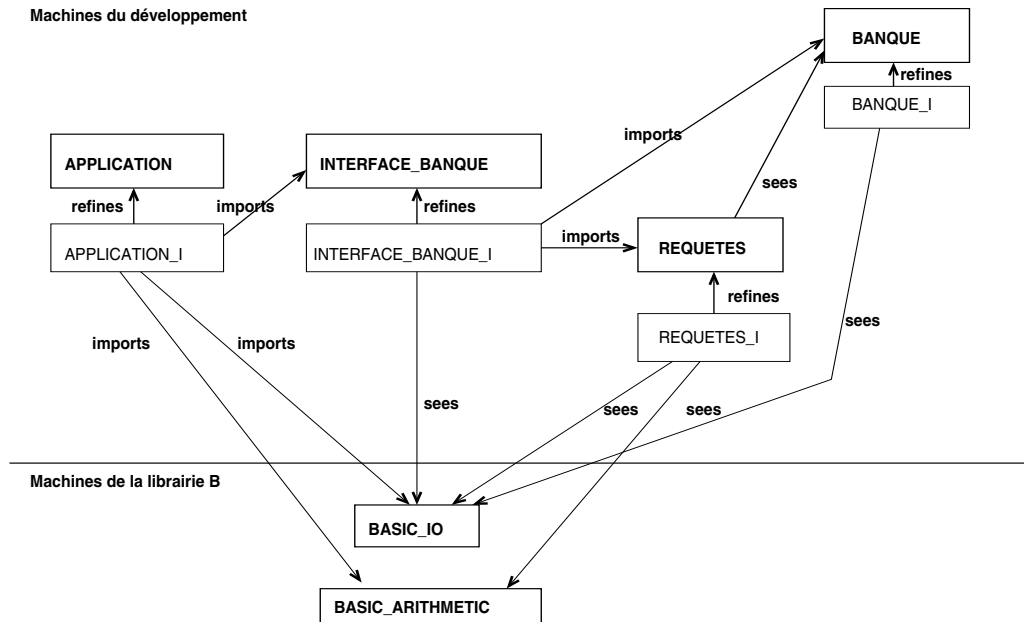
Composition of machines → large machines.

- Modules - Composition - Layered Architecture
- **Modularity**

Composition of machines

- **Hierarchy**
with the clauses **INCLUDES**, **EXTENDS**, **PROMOTES**
- **Sharing**
with the clauses **SEES**, **USES**

Machines du développement



Hierarchy

INCLUDES to include a machine in another one
+ promotion of some operations **PROMOTES**

MACHINE

MA

INCLUDES

MB

/* access by Opmb to varB */

PROMOTES

Opmb1, Opmb3

/* become operations of MA */

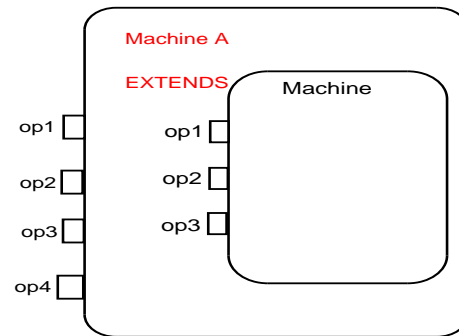
...

END

Hierarchy

EXTENDS, inclusion but **no need to promote**

```
MACHINE
  MA
  EXTENDS
  MB
  ...
END
```



Sharing

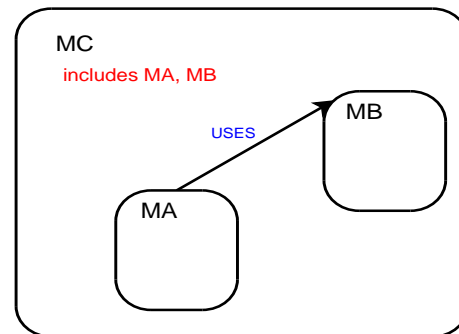
SEES for a **read only** sharing

```
MACHINE
  MA
  SEES
  MB
  ...
END
```

Sharing

USES for a **read/write** sharing

```
MACHINE
  MA
  USES
  MB
  ...
END
```



MA et MB **should be included in another machine.**