

A Gentle Introduction to CASL

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Introduction

CoFI

- *CoFI is an initiative to provide a common framework for algebraic specification and development.*

CASL

- *CASL has been designed by CoFI as a general-purpose algebraic specification language, subsuming many existing languages.*

About This Tutorial

- *This tutorial illustrates and discusses how to write CASL specifications.*

Underlying Concepts

- *CASL is based on standard concepts of algebraic specification.*

Total, Many-Sorted Specifications

- *Total, many-sorted specifications in CASL may be written essentially as in many other algebraic specification languages.*
- *CASL provides also useful abbreviations.*
- *CASL allows loose, generated and free specifications.*

Loose Specifications

- CASL syntax for declarations and axioms involves familiar notation, and is mostly self-explanatory.
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```
spec STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER =
  %% Let's start with a simple example !
  sort Elem
  pred < : Elem × Elem %% pred abbreviates predicate
  ∀x, y, z : Elem
    • ¬(x < x) %strict%
    • x < y ⇒ ¬(y < x) %asymmetric%
    • x < y ∧ y < z ⇒ x < z %transitive%
  % { Note that there may exist x, y such that
    neither x < y nor y < x. } %
end
```

- Specifications can easily be extended by new declarations and axioms.
-

```
spec TOTAL_ORDER =
  STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER
then ∀x, y : Elem • x < y ∨ y < x ∨ x = y %total%
  ops min(x, y : Elem) : Elem = x when x < y else y;
      max(x, y : Elem) : Elem = y when min(x, y) = x else x
end

%display _leq_ %LATEX -- ≤ --
spec PARTIAL_ORDER =
  STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER
then pred ≤ (x, y : Elem) ⇔ (x < y ∨ x = y)
end
```

- *The %implies annotation is used to indicate that some axioms are supposed to be consequences of others.*
-

```
spec PARTIAL_ORDER_1 =  
    PARTIAL_ORDER  
then %implies  
     $\forall x, y, z : Elem \bullet x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$     %(transitive)%  
end
```

- *Attributes may be used to abbreviate axioms for associativity, commutativity, idempotence, and unit properties.*
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```
spec MONOID =  
    sort Monoid  
    ops 1 : Monoid;  
        -- * -- : Monoid  $\times$  Monoid  $\rightarrow$  Monoid, assoc, unit 1  
end
```

► *Genericity of specifications can be made explicit using parameters.*

```
spec GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem] =  
  sort Monoid  
  ops inj : Elem → Monoid;  
      1 : Monoid;  
      --* -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, assoc, unit 1  
  ∀x, y : Elem • inj(x) = inj(y) ⇒ x = y  
end
```

► *References to generic specifications always instantiate the parameters.*

```
spec GENERIC_COMMUTATIVE_MONOID [sort Elem] =  
  GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem]  
then ∀x, y : Monoid • x * y = y * x  
end  
  
spec GENERIC_COMMUTATIVE_MONOID_1 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem]  
then op --* -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, comm  
end
```

- *Datatype declarations may be used to abbreviate declarations of sorts and constructors.*
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```
spec CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  type Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; Container)  
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × Container  
   $\forall e, e' : \textit{Elem}; C : \textit{Container}$   
    •  $\neg(e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{empty})$   
    •  $e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \textit{ is\_in } C)$   
end
```

- *Loose datatype declarations are appropriate when further constructors may be added in extensions.*
-

```
spec MARKING_CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  CONTAINER [sort Elem]  
then type Container ::= mark_insert(Elem; Container)  
  pred __is_marked_in__ : Elem × Container  
   $\forall e, e' : \textit{Elem}; C : \textit{Container}$   
    •  $e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{mark\_insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \textit{ is\_in } C)$   
    •  $\neg(e \textit{ is\_marked\_in } \textit{empty})$   
    •  $e \textit{ is\_marked\_in } \textit{insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow e \textit{ is\_marked\_in } C$   
    •  $e \textit{ is\_marked\_in } \textit{mark\_insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow$   
       $(e = e' \vee e \textit{ is\_marked\_in } C)$   
end
```


Generated Specifications

► *Sorts may be specified as generated by their constructors.*

```
spec GENERATED_CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  generated type Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; Container)  
  pred _is_in_ : Elem × Container  
  ∀e, e' : Elem; C : Container  
    • ¬(e is_in empty)  
    • e is_in insert(e', C) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in C)  
end
```

► *Generated specifications are in general loose.*

```

spec GENERATED_CONTAINER_MERGE [sort Elem] =
  GENERATED_CONTAINER [sort Elem]
then op  _merge_ : Container × Container → Container
  ∀ e : Elem; C, C' : Container
    • e is_in (C merge C') ⇔ (e is_in C ∨ e is_in C')
end

```

► *Generated specifications need not be loose.*

```

spec GENERATED_SET [sort Elem] =
  generated type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set)
  pred  _is_in_ : Elem × Set
  ops   {_}(e : Elem) : Set = insert(e, empty);
  _∪_   : Set × Set → Set;
  remove : Elem × Set → Set

  ∀ e, e' : Elem; S, S' : Set
    • ¬(e is_in empty)
    • e is_in insert(e', S) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in S)
    • S = S' ⇔ (∀ x : Elem • x is_in S ⇔ x is_in S')
    • e is_in (S ∪ S') ⇔ (e is_in S ∨ e is_in S')
    • e is_in remove(e', S) ⇔ (¬(e = e') ∧ e is_in S)

  then %implies
    generated type Set ::= empty | {_}(Elem) | _∪_(Set; Set)
    op   _∪_ : Set × Set → Set, assoc, comm, idem, unit empty
    ∀ e, e' : Elem; S : Set
      • insert(e, insert(e, S)) = insert(e, S)
      • insert(e, insert(e', S)) = insert(e', insert(e, S))
  end

```

► *Generated types may need to be declared together.*

```
sort Node
generated type Tree ::= mktree(Node; Forest)
generated type Forest ::= empty | add(Tree; Forest)
```

is both *incorrect* (linear visibility) and *wrong* (the corresponding semantics is not the “expected” one). One must write instead:

```
sort Node
generated types Tree ::= mktree(Node; Forest);
                Forest ::= empty | add(Tree; Forest)
```

Free Specifications

- *Free specifications provide initial semantics and avoid the need for explicit negation.*
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```
spec NATURAL = free type Nat ::= 0 | suc(Nat) end
```

- *Free datatype declarations are particularly convenient for defining enumerated datatypes.*
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```
spec COLOR =  
  free type RGB ::= Red | Green | Blue  
  free type Printer_Color ::= Cyan | Magenta | Yellow | Black  
end
```

- *Free specifications can also be used when the constructors are related by some axioms.*
-

```
spec INTEGER =  
  free { type Int ::= 0 | suc(Int) | pre(Int)  
        ∀x, y : Int  
        • suc(pre(x)) = x  
        • pre(suc(x)) = x }  
end
```

- *Predicates hold minimally in models of free specifications.*
-

```
spec NATURAL_ORDER =  
  NATURAL  
  then free { pred -- < -- : Nat × Nat  
             ∀x, y : Nat  
             • 0 < suc(x)  
             • x < y ⇒ suc(x) < suc(y) }  
end
```

- *Operations may be safely defined by induction on the constructors of a free datatype declaration.*
-

```

spec NATURAL_ARITHMETIC =
    NATURAL_ORDER
then ops  1      : Nat = suc(0);
           ++     : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 0;
           **     : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 1
           ∀x, y : Nat
           • x + suc(y) = suc(x + y)
           • x * 0 = 0
           • x * suc(y) = x + (x * y)
end

```

- *More care may be needed when defining operations on free datatypes with axioms relating the constructors.*
-

```

spec INTEGER_ARITHMETIC =
    INTEGER
then ops  1      : Int = suc(0);
           ++     : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 0;
           --     : Int × Int → Int;
           **     : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 1
           ∀x, y : Int
           • x + suc(y) = suc(x + y)
           • x + pre(y) = pre(x + y)
           • x - 0      = x
           • x - suc(y) = pre(x - y)
           • x - pre(y) = suc(x - y)
           • x * 0      = 0
           • x * suc(y) = (x * y) + x
           • x * pre(y) = (x * y) - x
end

```

```

spec INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER =
  INTEGER_ARITHMETIC
then preds -- ≤ --, -- ≥ -- : Int × Int
  ∀x, y : Int
  • 0 ≤ 0
  • ¬(0 ≤ pre(0))
  • 0 ≤ x ⇒ 0 ≤ suc(x)
  • ¬(0 ≤ x) ⇒ ¬(0 ≤ pre(x))
  • suc(x) ≤ y ⇔ x ≤ pre(y)
  • pre(x) ≤ y ⇔ x ≤ suc(y)
  • x ≥ y ⇔ y ≤ x
end

```

► *Generic specifications often involve free extensions of (loose) parameters.*

```

spec LIST [sort Elem] =
  free type List ::= empty | cons(Elem; List)
end

```

```

spec SET [sort Elem] =
  free { type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set)
        pred __is_in__ : Elem × Set
         $\forall e, e' : \textit{Elem}; S : \textit{Set}$ 
        • insert(e, insert(e, S)) = insert(e, S)
        • insert(e, insert(e', S)) = insert(e', insert(e, S))
        •  $\neg(e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{empty})$ 
        • e is_in insert(e, S)
        • e is_in insert(e', S) if e is_in S }
  end

```

```

spec TRANSITIVE_CLOSURE [sort Elem pred __R__ : Elem × Elem] =
  free { pred __R+__ : Elem × Elem
         $\forall x, y, z : \textit{Elem}$ 
        •  $x R y \Rightarrow x R^+ y$ 
        •  $x R^+ y \wedge y R^+ z \Rightarrow x R^+ z$  }
  end

```


► *Loose extensions of free specifications can avoid overspecification.*

```
spec NATURAL_BOUNDED =  
  NATURAL_ARITHMETIC  
then op max_size : Nat axiom  $0 < \textit{max\_size}$  end  
  
spec SET_CHOOSE [sort Elem] =  
  SET [sort Elem]  
then op choose : Set  $\rightarrow$  Elem  
   $\forall S : \textit{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \textit{empty}) \Rightarrow \textit{choose}(S) \textit{ is\_in } S$   
end
```

► *Datatypes with observer operations can be specified as generated instead of free.*

```
spec SET_GENERATED [sort Elem] =  
  generated type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set)  
  pred _is_in_ : Elem  $\times$  Set  
   $\forall e, e' : \textit{Elem}; S, S' : \textit{Set}$   
  •  $\neg(e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{empty})$   
  •  $e \textit{ is\_in } \textit{insert}(e', S) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \textit{ is\_in } S)$   
  •  $S = S' \Leftrightarrow (\forall x : \textit{Elem} \bullet x \textit{ is\_in } S \Leftrightarrow x \textit{ is\_in } S')$   
end
```

- The `%def` annotation is useful to indicate that some operations or predicates are uniquely defined.
-

```

spec SET_UNION [sort Elem] =
  SET [sort Elem]
then %def
  ops  __ ∪ __ : Set × Set → Set, assoc, comm, idem, unit empty;
        remove : Elem × Set → Set
  ∀e, e' : Elem; S, S' : Set
  • S ∪ insert(e', S') = insert(e', S ∪ S')
  • remove(e, empty) = empty
  • remove(e, insert(e, S)) = remove(e, S)
  • remove(e, insert(e', S)) =
    insert(e', remove(e, S)) if ¬(e = e')
end

```

- Operations can be defined by axioms involving observer operations, instead of inductively on constructors.
-

```

spec SET_UNION_1 [sort Elem] =
  SET_GENERATED [sort Elem]
then %def
  ops  __ ∪ __ : Set × Set → Set, assoc, comm, idem, unit empty;
        remove : Elem × Set → Set
  ∀e, e' : Elem; S, S' : Set
  • e is_in (S ∪ S') ⇔ (e is_in S ∨ e is_in S')
  • e is_in remove(e', S) ⇔ (¬(e = e') ∧ e is_in S)
end

```

- *Sorts declared in free specifications are not necessarily generated by their constructors.*
-

```
spec NUMBER =  
  free { type Number ::= 0 | suc(Number)  
        op  -- + -- : Number × Number → Number,  
            assoc, comm, unit 0  
        ∀x, y : Number • x + suc(y) = suc(x + y)  
        ∀x : Number • ∃y : Number • x + y = 0 }  
end
```

Partial Functions

- *Partial functions arise naturally. They are declared differently from total functions.*
-

```
spec SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE [sort Elem] =  
    GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]  
then op choose : Set →? Elem  
end
```

- *Terms containing partial functions may be undefined, i.e., they may not denote any value.*
-

E.g., the term *choose(empty)* may be undefined.

► *Functions, even total ones, propagate undefinedness.*

If the term $choose(S)$ is undefined, then the term $insert(choose(S), S')$ is undefined as well, although $insert$ is a total function.

► *Predicates applied to an undefined term yield false.*

If the term $choose(S)$ is undefined, then $choose(S) \text{ is_in } S$ yields false.

► *Equations hold also when both terms are undefined.*

The ordinary equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty})) \\ & = \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty}) \end{aligned}$$

holds also when the term $\textit{choose}(S)$ is undefined.

► *Special care is needed in specifications involving partial functions.*

Asserting $\textit{choose}(S) \textit{ is_in } S$ as an axiom implies that $\textit{choose}(S)$ is defined, for any S .

Asserting $\textit{remove}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty})) = \textit{empty}$ as an axiom implies that $\textit{choose}(S)$ is defined for any S , since the term \textit{empty} is always defined.

Asserting $\textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), S) = S$ as an axiom implies that $\textit{choose}(S)$ is defined for any S , since a variable always denotes a defined value.

► *The definedness of a term can be checked or asserted.*

```
spec SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE_1 [sort Elem] =  
  SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then •  $\neg(\text{def choose}(\text{empty}))$   
   $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \text{def choose}(S) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$   
end
```

We know that *choose* is undefined on *empty*, but we don't know exactly when *choose*(*S*) is defined (it may be undefined on other values than *empty*).

If we would have specified *choose* by:

```
 $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$ 
```

then we could conclude that *choose*(*S*) is defined when *S* is not equal to *empty*, but nothing about the undefinedness of *choose*(*empty*).

► *The domains of definition of partial functions can be specified exactly.*

```
spec SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE_2 [sort Elem] =  
  SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then  $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \text{def choose}(S) \Leftrightarrow \neg(S = \text{empty})$   
   $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \text{def choose}(S) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$   
end
```

► *Loosely specified domains of definition may be useful.*

```
spec NATURAL_BOUNDED_ADDITION =  
    NATURAL_BOUNDED  
then op  $_{+?} : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow? Nat$   
     $\forall x, y : Nat$   
    •  $def(x+?y)$  if  $x + y < max\_size$   
    % {  $x + y < max\_size$  implies both  
       $x < max\_size$  and  $y < max\_size$  } %  
    •  $def(x+?y) \Rightarrow x+?y = x + y$   
end
```

► *Domains of definition can be specified more or less explicitly.*

```
spec SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE_3 [sort Elem] =  
    SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then •  $\neg(def\ choose(empty))$   
     $\forall S : Set$  •  $\neg(S = empty) \Rightarrow choose(S) is\_in\ S$   
end
```

We can conclude after some reasoning that
 $def\ choose(S) \Leftrightarrow \neg(S = empty)$, but this is not so prominent.


```

spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_PRE =
  NATURAL_ARITHMETIC
then op    $pre : Nat \rightarrow? Nat$ 
   $\forall x, y : Nat$ 
  •  $\neg def\ pre(0)$ 
  •  $pre(suc(x)) = x$ 
end

```

is explicit enough.

```

spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION =
  NATURAL_PARTIAL_PRE
then op    $-- - -- : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow? Nat$ 
   $\forall x, y : Nat$ 
  •  $x - 0 = x$ 
  •  $x - suc(y) = pre(x - y)$ 
end

```

is correct, but clearly not explicit enough, and better specified as follows:

```

spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_1 =
  NATURAL_PARTIAL_PRE
then op    $-- - -- : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow? Nat$ 
   $\forall x, y : Nat$ 
  •  $def(x - y) \Leftrightarrow (y < x \vee y = x)$ 
  •  $x - 0 = x$ 
  •  $x - suc(y) = pre(x - y)$ 
end

```

► *Partial functions are minimally defined by default in free specifications.*

```
spec LIST_SELECTORS [sort Elem] =  
  LIST [sort Elem]  
then free { ops head : List →? Elem;  
             tail : List →? List  
            ∀e : Elem; L : List  
            • head(cons(e, L)) = e  
            • tail(cons(e, L)) = L }  
end
```

```
spec LIST_SELECTORS_1 [sort Elem] =  
  LIST [sort Elem]  
then ops head : List →? Elem;  
        tail : List →? List  
        ∀e : Elem; L : List  
        • ¬ def head(nil)  
        • ¬ def tail(nil)  
        • head(cons(e, L)) = e  
        • tail(cons(e, L)) = L  
end
```

- *Selectors can be specified concisely in datatype declarations, and are usually partial.*
-

```
spec LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] =  
  free type List ::= nil | cons(head :? Elem; tail :? List)  
end
```

```
spec NATURAL_SUC_PRE =  
  free type Nat ::= 0 | suc(pre :? Nat)  
  ...  
end
```

- *Selectors are usually total when there is only one constructor.*
-

```
spec PAIR [sort Elem1] [sort Elem2] =  
  free type Pair ::= pair(first : Elem1; second : Elem2)  
end
```

► *Constructors also may be partial.*

```
spec PART_CONTAINER [sort Elem] =
  generated type
    P_Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; P_Container)?
  pred  addable : Elem × P_Container
  vars  e, e' : Elem; C : P_Container
  • def insert(e, C) ⇔ addable(e, C)
  pred  __is_in__ : Elem × P_Container
  • ¬(e is_in empty)
  • (e is_in insert(e', C) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in C)) if addable(e', C)
end
```

► *Existential equality involves the definedness of both terms as well as their equality.*

```
spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_2 =
  NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_1
  then
    ∀x, y : Nat
    %{ y - x = z - x ⇒ y = z would be wrong,
      def(y - x) ∧ def(z - x) ∧ y - x = z - x ⇒ y = z
      is correct, but can be better abbreviated into: }%
    •  $y - x \stackrel{e}{=} z - x \Rightarrow y = z$ 
  end
```

Subsorting

- *Sorts may denote related domains, which can be expressed using subsorting.*
-

```
spec GENERIC_MONOID_1 [sort Elem] =  
  sorts Elem < Monoid  
  ops 1 : Monoid;  
      -- * -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, assoc, unit 1  
end
```

► *A sort may be essentially the union of its subsorts.*

```
spec VEHICLE =  
    NATURAL  
then sorts Car, Bicycle < Vehicle  
    ops max_speed      : Vehicle → Nat;  
       weight         : Vehicle → Nat;  
       engine_capacity : Car → Nat  
end
```

► *Operations declared on some sort are automatically inherited by its subsorts, even those declared later on.*

```
spec MORE_VEHICLE = VEHICLE then sorts Boat < Vehicle end
```

► *Subsort membership can be checked or asserted.*

```
spec SPEED_REGULATION =  
  VEHICLE  
then op speed_limit : Vehicle → Nat  
  ∀v : Vehicle  
  •  $v \in \text{Car} \Rightarrow \text{speed\_limit}(v) = 130$   
  •  $v \in \text{Bicycle} \Rightarrow \text{speed\_limit}(v) = 30$   
end
```

► *Datatype declarations can involve subsort declarations.*

type *Vehicle* ::= *sort Car* | *sort Bicycle* | *sort Boat*
leaves the way open to further kinds of vehicles (e.g., planes).

generated type *Vehicle* ::= *sort Car* | *sort Bicycle* | *sort Boat*
prevents the definition of further subsorts, e.g., for planes.

free type *Vehicle* ::= *sort Car* | *sort Bicycle* | *sort Boat*
prevents the definition of further subsorts, and moreover the definition of
a common subsort of both *Car* and *Boat*
(e.g., *sorts Amphibious* < *Car*, *Boat*).

- *Subsorts may also arise as classifications of previously specified values, and their values can be explicitly defined.*
-

```

spec NATURAL_SUBSORTS =
    NATURAL_ARITHMETIC
then pred even : Nat
    • even(0)
    •  $\neg$  even(1)
     $\forall n : \text{Nat} \bullet \text{even}(\text{suc}(\text{suc}(n))) \Leftrightarrow \text{even}(n)$ 
sort Even = {x : Nat • even(x)}
sort Prime = {x : Nat •
     $\forall y, z : \text{Nat} \bullet x = y * z \Rightarrow y = 1 \vee z = 1$ }
end

spec POSITIVE =
    NATURAL_PARTIAL_PRE
then sort Pos = {x : Nat •  $\neg(x = 0)$ } end

```

- *It may be useful to redeclare previously defined operations, using the new subsorts introduced.*
-

```

spec POSITIVE_ARITHMETIC =
    POSITIVE
then ops 1 : Pos;
    suc : Nat → Pos;
    -- + --, -- * -- : Pos × Pos → Pos;
    -- + -- : Pos × Nat → Pos;
    -- + -- : Nat × Pos → Pos
end

```


► A subsort may correspond to the definition domain of a partial function.

```
spec POSITIVE_PRE = POSITIVE_ARITHMETIC then
  op   pre : Pos → Nat
end
```

► Using subsorts may avoid the need for partial functions.

```
spec NATURAL_POSITIVE_ARITHMETIC =
  free types Nat ::= 0 | sort Pos;
            Pos ::= suc(pre : Nat)
  ops   1      : Pos = suc(0);
        -- + -- : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 0;
        -- * -- : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 1;
        -- + --, -- * -- : Pos × Pos → Pos;
        -- + -- : Pos × Nat → Pos;
        -- + -- : Nat × Pos → Pos
  ∀x, y : Nat
    • x + suc(y) = suc(x + y)
    • x * 0 = 0
    • x * suc(y) = x + (x * y)
end
```

- Casting a term from a supersort to a subsort is explicit and may be undefined.
-

$pre(pre(suc(1)) as Pos)$

$def\ pre(pre(suc(1)) as Pos)$

$\neg def(pre(pre(suc(1)) as Pos) as Pos)$

- Supersorts may be useful when generalizing previously specified sorts.
-

```

spec  INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_1 =
      NATURAL_POSITIVE_ARITHMETIC
then  free type Int ::= sort Nat | -_(Pos)
ops   _+ _ : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 0;
      _- _ : Int × Int → Int;
      _* _ : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 1;
      |_-| : Int → Nat
      ∀x, y : Int; n : Nat; p, q : Pos
      • suc(n) + (-1) = n
      • suc(n) + (-suc(q)) = n + (-q)
      • (-p) + (-q) = -(p + q)
      • x - 0 = x
      • x - p = x + (-p)
      • x - (-q) = x + q
      • n * (-q) = -(n * q)
      • (-p) * (-q) = p * q
      • |n| = n
      • |-p| = p
end

```

- *Supersorts may also be used for extending the intended values by new values representing errors or exceptions.*
-

```
spec SET_ERROR_CHOOSE [sort Elem] =
  GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]
then sorts Elem < ElemError
  op choose : Set → ElemError
  pred _is_in_ : ElemError × Set
  ∀S : Set • ¬(S = empty) ⇒ choose(S) ∈ Elem ∧
    choose(S) is_in S
end

spec SET_ERROR_CHOOSE_1 [sort Elem] =
  GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]
then sorts Elem < ElemError
  op choose : Set → ElemError
  ∀S : Set • ¬(S = empty) ⇒ choose(S) ∈ Elem ∧
    (choose(S) as Elem) is_in S
end
```

Structuring Specifications

► *Union and extension can be used to structure specifications.*

```
spec LIST_SET [sort Elem] =
  LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] and
  GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]
then op  elements_of __ : List → Set
  ∀e : Elem; L : List
  • elements_of nil = empty
  • elements_of cons(e, L) = {e} ∪ elements_of L
end
```

► *Arbitrary parts of specifications can have initial semantics.*

```
spec LIST_CHOOSE [sort Elem] =
  LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] and SET_PARTIAL_CHOOSE_2 [sort Elem]
then ops  elements_of __ : List → Set;
  choose : List →? Elem
  ∀e : Elem; L : List
  • elements_of nil = empty
  • elements_of cons(e, L) = {e} ∪ elements_of L
  • def choose(L) ⇔ ¬(L = nil)
  • choose(L) = choose(elements_of L)
end

spec SET_TO_LIST [sort Elem] =
  LIST_SET [sort Elem]
then op  list_of __ : Set → List
  ∀S : Set • elements_of(list_of S) = S
end
```

- *Renaming may be used to avoid unintended name clashes, or to adjust names of sorts and change notations for operations and predicates.*
-

```
spec STACK [sort Elem] =  
  LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] with sort List  $\mapsto$  Stack,  
                                     ops cons  $\mapsto$  push_onto_,  
                                     head  $\mapsto$  top,  
                                     tail  $\mapsto$  pop  
end
```

- *When combining specifications, origins of symbols can be indicated.*
-

```
spec LIST_SET_1 [sort Elem] =  
  LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] with nil, cons  
and GENERATED_SET [sort Elem] with empty, {--}, --  $\cup$  --  
then op elements_of  $_: List \rightarrow Set$   
   $\forall e : Elem; L : List$   
    • elements_of nil = empty  
    • elements_of cons(e, L) = {e}  $\cup$  elements_of L  
end
```

► *Auxiliary symbols used in structured specifications can be hidden.*

```
spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_3 =  
    NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_1 hide suc, pre end  
  
spec NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_4 =  
    NATURAL_PARTIAL_SUBTRACTION_1  
    reveal Nat, 0, 1, -- + --, -- - --, -- * --, -- < --  
end
```

► *Auxiliary symbols can be made local when they do not need to be exported.*

```
spec LIST_ORDER [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred -- ≤ --] =  
    LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem]  
then local op   insert : Elem × List → List  
    ∀ e, e' : Elem; L : List  
    • insert(e, nil) = cons(e, nil)  
    • insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e, cons(e', L)) when e ≤ e'  
      else cons(e', insert(e, L))  
  
    within op   order : List → List  
    ∀ e : Elem; L : List  
    • order(nil) = nil  
    • order(cons(e, L)) = insert(e, order(L))  
end
```

```

spec LIST_ORDER_SORTED [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred  $\_ \leq \_$ ] =
LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem]
then local preds _is_sorted      : List;
                  _is_in_         : Elem × List;
                  same_elements : List × List
     $\forall e, e' : \text{Elem}; L, L' : \text{List}$ 
    • nil is_sorted
    • cons(e, nil) is_sorted
    • cons(e, cons(e', L)) is_sorted  $\Leftrightarrow$ 
      ( $e \leq e' \wedge \text{cons}(e', L) \text{ is\_sorted}$ )
    •  $\neg(e \text{ is\_in } \text{nil})$ 
    •  $e \text{ is\_in } \text{cons}(e', L) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \text{ is\_in } L)$ 
    • same_elements(L, L')  $\Leftrightarrow$ 
      ( $\forall e : \text{Elem} \bullet e \text{ is\_in } L \Leftrightarrow e \text{ is\_in } L'$ )
within op   order : List → List
     $\forall L : \text{List} \bullet \text{order}(L) \text{ is\_sorted} \wedge$ 
      same_elements(L, order(L))
end

```

Generic Specifications

► *Explicit parameters show the intended genericity of a specification.*

► *Parameters are arbitrary specifications.*

```
spec LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] = ...
```

```
spec LIST_ORDER [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred -- ≤ --] =  
...
```

► *A generic specification may have more than one parameter.*

```
spec PAIR [sort Elem1] [sort Elem2] = ...
```

```
spec INDEX =  
  TOTAL_ORDER with Elem ↦ Index hide min, max  
then ops first, last : Index  
  • ¬(last < first)  
end  
spec ARRAY [INDEX] [sort Elem] =  
  type Array ::= Init | _[_]:=_(Array; Index; Elem)?  
  op _[_] : Array × Index →? Elem  
then local pred _is_valid : Index  
  ∀i : Index  
  • i is_valid ⇔ ¬(i < first) ∧ ¬(last < i)  
within ∀T : Array; i, j : Index; e, e' : Elem  
  • def T[i]:=e ⇔ i is_valid  
  • def T[i] ⇔ (i is_valid ∧  
    ∃T' : Array; e : Elem • T = T'[i]:=e)  
  • def T[i]:=e ⇒ (T[i]:=e)[i] = e  
  • ¬(i = j) ∧ def T[i]:=e ∧ def T[j] ⇒  
    (T[i]:=e)[j] = T[j]  
  • def T[i]:=e ⇒ (T[i]:=e)[i]:=e' = T[i]:=e'  
  • ¬(i = j) ∧ def T[i]:=e ∧ def T[j]:=e' ⇒  
    (T[i]:=e)[j]:=e' = (T[j]:=e')[i]:=e  
end
```


- *In instantiations, the intended fitting of the parameter symbols to the argument symbols has to be uniquely determined.*
-

```
spec LIST_INTEGER =  
  LIST_SELECTORS_2 [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER fit Elem ↦ Int]  
end
```

```
spec PAIR_NATURAL =  
  PAIR [NATURAL_BOUNDED fit Elem1 ↦ Nat]  
      [NATURAL_BOUNDED fit Elem2 ↦ Nat]  
end
```

Trivial instantiations can be concisely described by omitting the fitting symbol map.

Note that an alternative to PAIR_NATURAL is to write:

```
spec PAIR_NATURAL_1 = PAIR [sort Nat] [sort Nat] and NATURAL_BOUNDED end
```

- *Implied and identity mappings can be omitted.*
-

```
spec ARRAY_INDEXED_BY_NAT [sort Elem] =  
  ARRAY [NATURAL_BOUNDED  
        fit Index ↦ Nat, first ↦ 0, last ↦ max_size]  
        [sort Elem]  
end
```

Note that there is no need to explicitly map $_ < _ \dots$

► *Composition of generic specifications is expressed using instantiation.*

```
spec SET_LIST [sort Elem] =  
  GENERATED_SET  
    [LIST_SELECTORS_2 [sort Elem] fit Elem ↦ List]  
end
```

► *Compound sorts introduced by a generic specification get automatically renamed on instantiation, which avoids name clashes.*

```
spec LIST_1 [sort Elem] =  
  free type List[Elem] ::= nil |  
    cons(head :? Elem; tail :? List[Elem])  
  ops  _ ++ _ : List[Elem] × List[Elem] → List[Elem],  
    assoc, unit nil;  
    reverse : List[Elem] → List[Elem]  
  ∀ e : Elem; L, L1, L2 : List[Elem]  
    • cons(e, L1) ++ L2 = cons(e, L1 ++ L2)  
    • reverse(nil) = nil  
    • reverse(cons(e, L)) = reverse(L) ++ cons(e, nil)  
end
```

```

spec TWO_LISTS =
  LIST_1 [NATURAL_ARITHMETIC fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Nat]
    %% Provides sort List[Nat]
and LIST_1 [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int]
    %% Provides sort List[Int]
end

spec TWO_LISTS_1 =
  LIST_1 [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_1 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Nat]
and LIST_1 [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_1 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int]
end

```

► *Compound symbols can also be used for operations and predicates.*

```

spec LIST_ORDER_SORTED_1 [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred  $-- \leq --$ ] =
  LIST_1 [sort Elem]
then local op   insert : Elem  $\times$  List[Elem]  $\rightarrow$  List[Elem]
   $\forall e, e' : \textit{Elem}; L : \textit{List[Elem]}$ 
  • insert(e, nil) = cons(e, nil)
  • insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e, cons(e', L)) when  $e \leq e'$ 
  • insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e', insert(e, L))
  within op   order[ $-- \leq --$ ] : List[Elem]  $\rightarrow$  List[Elem]
   $\forall e : \textit{Elem}; L : \textit{List[Elem]}$ 
  • order[ $-- \leq --$ ](nil) = nil
  • order[ $-- \leq --$ ](cons(e, L)) = insert(e, order[ $-- \leq --$ ](L))
end
spec LIST_REVERSE_ORDERS =
  LIST_ORDER_SORTED_1
  [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int,  $-- \leq -- \mapsto -- \geq --$ ]
and LIST_ORDER_SORTED_1
  [INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int,  $-- \leq -- \mapsto -- \geq --$ ]
then %implies
   $\forall L : \textit{List[Int]}$  • order[ $-- \leq --$ ](L) = reverse(order[ $-- \geq --$ ](L))
end

```

► *Parameters should be distinguished from references to fixed specifications that are not intended to be instantiated.*

```

spec LIST_LENGTH [sort Elem] given NATURAL_ARITHMETIC =
  LIST_1 [sort Elem]
then op   length : List[Elem] → Nat
  ∀e : Elem; L : List[Elem]
  • length(nil) = 0
  • length(cons(e, L)) = length(L) + 1
then %implies
  ∀L : List[Elem] • length(reverse(L)) = length(L)
end

spec LIST_NATURAL = LIST_LENGTH [NATURAL_ARITHMETIC fit Elem ↦ Nat]

spec WRONG_LIST_LENGTH [sort Elem] =
  NATURAL_ARITHMETIC and LIST_1 [sort Elem]
then   ...   end

```

would be inadequate since instantiation by NATURAL_ARITHMETIC is ill-formed.

► *Views are named fitting maps, and can be defined along with specifications.*

```

view INTEGER_AS_PARTIAL_ORDER_1 :
  PARTIAL_ORDER to INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER =
  Elem ↦ Int, -- ≤ -- ↦ -- ≤ --
view INTEGER_AS_PARTIAL_ORDER_2 :
  PARTIAL_ORDER to INTEGER_ARITHMETIC_ORDER =
  Elem ↦ Int, -- ≤ -- ↦ -- ≥ --
spec LIST_REVERSE_ORDERS_1 =
  LIST_ORDER_SORTED_1 [view INTEGER_AS_PARTIAL_ORDER_1]
and LIST_ORDER_SORTED_1 [view INTEGER_AS_PARTIAL_ORDER_2]
then %implies  ∀L : List[Int] • order[-- ≤ --](L) = reverse(order[-- ≥ --](L))
end

```

► *Views can also be generic.*

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