

# *Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML*

## *Lecture 21: Inheritance*

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# *Contents & Goals*

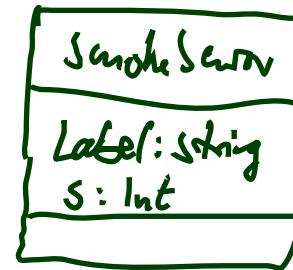
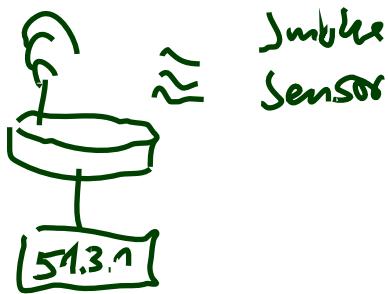
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## Last Lecture:

- Live Sequence Charts Semantics

## This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
  - What's the Liskov Substitution Principle?
  - What is late/early binding?
  - What is the subset, what the uplink semantics of inheritance?
  - What's the effect of inheritance on LSCs, State Machines, System States?
- **Content:**
  - Inheritance in UML: concrete syntax
  - Liskov Substitution Principle — desired semantics
  - Two approaches to obtain desired semantics

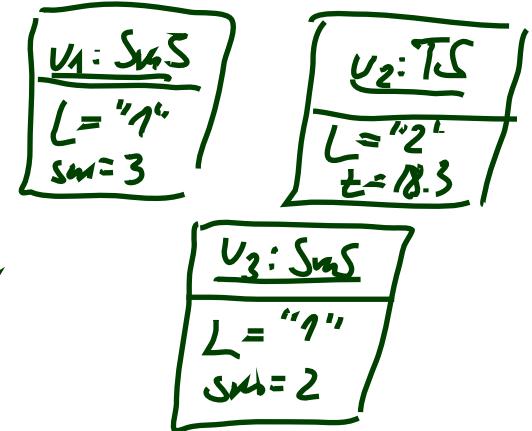


Req: Labels in the system are unique.

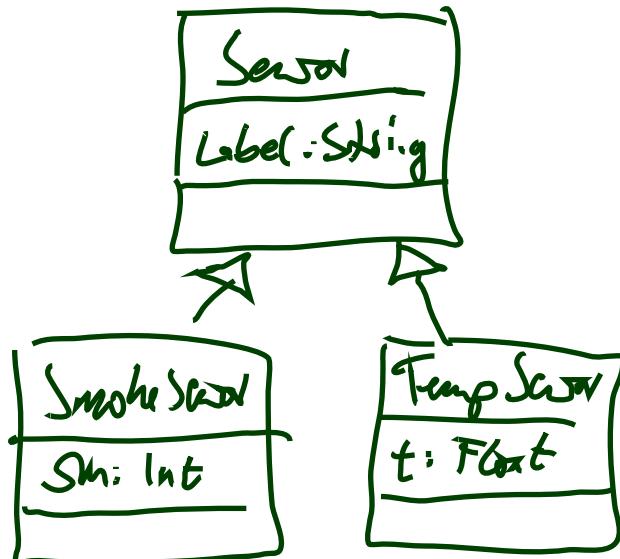
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—. — TempSensor  $\leftarrow$  TempSensor —. —



WANTED:



Context  $S_1, S_2: \text{Sensor}$  inv:

$S_1 \neq S_2$  implies

$S_1.\text{Label} \neq S_2.\text{Label}$

Context  $\text{TempSensor}$  inv:

$\text{Label} = "51.3.26.1"$

implies  $t \leq 5.0$

# *Motivations for Generalisation*

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- **Re-use,**
- **Sharing,**
- **Avoiding Redundancy,**
- **Modularisation,**
- **Separation of Concerns,**
- **Abstraction,**
- **Extensibility,**
- . . .

→ See textbooks on object-oriented analysis, development, programming.

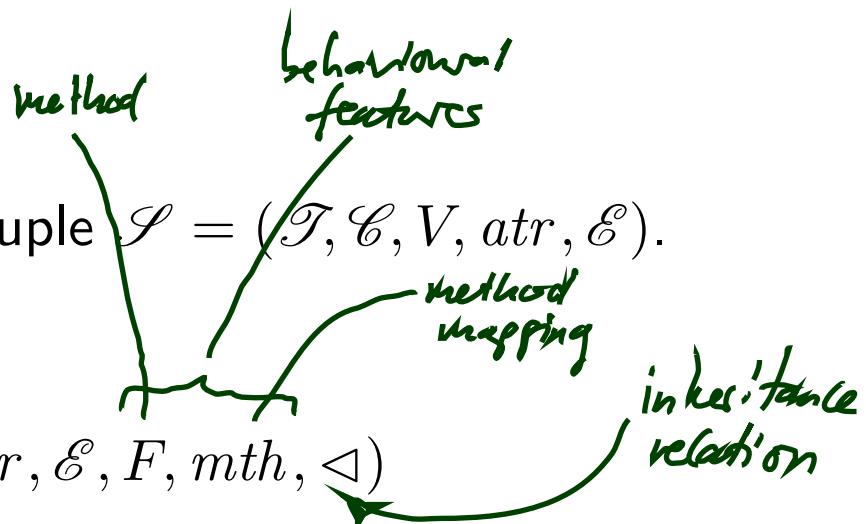
## *Inheritance: Syntax*

# Abstract Syntax

**Recall:** a signature (with signals) is a tuple  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C}, V, \text{atr}, \mathcal{E})$ .

**Now (finally):** extend to

$$\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C}, V, \text{atr}, \mathcal{E}, F, \text{mth}, \triangleleft)$$



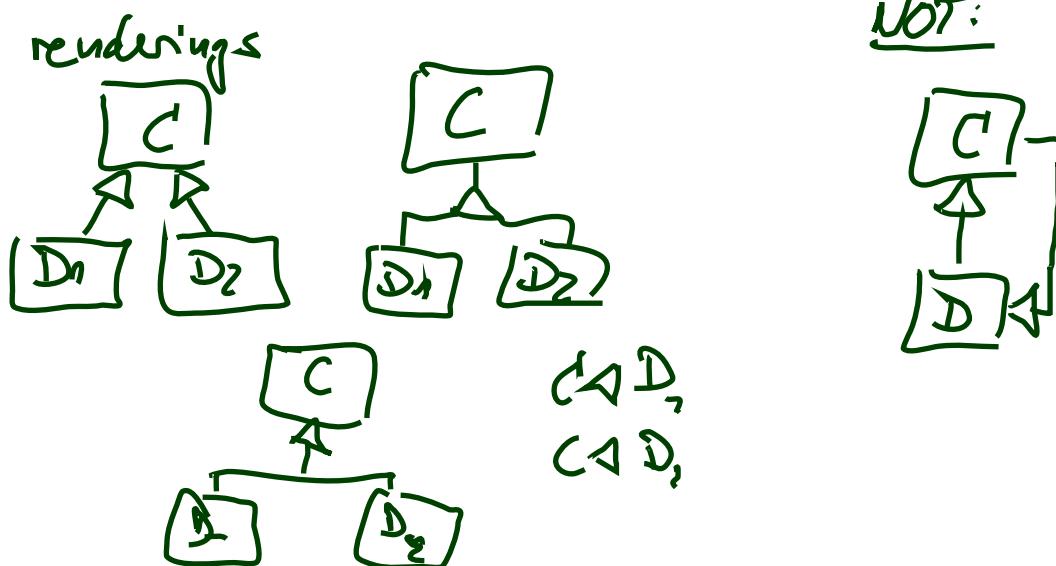
where  $F/\text{mth}$  are methods, analogously to attributes and

$$\triangleleft \subseteq ((\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{E}) \times (\mathcal{C} \setminus \mathcal{E})) \cup (\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E})$$

is a **generalisation** relation such that  $C \triangleleft^+ C$  for **no**  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  ("acyclic").

$C \triangleleft D$  reads as

- $C$  is a generalisation of  $D$ ,
- $D$  is a specialisation of  $C$ ,
- $D$  inherits from  $C$ ,
- $D$  is a sub-class of  $C$ ,
- $C$  is a super-class of  $D$ ,
- ...



# Reflexive, Transitive Closure of Generalisation

**Definition.** Given classes  $C_0, C_1, D \in \mathcal{C}$ , we say  $D$  inherits from  $C_0$  via  $C_1$  if and only if there are  $C_0^1, \dots, C_0^n, C_1^1, \dots, C_1^m \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$C_0 \triangleleft C_0^1 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft C_0^n \triangleleft C_1 \triangleleft C_1^1 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft C_1^m \triangleleft D.$$

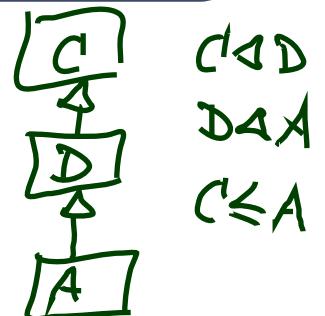
We use ' $\preceq$ ' to denote the reflexive, transitive closure of ' $\triangleleft$ '.

In the following, we assume

- that all attribute (method) names are of the form

$$C::v, \quad C \in \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{E} \quad (C::f, \quad C \in \mathcal{C}),$$

- that we have  $C::v \in atr(C)$  resp.  $C::f \in mth(C)$  if and only if  $v$  ( $f$ ) appears in an attribute (method) compartment of  $C$  in a class diagram.



## *Extend Typing Rules*

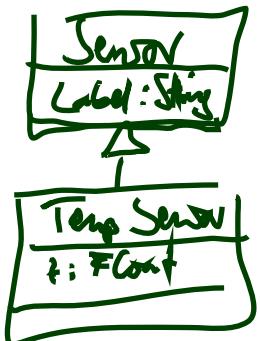
# Well-Typedness with Inheritance

**Recall:** With extension for visibility we obtained

$$\begin{array}{lll} v(w) & : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau(v) & \langle v : \tau, \xi, expr_0, P_{\mathcal{C}} \rangle \in atr(C), w : \tau_C \\ v(expr_1(w)) & : \tau_{C_2} \rightarrow \tau(v) & \langle v : \tau, \xi, expr_0, P_{\mathcal{C}} \rangle \in atr(C_2), \\ & & expr_1(w) : \tau_{C_2}, w : \tau_{C_1}, \text{ and } C_1 = C_2 \text{ or } \xi = + \end{array}$$

**Now:**

$$\begin{array}{lll} v(w) & : \tau_C \rightarrow \tau(v) & \langle v : \tau, \xi, expr_0, P_{\mathcal{C}} \rangle \in atr(C), \\ & & w : \tau_{C_1}, \tau_C \preceq \tau_{C_1} \\ v(expr_1(w)) & : \tau_{C_2} \rightarrow \tau(v) & \langle v : \tau, \xi, expr_0, P_{\mathcal{C}} \rangle \in atr(C_2), \\ & & expr_1(w) : \tau_{C_2}, w : \tau_{C_1}, \\ & & \text{and } (C_1 = C_2 \text{ or } \xi = + \text{ or } (C_2 \preceq C_1 \text{ and } \xi = \#)) \end{array}$$



context self:TempSensor:  
self.Label = "59.326.1"  
implies  
self.t < 5.0

## *Inheritance: System States*

# *System States*

**Wanted:** a formal representation of “if  $C \preceq D$  then  $D$  ‘is a’  $C$ ”, i.e.,

- (i)  $D$  has the same attributes as  $C$ , and
  - (ii)  $\textcolor{brown}{D}$  objects (identities)  
can be used in any context where  $\textcolor{brown}{C}$  objects can be used.

We'll discuss **two approaches** to semantics:

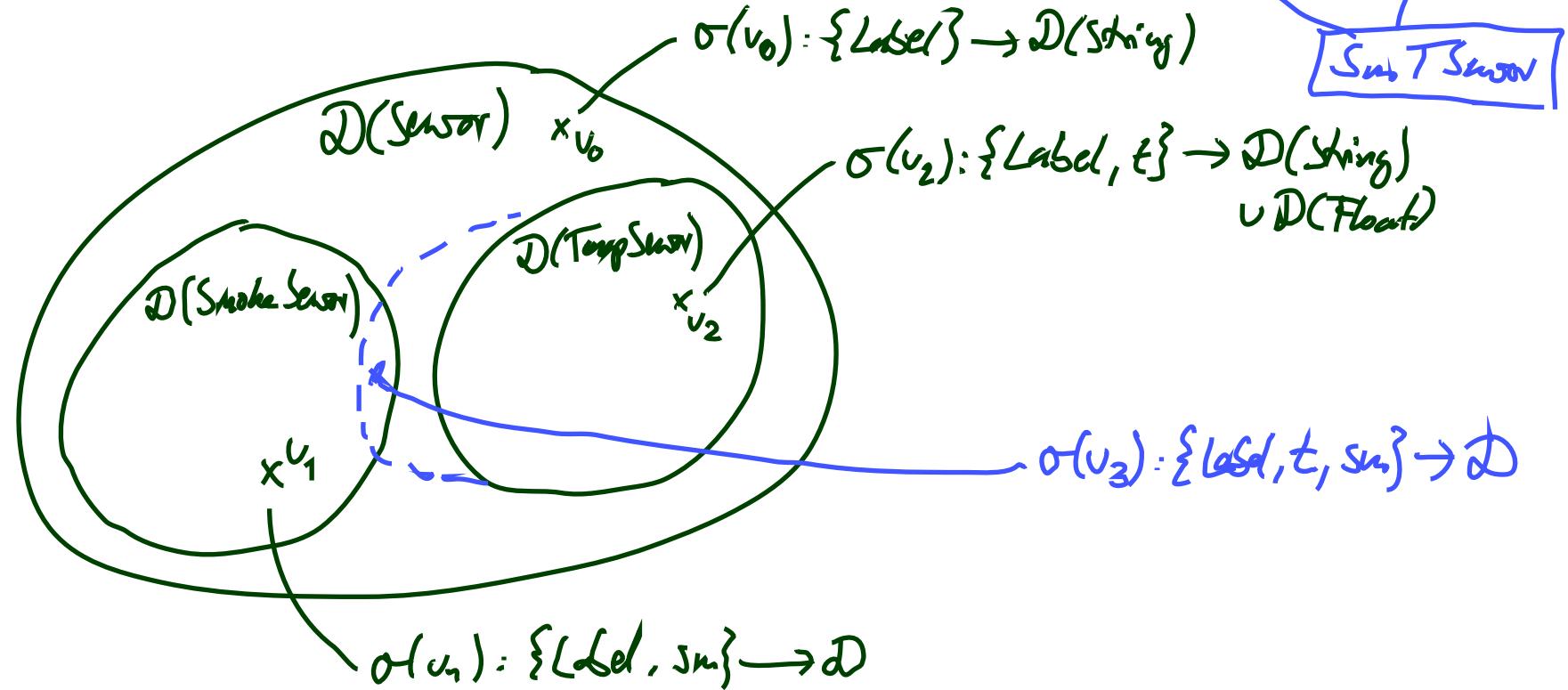
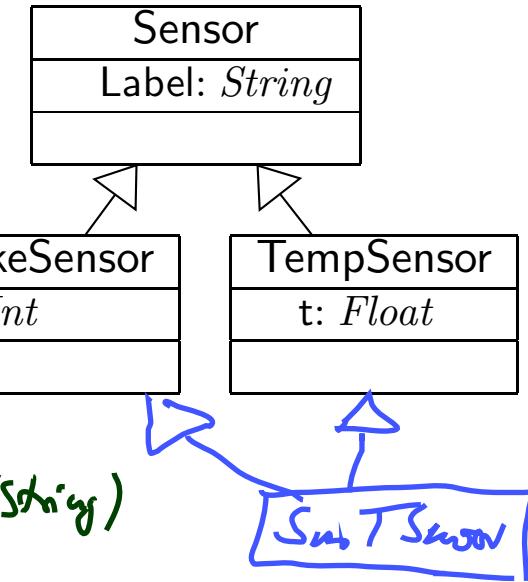
- **Domain-inclusion** Semantics (more **theoretical**)
  - **Uplink** Semantics (more **technical**)

## *Domain Inclusion Semantics*

# Domain Inclusion Semantics: Idea

context  $s_1, s_2 : \text{Sensor}$  inv :  ~~$s_1 \neq s_2$~~  implies  $s_1.\text{Label} \neq s_2.\text{Label}$

$\in \mathcal{D}(\text{SmokeSensor})$	$\in \mathcal{D}(\text{TempSensor})$
<u><math>u_1 : \text{SmokeSensor}</math></u> Label = "51.3.1" $s = 3$	<u><math>u_2 : \text{TempSensor}</math></u> Label = "51.3.17" $t = 19.7$



# Domain Inclusion Structure

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Let  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{C}, V, atr, \mathcal{E}, F, mth, \triangleleft)$  be a signature.

Now a **structure**  $\mathcal{D}$

- [as before] maps types, classes, associations to domains,
- [for completeness] methods to transformers,
- [as before] identities of instances of classes not (transitively) related by generalisation are disjoint,
- [changed] the identities of a super-class comprise all identities of sub-classes, i.e.

$$\forall C \in \mathcal{C} : \mathcal{D}(C) \supseteq \bigcup_{C \triangleleft D} \mathcal{D}(D).$$

**Note:** the old setting coincides with the special case  $\triangleleft = \emptyset$ .

# Domain Inclusion System States

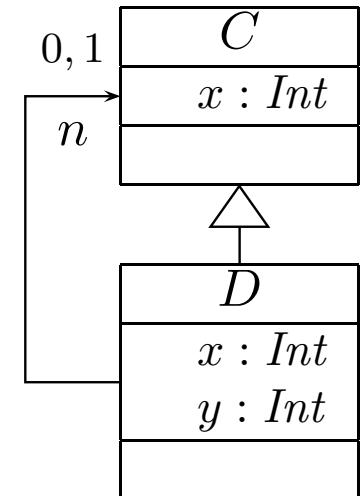
Now: a **system state** of  $\mathcal{S}$  wrt.  $\mathcal{D}$  is a **type-consistent** mapping

$$\sigma : \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow (V \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{T}) \cup \mathcal{D}(C_{0,1}) \cup \mathcal{D}(C_*)))$$

that is, for all  $u \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{D}(C)$ ,

- [as before]  $\sigma(u)(v) \in \mathcal{D}(\tau)$  if  $v : \tau$ ,  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  or  $\tau \in \{C_*, C_{0,1}\}$ .
- [changed]  $\text{dom}(\sigma(u)) = \bigcup_{C_0 \preceq C} \text{attr}(C_0)$ ,

**Example:**



**Note:** the old setting still coincides with the special case  $\triangleleft = \emptyset$ .

# Satisfying OCL Constraints (Domain Inclusion)

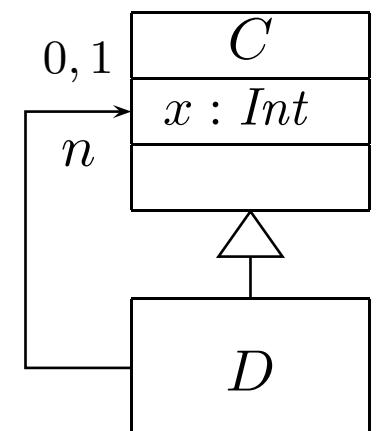
- Let  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{CD}, \mathcal{OD}, \mathcal{SM}, \mathcal{I})$  be a UML model, and  $\mathcal{D}$  a structure.
- We (**continue to**) say  $\mathcal{M} \models \text{expr}$  for context  $\underbrace{C \text{ inv : } \text{expr}_0}_{= \text{expr}} \in \text{Inv}(\mathcal{M})$  iff

$$\forall \pi = (\sigma_i, \varepsilon_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall u \in \text{dom}(\sigma_i) \cap \mathcal{D}(C) : \\ I[\![\text{expr}_0]\!](\sigma_i, \{ \text{self} \mapsto u \}) = 1.$$

- $\mathcal{M}$  is (still) consistent if and only if it satisfies all constraints in  $\text{Inv}(\mathcal{M})$ .

- Example:**  $\sigma : \boxed{v_1 : \text{SMS}}$   $\boxed{v_2 : \text{TS}}$   $\in \mathcal{D}(\text{TempSensor}) \subsetneq \mathcal{D}(\text{Sensor})$

$$\text{dom}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{D}(\text{Sensor}) = \{v_1, v_2\}$$



# Transformers (Domain Inclusion)

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- Transformers also remain **the same**, e.g. [VL 12, p. 18]

$$update(expr_1, v, expr_2) : (\sigma, \varepsilon) \mapsto (\sigma', \varepsilon)$$

with

$$\sigma' = \sigma[u \mapsto \sigma(u)[v \mapsto I[\![expr_2]\!](\sigma)]]$$

where  $u = I[\![expr_1]\!](\sigma)$ .

# Inheritance and State Machines: Triggers

- **Wanted:** triggers shall also be sensitive for inherited events, sub-class shall execute super-class' state-machine (unless overridden).

$(\sigma, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow[u]{(cons, Snd)} (\sigma', \varepsilon')$  if

- $\exists u \in \text{dom}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{D}(C) \exists u_E \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{E}) : u_E \in \text{ready}(\varepsilon, u)$
- $u$  is stable and in state machine state  $s$ , i.e.  $\sigma(u)(stable) = 1$  and  $\sigma(u)(st) = s$ ,
- a transition is enabled, i.e.

$$\exists (s, F, expr, act, s') \in \rightarrow (\mathcal{SM}_C) : F = E \wedge I[\![expr]\!](\tilde{\sigma}) = 1$$

where  $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma[u.params_E \mapsto u_e]$ .

and

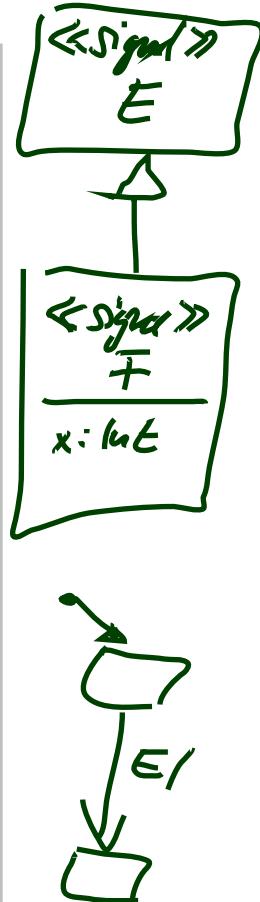
- $(\sigma', \varepsilon')$  results from applying  $t_{act}$  to  $(\sigma, \varepsilon)$  and removing  $u_E$  from the ether, i.e.

$$(\sigma'', \varepsilon') = t_{act}(\tilde{\sigma}, \varepsilon \ominus u_E),$$

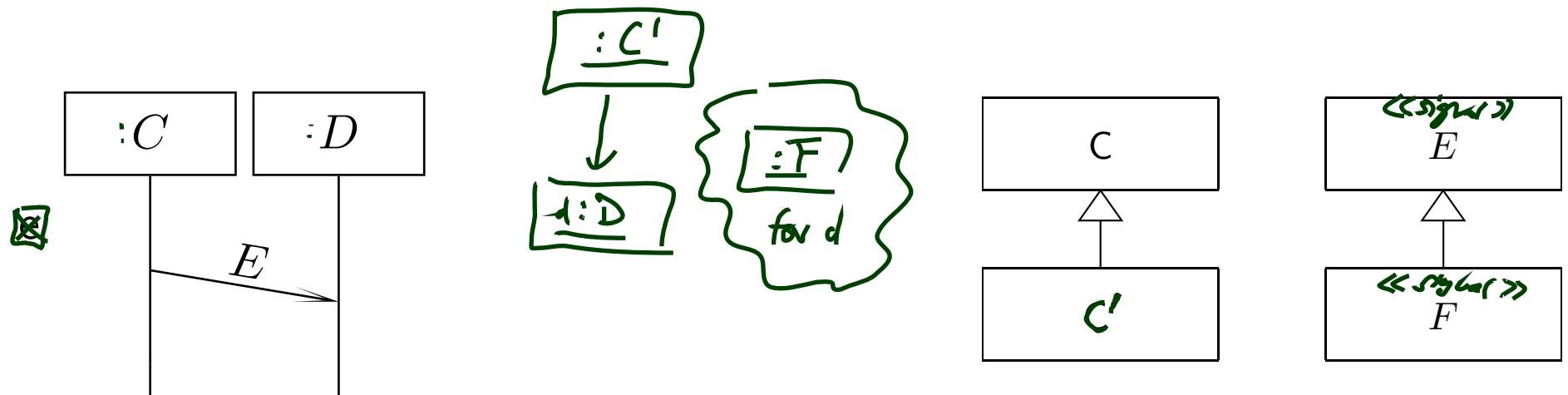
$$\sigma' = (\sigma''[u.st \mapsto s', u.stable \mapsto b, u.params_E \mapsto \emptyset])|_{\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}) \setminus \{u_E\}}$$

where  $b$  **depends**:

- If  $u$  becomes stable in  $s'$ , then  $b = 1$ . It **does** become stable if and only if there is no transition **without trigger** enabled for  $u$  in  $(\sigma', \varepsilon')$ .
- Otherwise  $b = 0$ .



# Domain Inclusion and Interactions



- Similar to satisfaction of OCL expressions above:
  - An instance line stands for all instances of  $C$  (exact or inheriting).
  - Satisfaction of event observation has to take inheritance into account, too, so we have to **fix**, e.g.

if and only if

$$\sigma, \text{cons}, \text{Snd} \models_{\beta} E_{x,y}^!$$

$\beta(x)$  sends an  $F$ -event to  $\beta(y)$  where  $E \preceq F$ .

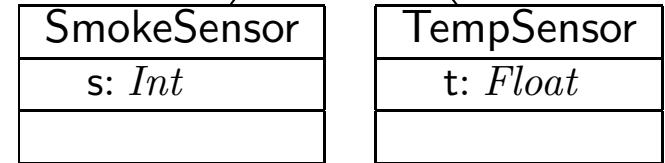
- $C$ -instance line also binds to  $C'$ -objects.

## *Uplink Semantics*

# Uplink Semantics: Idea

context  $s_1, s_2 : \text{Sensor}$  inv :  $v < 0$

$u_1 : \text{SmokeSensor}$	$u_2 : \text{TempSensor}$
Label = "51.3.1"	Label = "51.3.17"
$s = 3$	$t = 19.7$

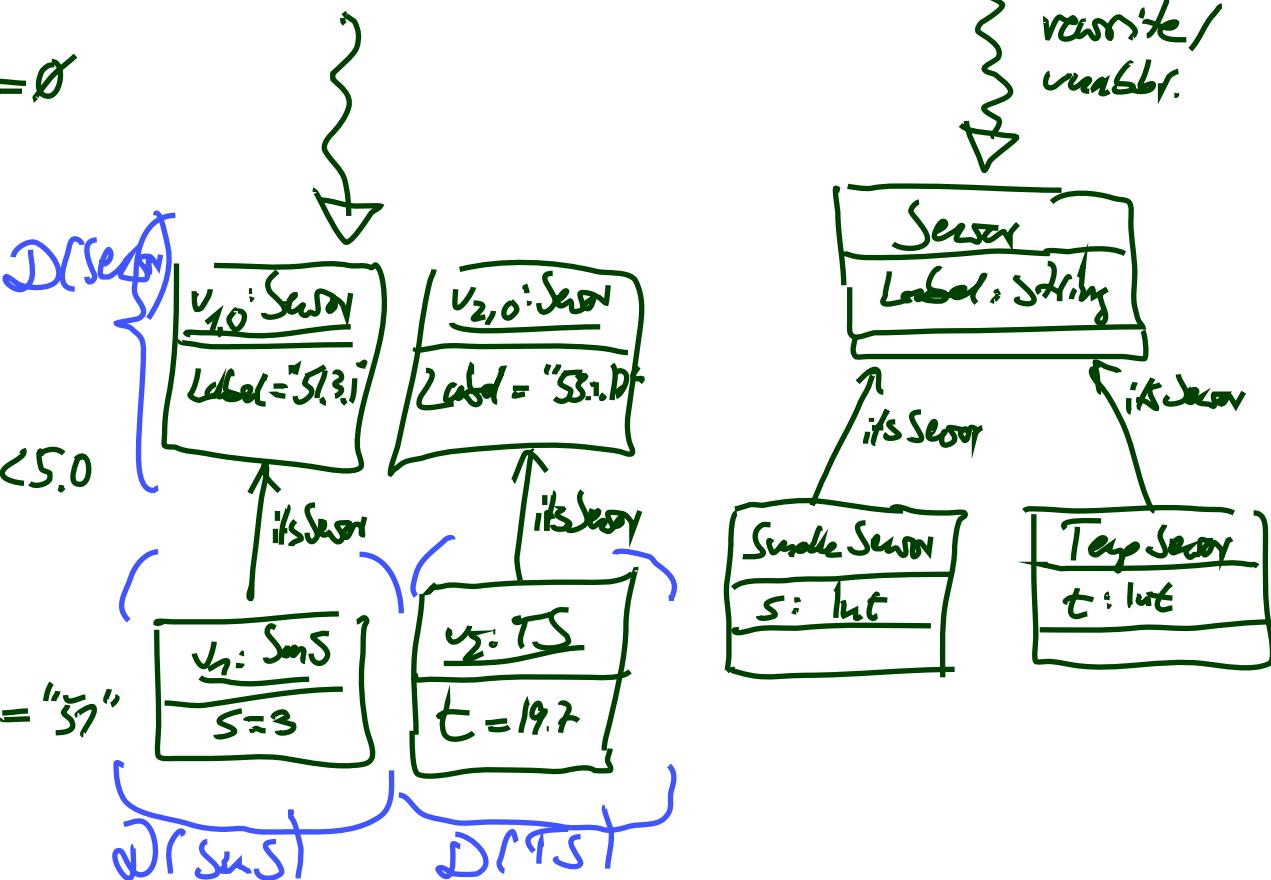


$$\mathcal{D}(\text{Sensor}) \cap \mathcal{D}(\text{SmokeSensor}) = \emptyset$$

context TempSensor inv:  
Label = "51" implies  $t < 5.0$

rewrites

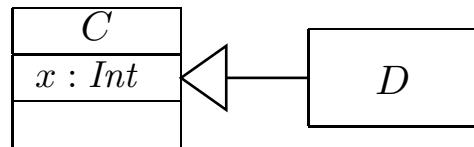
context TempSensor inv:  
 $\text{self. itsSensor.Label} = "51"$   
implies  $t < 5.0$



# Uplink Semantics

- **Idea:**

- Continue with the existing definition of **structure**, i.e. disjoint domains for identities.
- Have an **implicit association** from the child to each parent part (similar to the implicit attribute for stability).



- Apply (a different) pre-processing to make appropriate use of that association, e.g. rewrite (C++)

$x = 0;$

in  $D$  to

$\text{uplink}_C \rightarrow x = 0;$

# Pre-Processing for the Uplink Semantics

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- For each pair  $C \triangleleft D$ , extend  $D$  by a (fresh) association

$$uplink_C : C \text{ with } \mu = [1, 1], \xi = +$$

(**Exercise:** public necessary?)

- Given expression  $v$  (or  $f$ ) in the **context** of class  $D$ ,
  - let  $C$  be the **smallest** class wrt. " $\preceq$ " such that
    - $C \preceq D$ , and
    - $C::v \in atr(D)$
  - then there exists (by definition)  $C \triangleleft C_1 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft C_n \triangleleft D$ ,
  - normalise**  $v$  to (= replace by)  
$$uplink_{C_n} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow uplink_{C_1}.C::v$$
- If no (unique) smallest class exists,  
the model is considered **not well-formed**; the expression is ambiguous.

# *Uplink Structure, System State, Typing*

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- Definition of structure remains **unchanged**.
- Definition of system state remains **unchanged**.
- Typing and transformers remain **unchanged** —  
the preprocessing has put everything in shape.

# Satisfying OCL Constraints (Uplink)

- Let  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{CD}, \mathcal{OD}, \mathcal{SM}, \mathcal{I})$  be a UML model, and  $\mathcal{D}$  a structure.
- We (**continue to**) say

$$\mathcal{M} \models \textit{expr}$$

for

$$\underbrace{\text{context } C \text{ inv : } \textit{expr}_0 \in \textit{Inv}(\mathcal{M})}_{=\textit{expr}}$$

if and only if

$$\forall \pi = (\sigma_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$$

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\forall u \in \text{dom}(\sigma_i) \cap \mathcal{D}(C) :$$

$$I[\![\textit{expr}_0]\!](\sigma_i, \{self \mapsto u\}) = 1.$$

- $\mathcal{M}$  is (still) consistent if and only if it satisfies all constraints in  $\textit{Inv}(\mathcal{M})$ .

# *Transformers (Uplink)*

- What **has to change** is the **create** transformer:

$$\text{create}(C, \text{expr}, v)$$

- Assume,  $C$ 's inheritance relations are as follows.

$$C_{1,1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft C_{1,n_1} \triangleleft C,$$

...

$$C_{m,1} \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft C_{m,n_m} \triangleleft C.$$

- Then, we have to

- create one fresh object for each part, e.g.

$$u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{1,n_1}, \dots, u_{m,1}, \dots, u_{m,n_m},$$

- set up the uplinks recursively, e.g.

$$\sigma(u_{1,2})(\text{uplink}_{C_{1,1}}) = u_{1,1}.$$

- And, if we had constructors, be careful with their order.

## *Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink Semantics*

# *Cast-Transformers*

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- C c;
- D d;
- **Identity upcast (C++):**
  - $C^* cp = \&d;$  *// assign address of 'd' to pointer 'cp'*
- **Identity downcast (C++):**
  - $D^* dp = (D^*)cp;$  *// assign address of 'd' to pointer 'dp'*
- **Value upcast (C++):**
  - $*c = *d;$  *// copy attribute values of 'd' into 'c', or,  
// more precise, the values of the C-part of 'd'*

# Casts in Domain Inclusion and Uplink Semantics

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	Domain Inclusion	Uplink
$C^* \ cp = \&d;$	<p><b>easy:</b> immediately compatible (in underlying system state) because <math>\&amp;d</math> yields an identity from <math>\mathcal{D}(D) \subset \mathcal{D}(C)</math>.</p>	<p><b>easy:</b> By pre-processing, <math>C^* \ cp = d.\text{uplink}_C</math>;</p>
$D^* \ dp = (D^*)\text{cp};$	<p><b>easy:</b> the value of <math>cp</math> is in <math>\mathcal{D}(D) \cap \mathcal{D}(C)</math> because the pointed-to object is a <math>D</math>. Otherwise, error condition.</p>	<p><b>difficult:</b> we need the identity of the <math>D</math> whose <math>C</math>-slice is denoted by <math>cp</math>. (See next slide.)</p>
$c = d;$	<p><b>bit difficult:</b> set (for all <math>C \preceq D</math>)  <math>(C)(\cdot, \cdot) : \tau_D \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma _{\text{atr}(C)}</math>  <math>(u, \sigma) \mapsto \sigma(u) _{\text{atr}(C)}</math></p> <p>Note: <math>\sigma' = \sigma[u_C \mapsto \sigma(u_D)]</math> is not type-compatible!</p>	<p><b>easy:</b> By pre-processing, <math>c = *(d.\text{uplink}_C)</math>;</p>

# Identity Downcast with Uplink Semantics

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- **Recall** (C++):  $D d; \quad C* cp = \&d; \quad D* dp = (D*)cp;$
- **Problem**: we need the identity of the  $D$  whose  $C$ -slice is denoted by  $cp$ .
- **One technical solution**:
  - Give up disjointness of domains for **one additional type** comprising all identities, i.e. have

$$\text{all} \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \mathcal{D}(\text{all}) = \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{D}(C)$$

- In each  **$\preceq$ -minimal class** have associations “mostspec” pointing to **most specialised** slices, plus information of which type that slice is.
- Then **downcast** means, depending on the mostspec type (only finitely many possibilities), **going down and then up** as necessary, e.g.

```
switch(mostspec_type){  
    case C :  
        dp = cp -> mostspec -> uplinkDn -> ... -> uplinkD1 -> uplinkD;  
    ...
```

# *Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink: Differences*

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- **Note:** The uplink semantics views inheritance as an abbreviation:
  - We only need to touch transformers (create) — and if we had constructors, we didn't even needed that (we could encode the recursive construction of the upper slices by a transformation of the existing constructors.)
- **So:**
  - Inheritance **doesn't add** expressive power.
  - And it also **doesn't improve** conciseness **soo dramatically**.

As long as we're “**early binding**”, that is...

# *Domain Inclusion vs. Uplink: Motivations*

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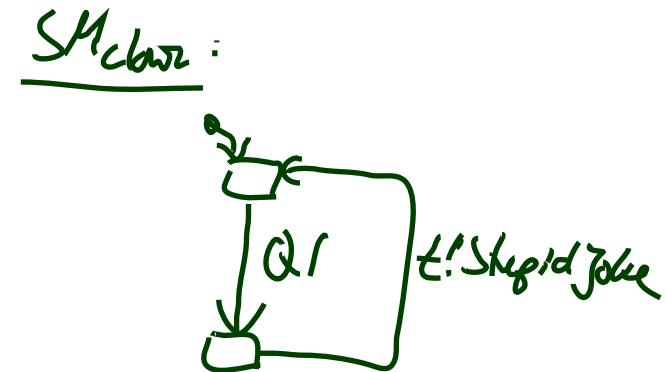
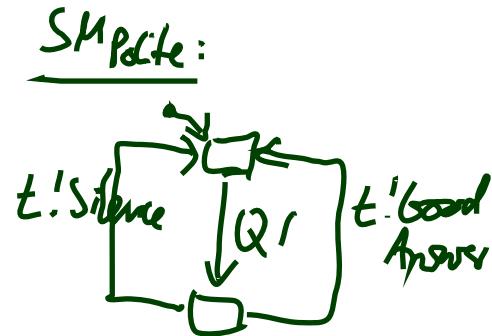
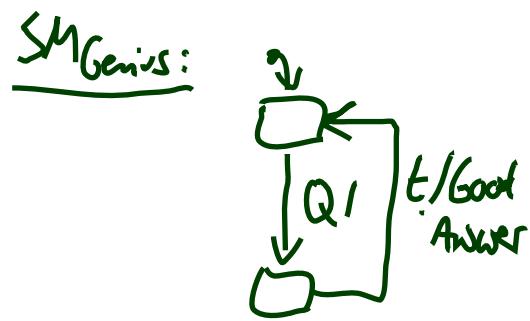
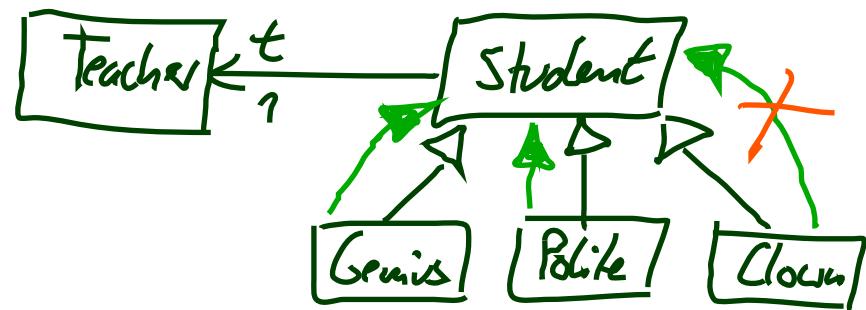
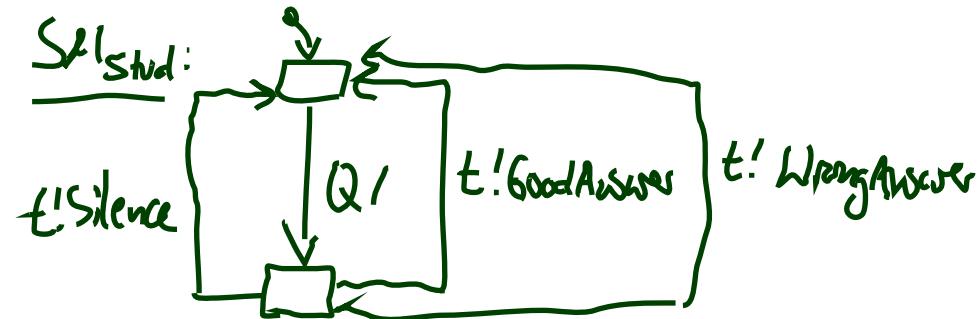
- **Exercise:**

What's the point of

- having the **tedious** adjustments of the **theory**  
if it can be approached **technically**?
- having the **tedious** technical **pre-processing**  
if it can be approached **cleanly** in the **theory**?

## *More Interesting: Behaviour*

# Example: Behaviour of Kinds of Students



→ inheritance  
→ subtype

# *Desired Semantics of Specialisation: Subtyping*

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There is a classical description of what one **expects** from **sub-types**, which in the OO domain is closely related to inheritance:

The principle of type substitutability [Liskov, 1988, Liskov and Wing, 1994].  
**(Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP).)**

“If for each object  $o_1$  of type  $S$  there is an object  $o_2$  of type  $T$  such that for all programs  $P$  defined in terms of  $T$ ,  
**the behavior of  $P$  is unchanged** when  $o_1$  is substituted for  $o_2$   
then  $S$  is a **subtype** of  $T$ .”

In other words: [Fischer and Wehrheim, 2000]

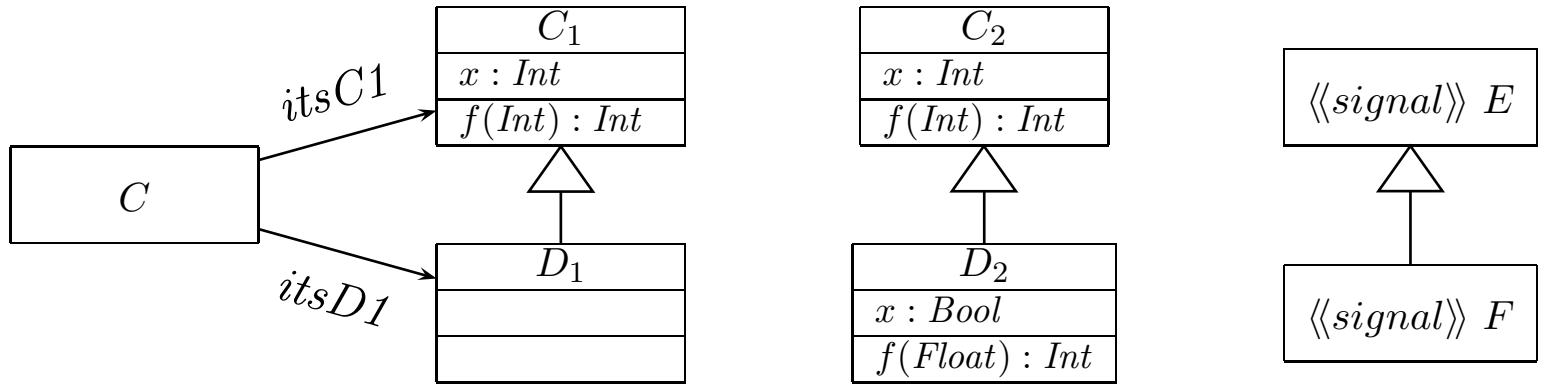
“An instance of the **sub-type** shall be **usable** whenever an instance of the supertype was expected,  
**without a client being able to tell the difference.**”

So, what's “**usable**”? Who's a “**client**”? And what's a “**difference**”?

*“...shall be usable...” for UML*

# Easy: Static Typing for Attributes

Given:



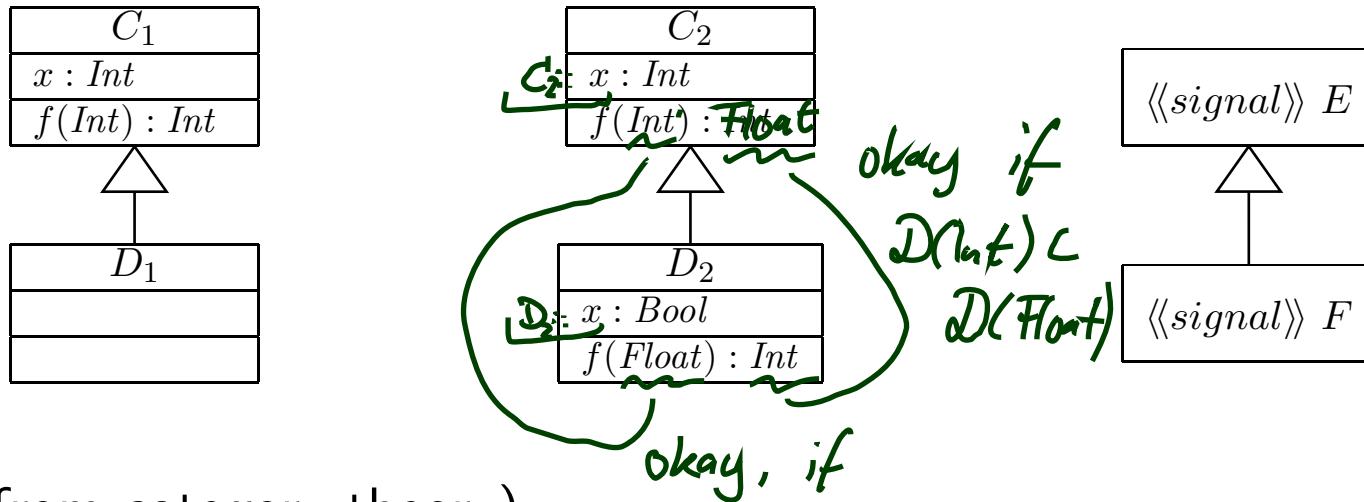
Wanted:

- $x > 0$  also **well-typed** for  $D_1$
- assignment  $itsC1 := itsD1$  being **well-typed**
- $itsC1.x = 0$ ,  $itsC1.f(0)$ ,  $itsC1 ! F$  being well-typed (and doing the right thing).

Approach:

- Simply define it as being well-typed, adjust system state definition to do the right thing.

# Static Typing for Methods



**Notions** (from category theory):

- **invariance**,
- **covariance**,
- **contravariance**.

We could call, e.g. a method, **sub-type preserving**, if and only if it

- accepts **more general** types as input **(contravariant)**,
- provides a **more specialised** type as output **(covariant)**.

This is a notion used by many programming languages — and easily type-checked.

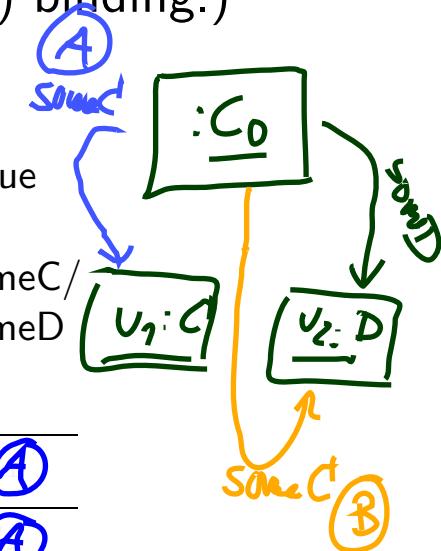
## *Excursus: Late Binding of Behavioural Features*

# Late Binding

What transformer applies in what situation? (Early (compile time) binding.)

*the type of  
the link  
determines  
which impl.  
is used at  
runtime*

	<i>f</i> not overridden in D	<i>f</i> overridden in D	value of someC/ someD
someC → <i>f()</i>	<i>C::f()</i>	<i>D::f()</i>	(A)
someD → <i>f()</i>	<i>C::f()</i>	<i>D::f()</i>	(A)
<u>someC → <i>f()</i></u>	<i>C::f()</i>	<u><i>C::f()</i></u>	(B)



What one could want is something different: (Late binding.)

*type of  
object  
(at runtime)  
determines  
which impl.  
is used*

someC → <i>f()</i>	<i>C::f()</i>	<i>C::f()</i>	(A)
someD → <i>f()</i>	<i>D::f()</i>	<i>D::f()</i>	(A)
someC → <i>f()</i>	<i>C::f()</i>	<u><i>D::f()</i></u>	(B)



# *Late Binding in the Standard and in Prog. Lang.*

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- In **the standard**, Section 11.3.10, “CallOperationAction” :

## **“Semantic Variation Points**

The mechanism for determining the method to be invoked as a result of a call operation is unspecified.” [OMG, 2007b, 247]

- In **C++**,

- methods are by default “(early) compile time binding”,
- can be declared to be “late binding” by keyword “**virtual**”,
- the declaration applies to all inheriting classes.

- In **Java**,

- methods are “late binding”;
- there are patterns to imitate the effect of “early binding”

**Exercise:** What could be the rationale of the designers of C++?

**Note:** late binding typically applies only to **methods**, **not** to **attributes**.  
(But: getter/setter methods have been invented recently.)

*Back to the Main Track: “...tell the difference...” for UML*

# *With Only Early Binding...*

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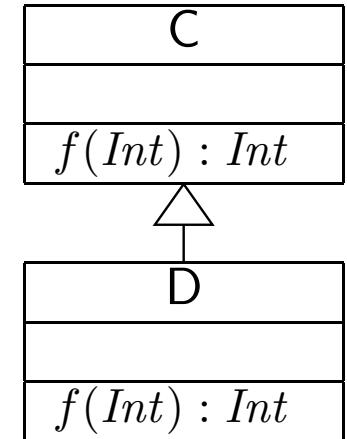
- ...we're **done** (if we realise it correctly in the framework).
- Then
  - if we're calling method  $f$  of an object  $u$ ,
  - which is an instance of  $D$  with  $C \preceq D$
  - via a  $C$ -link,
  - then we (by definition) only see and change the  $C$ -part.
  - We cannot tell whether  $u$  is a  $C$  or an  $D$  instance.

*use the transforms provided by C*

So we immediately also have behavioural/dynamic subtyping.

# *Difficult: Dynamic Subtyping*

- $C::f$  and  $D::f$  are **type compatible**,  
but  $D$  is **not necessarily** a **sub-type** of  $C$ .
- **Examples:** (C++)



```
int C::f(int) {  
    return 0;  
};
```

vs.

```
int D::f(int) {  
    return 1;  
};
```

```
int C::f(int) {  
    return (rand() %  
2);  
};
```

vs.

```
int D::f(int x) {  
    return (x % 2);  
};
```

# *Sub-Typing Principles Cont'd*

- In the standard, Section 7.3.36, “**Operation**”:

## “Semantic Variation Points

[...] When operations are redefined in a specialization, rules regarding **invariance**, **covariance**, or **contravariance** of types and preconditions determine whether the specialized classifier is substitutable for its more general parent. Such rules constitute semantic variation points with respect to redefinition of operations.” [OMG, 2007a, 106]

- So, better: call a method **sub-type preserving**, if and only if it
  - (i) accepts **more input values** (**contravariant**),
  - (ii) on the **old values**, has **fewer behaviour** (**covariant**).

**Note:** This (ii) is no longer a matter of simple type-checking!

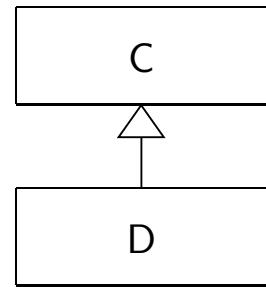
- And not necessarily the end of the story:

- One could, e.g. want to consider execution time.
- Or, like [Fischer and Wehrheim, 2000], relax to “fewer observable behaviour”, thus admitting the sub-type to do more work on inputs.

**Note:** “testing” differences depends on the **granularity** of the semantics.

- **Related:** “has a weaker pre-condition,” (**contravariant**), “has a stronger post-condition.” (**covariant**)<sup>45/48</sup>

# *Ensuring Sub-Typing for State Machines*



- In the CASE tool we consider, multiple classes in an inheritance hierarchy can have state machines.
- But the state machine of a sub-class **cannot** be drawn from scratch.
- Instead, the state machine of a sub-class can only be obtained by applying actions from a **restricted** set to a copy of the original one.  
Roughly (cf. User Guide, p. 760, for details),

- add things into (hierarchical) states,
  - add more states,
  - attach a transition to a different target (limited).
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- They **ensure**, that the sub-class is a **behavioural sub-type** of the super class. (But method implementations can still destroy that property.)
  - Technically, the idea is that (by late binding) only the state machine of the most specialised classes are running.

By knowledge of the framework, the (code for) state machines of super-classes is still accessible — but using it is hardly a good idea...

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