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Lecture 5: Object Diagrams

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In the following, $\mathscr{S}$ denotes a signature and $\mathscr{D}$ a structure of $\mathscr{S}$.

Definition (Satisfaction Relation).
Let φ be an OCL constraint over $\mathscr{S}$ and $\sigma \in \Sigma_{\mathscr{S}}^{\mathscr{D}}$ a system state.
We write

- $\sigma \models \varphi$ if and only if $I[\![\varphi]\!](\sigma, \emptyset) = \mathit{true}$.
- $\sigma \not\models \varphi$ if and only if $I[\![\varphi]\!](\sigma, \emptyset) = \mathit{false}$.

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Note: In general we **can't** conclude from $\neg(\sigma \models \varphi)$ to $\sigma \not\models \varphi$ or vice versa.

OCL Consistency

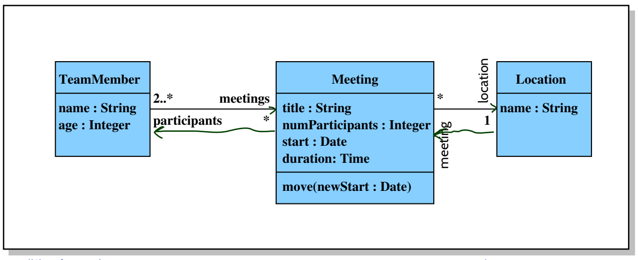
Definition (Consistency). A set $Inv = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ of OCL constraints over $\mathscr{S}$ is called consistent (or satisfiable) if and only if there exists a system state of $\mathscr{S}$ wrt. $\mathscr{D}$ which satisfies all of them, i.e. if

$$\exists\, \sigma \in \Sigma_{\mathscr{S}}^{\mathscr{D}} : \sigma \models \varphi_1 \quad \wedge \dots \wedge \quad \sigma \models \varphi_n$$

and inconsistent (or unsatisfiable) otherwise.

Example: OCL Consistent?

$\mathscr{S} = (\{Integer, String\},$
$\{TeamMember, \dots\},$
$\{name : String, \dots\}, \{TeamMember \mapsto$
$\{name, \dots\})$



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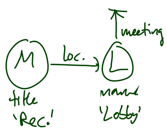

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- context $Location$ inv : $name$ = 'Lobby' implies $meeting$ -> $isEmpty()$
- context $Meeting$ inv : $title$ = 'Reception' implies $location$. $name$ = 'Lobby'
- allInstances$_{Meeting}$ -> exists(w : $Meeting$ | w . $title$ = 'Reception')
- context Meeting inv : location.meeting → Exists (i | i = self)

consistent

"self.loc ⇒ self ∈ self.loc.meeting"

not consistent

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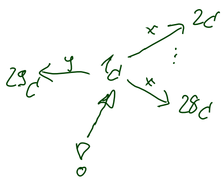

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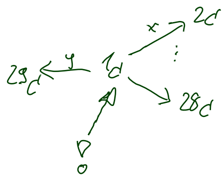

- **And now**? Options: Cabot and Clarisó (2008)
  - Constrain OCL, use a **less rich** fragment of OCL.
  - Revert to **finite domains** – basic types vs. number of objects.

OCL Critique

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- **Concrete Syntax / Features**

  "The syntax of OCL has been criticized – e.g., by the authors of Catalysis [...] – for being hard to read and write.

  - OCL's expressions are stacked in the style of Smalltalk, which makes it hard to see the scope of quantified variables.

  - Navigations are applied to atoms and not sets of atoms, although there is a collect operation that maps a function over a set.

  - Attributes, [...], are partial functions in OCL, and result in expressions with undefined value." Jackson (2002)

OCL Critique

- **Expressive Power**:

  "Pure OCL expressions only compute primitive recursive functions, but not recursive functions in general." Cengarle and Knapp (2001)

  - **Evolution over Time**: "finally $self.x > 0$"

    Proposals for fixes e.g. Flake and Müller (2003). (Or: sequence diagrams.)

  - **Real-Time**: "Objects respond within 10s"

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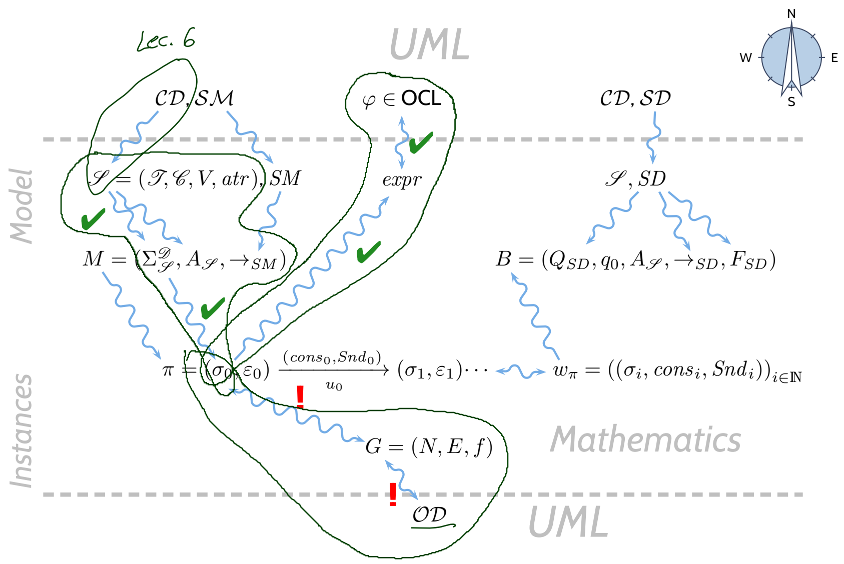
  - **Reachability**: "After insert operation, node shall be reachable."

    Fix: add transitive closure.

Where Are We?

You Are Here.



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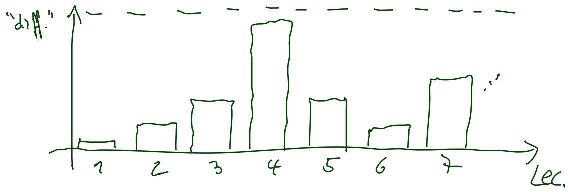

Object Diagrams

Recall: Graph

Definition. A node-labelled graph is a triple

$$G = (N, E, f)$$

consisting of

- vertexes N,
- edges E,
- node labeling $f : N \to X$, where X is some label domain,

Object Diagrams

Definition. Let $\mathscr{D}$ be a structure of signature $\mathscr{S} = (\mathscr{T}, \mathscr{C}, V, atr)$ and $\sigma \in \Sigma_{\mathscr{S}}^{\mathscr{D}}$ a system state.

Then any node-labelled graph $G = (N, E, f)$ where

- nodes are alive objects, i.e. $N \subset \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}) \cap \mathrm{dom}(\sigma)$,
- edges start are labelled with derived type attributes, i.e.

$$E \subseteq N \times \underbrace{\{v : T \in V \mid T \in \{C_{0,1}, C_* \mid C \in \mathscr{C}\}\}}_{=: V_{0,1;*} \text{ (derived type attributes in } \mathscr{S})} \times N,$$

- edges correspond to "links" between objects, i.e.

$$\forall\, u_1, u_2 \in \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}), r \in V_{0,1;*} : (u_1, r, u_2) \in E \implies u_2 \in \sigma(u_1)(r),$$

- nodes are labelled with an identity and attribute valuations, i.e.

$$X = (V \,\dot\cup\, \{id\} \nrightarrow (\mathscr{D}(\mathscr{T}) \cup \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}_*)))$$

$$\forall\, u \in N : f(u) \subseteq \{id \mapsto \{u\}\} \cup \sigma(u)|_{V_{\mathscr{T}}} \cup \{r \mapsto R \mid r \in V_{0,1;*}, R \subseteq \sigma(u)(r)\}$$

where $V_{\mathscr{T}} := \{v : T \in V \mid T \in \mathscr{T}\}$ (basic type attributes in $\mathscr{S}$).

is called object diagram of σ.

Object Diagram: Examples

- $N \subset \mathscr{D}(\mathscr{C}) \cap \mathrm{dom}(\sigma)$ • $E \subset N \times V_{0,1;*} \times N$ • $(u_1, r, u_2) \in E \implies u_2 \in \sigma(u_1)(r)$ • $f : N \to X$
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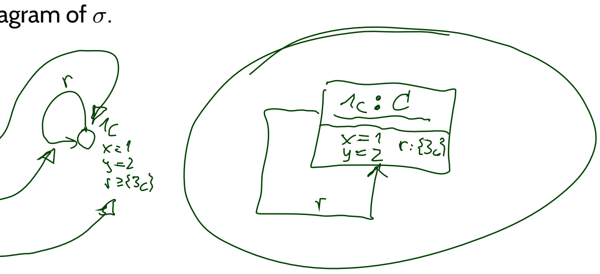

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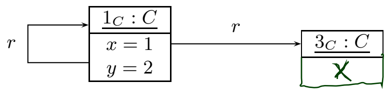
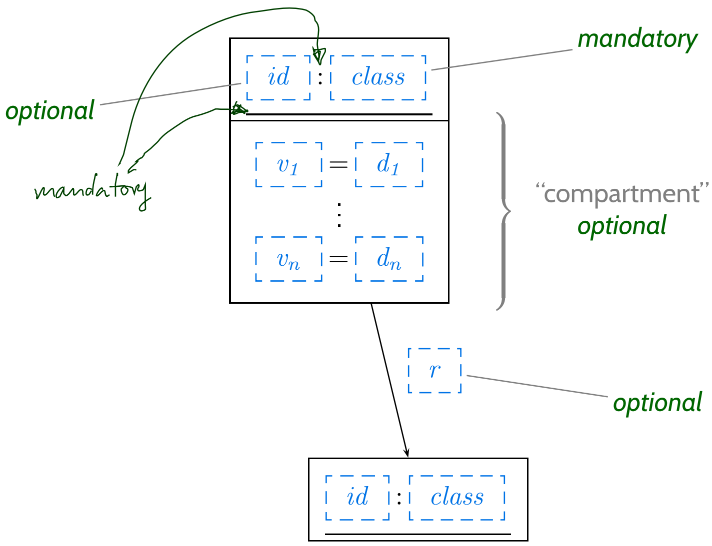
- Yes, and...? G can equivalently (!) be **represented** graphically:



UML Notation for Object Diagrams



Object Diagram: More Examples?

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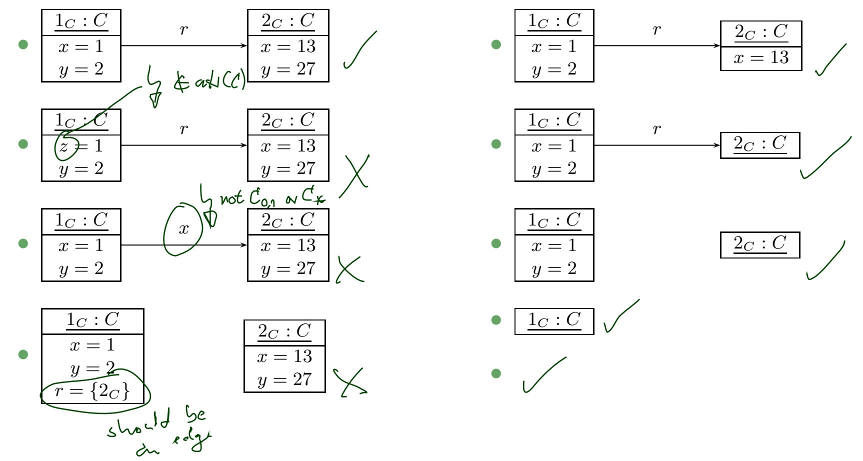

Complete vs. Partial Object Diagram

Definition. Let $G = (N, E, f)$ be an object diagram of system state $\sigma \in \Sigma_\mathscr{S}^\mathscr{D}$.
We call G complete wrt. σ if and only if

- G is object complete, i.e.
  - G consists of all alive and "linked" non-alive objects, i.e.

    $$N = \mathrm{dom}(\sigma)$$

- G is attribute complete, i.e.
  - G comprises all "links" between objects, i.e.

    $$\forall\, u_1, u_2 \in N, r \in V_{0,1;*} : (u_1, r, u_2) \in E \iff u_2 \in \sigma(u_1)(r),$$

  - each node is labelled with the values of all $\mathscr{T}$-typed attributes and the dangling references, i.e.

    function restriction

    $$\forall\, u \in \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \bullet f(u) = \{id \mapsto u\} \cup \sigma(u)|_{V_\mathscr{T}}$$
    $$\cup \{r \mapsto \sigma(u)(r) \setminus \mathrm{dom}(\sigma) \mid \sigma(u)(r) \not\subseteq \mathrm{dom}(\sigma)\}.$$

Otherwise we call G partial.

Complete vs. Partial: Examples

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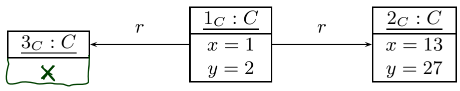
- 

complete

Complete/Partial is Relative

- Each object diagram-like graph G represents a set of system states, namely

$$G^{-1} := \{\sigma \in \Sigma_\mathscr{S}^\mathscr{D} \mid G \text{ is an object diagram of } \sigma\}$$

- How many?

- Each system state has **exactly one complete** object diagram.
- A system state can have **many partial** object diagrams.

- **Observation**:

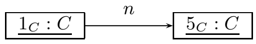
  If somebody **tells us** for a given object diagram G
  - that it is **meant to be complete**, and
  - if it is not inherently incomplete (e.g. missing attribute values),

  then it uniquely denotes **the** corresponding system state, denoted by $\sigma(G)$.

  Therefore we can use complete object diagrams **exchangeably** with system states.

Non-Standard Notation

- $\mathscr{S} = (\{Int\}, \{C\}, \{n, p : C_*\}, \{C \mapsto \{n, p\}\})$.
- Instead of



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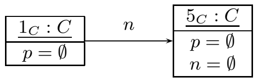

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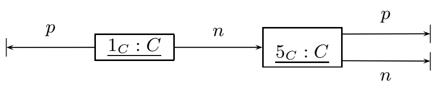


to **explicitly** indicate that attribute $p : C_*$ has value $\emptyset$ (also for $p : C_{0,1}$).

UML Object Diagrams

Discussion

We slightly deviate from the standard (for reasons):

- We **allow** to show non-alive objects.
  - Allows us to represent "dangling references", i.e. references to objects which are not alive in the current system state.
- We **introduce** a graphical representation of $\emptyset$ values.
  - Easier to distinguish partial and complete object diagrams.
- In the course, $C_{0,1}$ and C_*-typed attributes only have **sets** as values. UML also considers multisets, that is, they can have

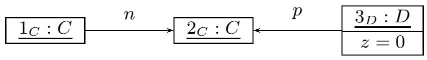
$$\begin{tikzcd} \underline{u_1 : C} \arrow[r, shift left, "n"] \arrow[r, shift right, "n"'] & \underline{u_2 : C} \end{tikzcd}$$

  This is **not** an object diagram in the sense of **our definition** because of the requirement on the edges E.
  Extension is straightforward but tedious.

The Other Way Round

From Object Diagram to Signature / Structure

- If we **only** have a diagram like



  we typically assume that it is **meant to be**
  an object diagram wrt. **some signature** and **structure**.

- In the example, we conclude that the author is referring to **some** signature $\mathscr{S} = (\mathscr{T}, \mathscr{C}, V, atr)$ with at least
  - $\{C, D\} \subseteq \mathscr{C}$
  - $T \in \mathscr{T}$
  - $\{z : T, n : C_{0,1}, p : C_{0,1}\} \subseteq V$
  - $atr(C) \supseteq \{n\}$
  - $atr(D) \supseteq \{p, z\}$

  and a structure $\mathscr{D}$ with

  - $\{1_C, 2_C\} \subseteq \mathscr{D}(C)$
  - $3_D \in \mathscr{D}(D)$
  - $0 \in \mathscr{D}(T)$

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Example: Object Diagrams for Documentation

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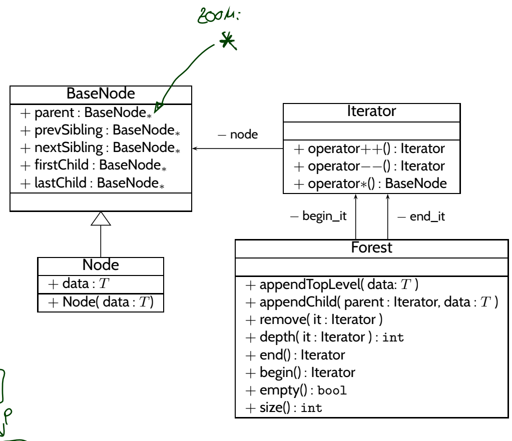
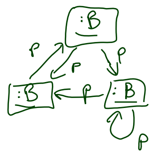
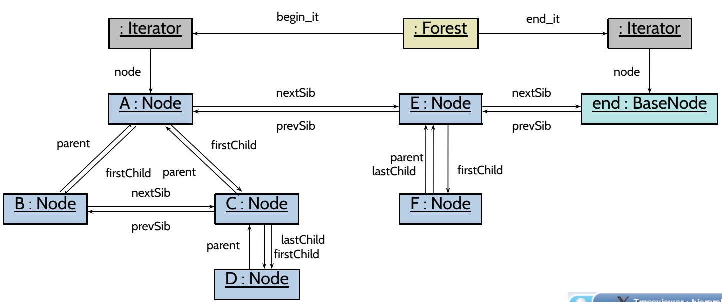
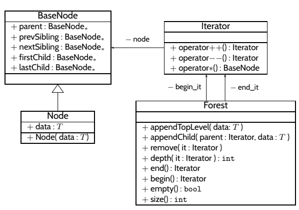
Example: Data Structure (Schumann et al., 2008)

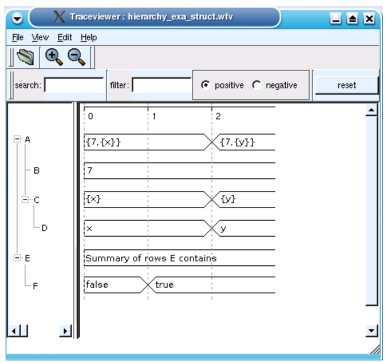




Example: Illustrative Object Diagram (Schumann et al., 2008)







Tell Them What You've Told Them...

- When using an OCL constraint F to formalise **requirements**, we typically ask to ensure $\sigma \models F$.

- **System states** can graphically be represented using **Object Diagrams**.

- Our notation is slightly **non-standard** (for reasons) – mind the syntax (to not **confuse** Object and Class Diagrams)!

- Object diagrams can be **partial** or **complete**, the author's got to tell us.

- An **Object Diagram** for a typical system state can be used as a starting point to **design a signature**.

- **Object Diagrams** can be used to **illustrate**/document how a **structure** is supposed to be used.

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