

Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

Lecture 10: Class Diagrams V

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Contents & Goals

Last Lectures:

- associations syntax and semantics

This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - Please explain this class diagram with associations.
 - Which annotations of an association arrow are semantically relevant?
 - What's a role name? What's it good for?
 - What is "multiplicity"? How did we treat them semantically?
 - What is "reading direction", "navigability", "ownership", ...?
 - What's the difference between "aggregation" and "composition"?
- **Content:**
 - Associations and OCL
 - Btw.: where do we put OCL constraints?

Association Semantics: The System State Aspect

Associations in General

Recall: We consider associations of the following form:

$$\langle r : \langle role_1 : C_1, \mu_1, P_1, \xi_1, \nu_1, o_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle role_n : C_n, \mu_n, P_n, \xi_n, \nu_n, o_n \rangle \rangle$$

Only these parts are relevant for extended system states:

$$\langle r : \langle role_1 : C_1, -, P_1, -, -, - \rangle, \dots, \langle role_n : C_n, -, P_n, -, -, - \rangle \rangle$$

(recall: we assume $P_1 = P_n = \{\text{unique}\}$).

The UML standard thinks of associations as **n-ary relations** which “**live on their own**” in a system state.

That is, **links** (= association instances)

- **do not** belong (in general) to certain objects (in contrast to pointers, e.g.)
- are “first-class citizens” **next to objects**,
- are (in general) **not** directed (in contrast to pointers).

Links in System States

$$\langle r : \langle role_1 : C_1, -, P_1, -, -, - \rangle, \dots, \langle role_n : C_n, -, P_n, -, -, - \rangle \rangle$$

Only for the course of Lectures 9/10 we change the definition of system states:

Definition. Let \mathcal{D} be a structure of the (extended) signature $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}, V, atr)$.

A **system state** of \mathcal{S} wrt. \mathcal{D} is a pair (σ, λ) consisting of

- a type-consistent mapping

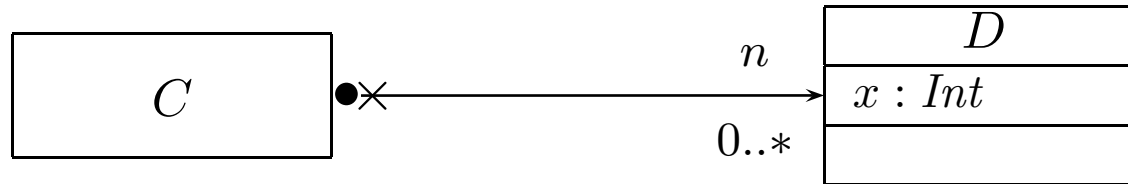
$$\sigma : \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow (atr(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{I})),$$

- a mapping λ which assigns each association $\langle r : \langle role_1 : C_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle role_n : C_n \rangle \rangle \in V$ a relation

$$\lambda(r) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(C_1) \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}(C_n)$$

(i.e. a set of type-consistent n -tuples of identities).

Association/Link Example



Signature:

$$\mathcal{S} = (\{Int\}, \{C, D\}, \{x : Int, \\ \langle A_C_D : \langle c : C, 0..*, +, \{\text{unique}\}, \times, 1 \rangle, \\ \langle n : D, 0..*, +, \{\text{unique}\}, >, 0 \rangle \rangle\}, \\ \{C \mapsto \emptyset, D \mapsto \{x\}\})$$

A **system state** of \mathcal{S} (some reasonable \mathcal{D}) is (σ, λ) with:

$$\sigma = \{1_C \mapsto \emptyset, 3_D \mapsto \{x \mapsto 1\}, 7_D \mapsto \{x \mapsto 2\}\}$$

$$\lambda = \{A_C_D \mapsto \{(1_C, 3_D), (1_C, 7_D)\}\}$$

Extended System States and Object Diagrams

Legitimate question: how do we represent system states such as

$$\sigma = \{1_C \mapsto \emptyset, 3_D \mapsto \{x \mapsto 1\}, 7_D \mapsto \{x \mapsto 2\}\}$$

$$\lambda = \{A_C_D \mapsto \{(1_C, 3_D), (1_C, 7_D)\}\}$$

as **object diagram**?

Associations and OCL

OCL and Associations: Syntax

Recall: OCL syntax as introduced in Lecture 03, interesting part:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{expr} ::= \dots \quad | \quad r_1(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau_D \quad r_1 : D_{0,1} \in \text{atr}(C) \\
 \quad \quad \quad | \quad r_2(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \text{Set}(\tau_D) \quad r_2 : D_* \in \text{atr}(C)
 \end{array}$$

Now becomes

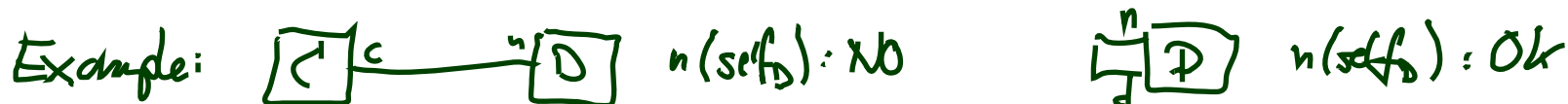
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{expr} ::= \dots \quad | \quad \text{role}(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau_D \quad \mu = 0..1 \text{ or } \mu = 1 \\
 \quad \quad \quad | \quad \text{role}(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \text{Set}(\tau_D) \quad \text{otherwise}
 \end{array}$$

if there is

$$\langle r : \dots, \langle \text{role} : D, \mu, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots, \langle \text{role}' : C, -, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots \rangle \in V \text{ or}$$

$$\langle r : \dots, \langle \text{role}' : C, -, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots, \langle \text{role} : D, \mu, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots \rangle \in V, \text{ role} \neq \text{role}' \quad !$$

two rows because: order of assoc. ends matters (tech. reason)



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Note:

- Association name as such doesn't occur in OCL syntax, role names do.
- expr_1 has to denote an object of a class which “participates” in the association.

OCL and Associations Syntax: Example

$$\text{expr} ::= \dots \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{role}(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau_D \\ \text{role}(\text{expr}_1) : \tau_C \rightarrow \text{Set}(\tau_D) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \mu = 0..1 \text{ or } \mu = 1 \\ \text{otherwise} \end{array}$$

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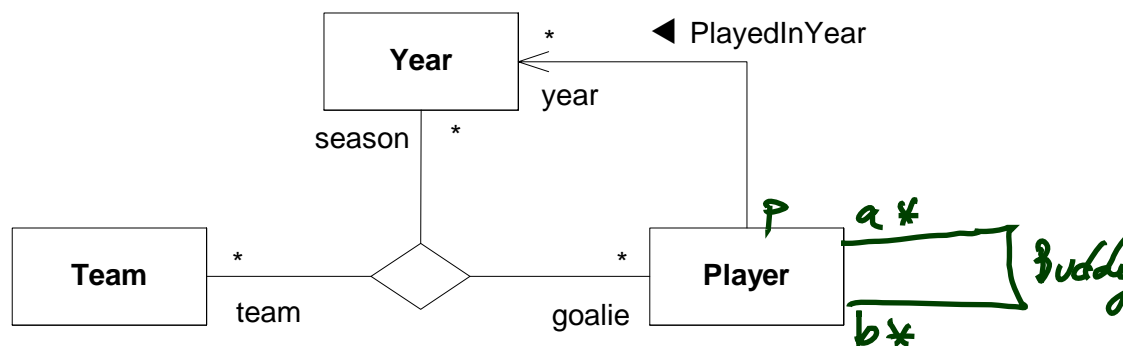
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Figure 7.21 - Binary and ternary associations [OMG, 2007b, 44].

- context *Player* inv: size(year(self)) > 0 OK
 - context *Player* inv: self.p → size > 0 NOT OK
 - context *Player* inv: self.season → size > 0 OK
 - context *Player* inv: self.b → size > 0 and self.a → size > 0 OK
- $\begin{array}{c} a \quad b \\ | \quad | \\ \{ (1p, 2p), \\ (2p, 1p) \} \\ = \lambda(\text{Buddy}) \end{array}$

OCL and Associations: Semantics

Recall: (Lecture 03)

Assume $expr_1 : \tau_C$ for some $C \in \mathcal{C}$. Set $u_1 := I[expr_1](\sigma, \beta) \in \mathcal{D}(\tau_C)$.

- $I[r_1(expr_1)](\sigma, \beta) := \begin{cases} u & , \text{ if } u_1 \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \text{ and } \sigma(u_1)(r_1) = \{u\} \\ \perp & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $I[r_2(expr_1)](\sigma, \beta) := \begin{cases} \sigma(u_1)(r_2) & , \text{ if } u_1 \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \\ \perp & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

Now needed:

$$I[role(expr_1)]((\sigma, \lambda), \beta)$$

- We cannot simply write $\sigma(u)(role)$.
Recall: *role* is (**for the moment**) not an attribute of object u (not in $atr(C)$).
- What we have is $\lambda(r)$ (with r , not with *role*!) — but it yields a set of n -tuples, of which **some** relate u and other some instances of D .
- *role* denotes the position of the D 's in the tuples constituting the value of r .

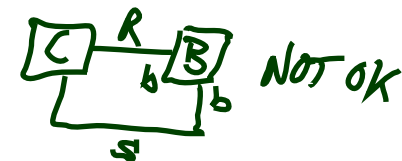
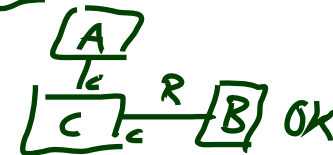
OCL and Associations: Semantics Cont'd

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$\mu=0..1, \mu=1$

- $I[role(expr_1)]((\sigma, \lambda), \beta) := \begin{cases} u & , \text{ if } u_1 \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \text{ and } \underline{L(role)(u_1, \lambda)} = \{u\} \\ \perp & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

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where

$$L(role)(u, \lambda) = \left(\{ (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \lambda(r) \mid u \in \{u_1, \dots, u_n\} \} \right) \downarrow i$$

if

$$\langle r : \dots \langle role_1 : -, -, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots \langle role_n : -, -, -, -, -, - \rangle, \dots \rangle, \text{ role} = role_i.$$

Given a set of n -tuples A ,

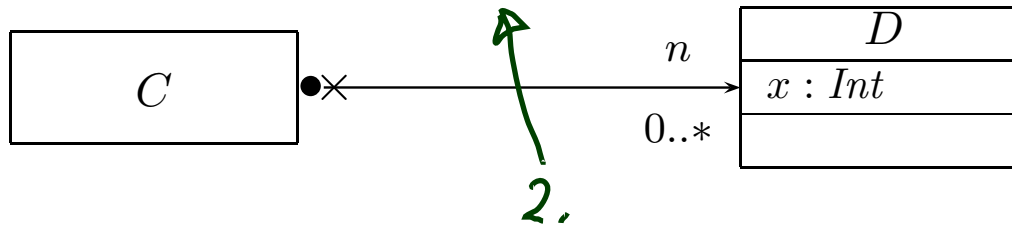
$A \downarrow i$ denotes the element-wise projection onto the i -th component.

OCL and Associations Example

$$I[\text{role}(\text{expr}_1)]((\sigma, \lambda), \beta) := \begin{cases} L(\text{role})(u_1, \lambda) & , \text{ if } u_1 \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \\ \perp & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$L(\text{role})(u, \lambda) = \{(u_1, \dots, u_n) \in \lambda(r) \mid u \in \{u_1, \dots, u_n\}\} \downarrow i$$

$$\mathcal{G} = (\dots, \{ \langle A_C_D : \langle c : C, \dots \rangle, \langle n : D, \dots \rangle \rangle, \dots \}, \dots)$$



$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= \\ I[\text{self} . n](\sigma, \lambda, \beta) &= \beta(\text{self}) \\ &= 1_C \end{aligned}$$

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$$\lambda = \{A_C_D \mapsto \{(\underline{1}_C, 3_D), (\underline{1}_C, 7_D)\}\}$$

$$I[\text{self} . n](\sigma, \lambda, \{\text{self} \mapsto 1_C\}) = I[\beta(\text{self})](\sigma, \lambda, \beta) = L(n)(1_C, \lambda) = \{3_D, 7_D\}$$

$$- \{ (v_1, v_2) \in \lambda(A_C_D) \mid 1_C \in \{v_1, v_2\} \} = \{ (1_C, 3_D), (1_C, 7_D) \}$$

$$\downarrow 2 = \{3_D, 7_D\}$$

Associations: The Rest

Recapitulation: Consider the following association:

$$\langle r : \langle role_1 : C_1, \mu_1, P_1, \xi_1, \nu_1, o_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle role_n : C_n, \mu_n, P_n, \xi_n, \nu_n, o_n \rangle \rangle$$

- **Association name** r and **role names/types** $role_i/C_i$ induce extended system states λ .
- **Multiplicity** μ is considered in OCL syntax.
- **Visibility** ξ /**Navigability** ν : well-typedness.

Now the rest:

- **Multiplicity** μ : we propose to view them as constraints.
- **Properties** P_i : even more typing.
- **Ownership** o : getting closer to pointers/references.
- **Diamonds**: exercise.

Rhapsody Demo

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