

Lecture 10: Descriptive Specifications

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Today's Lecture

¥ Introduce Descriptive Specifications

- E-R Diagrams (Semi-Formal)
- Axiomatic
- Algebraic
- Tour of the RAISE system
 - ¥ Developed in Denmark
 - ¥ Sold to European Manufacturing companies
 - ¥ Using RAISE to create these types of specifications
 - Has a full tool suite

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Descriptive Specifications

¥ Focuses on Properties

- Describes the desired properties of a system rather than its desired behavior

¥ Formalisms

- Axiomatic (Logic)
- Algebraic

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Formalisms Provide Preciseness

¥ Use of Mathematical Formalisms

- Properties are specified precisely by building on top of the precise mathematical syntax and semantics of the underlying formalisms

¥ Mathematical Foundations

- Predicate logic, set theory, abstract algebra

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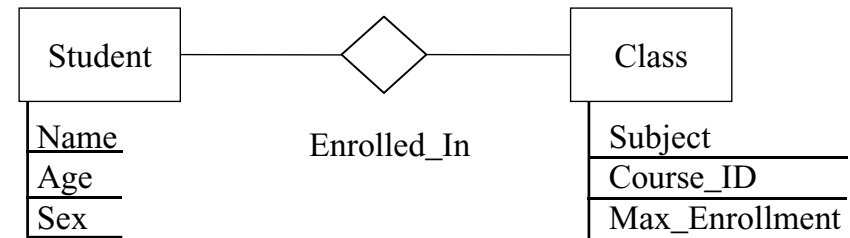
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Entity-Relationship Diagrams

- ∞ A semi-formal notation for describing the structure and relationships of data
 - Akin to how Data Flow Diagrams are a semi-formal notation for describing the operations that access and manipulate data
- ∞ Problems
 - Syntax and Semantics are not precisely defined
 - Lack of Expressive power
 - ∞ requires the use of natural language annotations

Example ER Diagram



(taken from textbook page 200)

ER Diagrams and UML

- ∞ ER Diagrams can be seen as precursors to UML's Class Diagrams
- ∞ Differences
 - operations and inheritance are added
- ∞ Advantages
 - ER notation was never standardized, UML's class diagrams provide a standard notation
 - ∞ however, remember that they are both semi-formal

Logic Specifications

- ∞ Vocabulary of Logical Expressions
 - Variables, constants, predicates, functions
 - Connectives: and (\wedge), or (\vee), not (\neg), implies (\Rightarrow), equivalent (\equiv)
 - Quantifiers: exists (\exists), for all (\forall)
- ∞ Combined with Vocabulary of Application
 - Example: set operators (\in , \cup , \cap , \setminus)
 - Example: ADT operators (Push, IsFull, \dots)

Logic Specifications

∕ Examples

- $x > y$ and $y > z$ implies $x > z$
- for all x (exists y ($y = x + z$))

∕ Additional Notes

- Variables are either *free* or *bound*
 - ∕ A formula with all variables bound is called *closed*; closed formulas are always either true or false
- Expressions are *theories* in the logic
- V&V amounts to *theorem proving*

Creating Logic Specifications

∕ Helper Predicates and Functions

- Define the base properties of interest
 - ∕ Used as a domain-specific vocabulary
- Modularize the specification
 - ∕ e.g., defined in one spec; used in another

∕ Examples

- $\text{height}(\text{bob}) = 72$; $\text{tall}(\text{bob})$
- for p : $\text{person}(\text{height}(p) > 60)$ implies $\text{tall}(p)$

Logic Specification Techniques

∕ Preconditions and Postconditions

- Textbook gives lots of examples on 204-205
- Assume $\langle i1, i2, i3, \dots \rangle$ are input values
- Assume $\langle o1, o2, o3, \dots \rangle$ are output values

∕ A property is defined

$\{\text{Pre}(i1, i2, i3, \dots)\}$
 P
 $\{\text{Post}(o1, o2, o3, \dots, i1, i2, i3, \dots)\}$

∕ Example

$\{\text{exists } z (i1 = z * i2)\}$
 P
 $\{o1 = i1/i2\}$

Logic Specification Techniques

∕ Invariants and Assertions

- Logic specs are used to assert properties of portions of code as well
- For instance, to assert something that is always true of a routine or to record the assumptions about variables passed to a procedure
 - $\{n > 0\}$
 - procedure $\text{reverse}(a: \text{in out int_array}; n: \text{in int})$
 - $\{\text{for all } i (1 \leq i \leq n) \text{ implies } (a(i) = \text{old_a}(n-i+1))\}$

Algebraic Specifications

- ∕ Make use of heterogeneous algebra
 - a collection of different sets on which several operations are defined
 - Traditional algebras are homogeneous, one set and a several operations; e.g. integers
 - Heterogeneous algebras contain multiple sets
 - ∕ e.g. $\text{length}(\text{ken}) = 3$
 - ∕ Here we have the set of strings and integers with one operation length defined

RAISE

Rigorous Approach to Industrial Software Engineering

- ∕ A Method and a Language
- ∕ Specification Language: RSL
- ∕ Specifications Refined in Levels
 - Associated consistency proof obligations
- ∕ Proofs of Properties Aided by Tools

Background Information

- ∕ In RAISE, they make use of a funny notion of the domain and range of a function
- ∕ Each function consists of a set of tuples. The domain is the set of elements that make up the first element of each tuple; the range is the set of elements that make up the second set of each tuple

Example

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ∕ $S = \{\}$ | ∕ Empty Set |
| ∕ $S = S' [1 \rightarrow 2]$ | ∕ $S = \{(1,2)\}$ |
| | ∕ Domain = $\{1\}$ |
| | ∕ Range = $\{2\}$ |
| ∕ $S = S' [3 \rightarrow 4]$ | ∕ $S = \{(1,2), (3,4)\}$ |
| | ∕ Domain = $\{1, 3\}$ |
| | ∕ Range = $\{2, 4\}$ |
| ∕ $S = S' \setminus [1]$ | ∕ $S = \{(3, 4)\}$ |

RAISE Specification of POTS*

* Plain Old Telephone Service

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active_calls : Calls = []

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then
else

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