

Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

Lecture 13: Hierarchical State Machines I

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Contents & Goals

Last Lecture:

- RTC-Rules: Discard, Dispatch, Commence.
- Step, RTC, Divergence

This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - What does this State Machine mean? What happens if I inject this event?
 - Can you please model the following behaviour.
 - What is: initial state
 - What does this **hierarchical** State Machine mean? What **may happen** if I inject this event?
 - What is: AND-State, OR-State, pseudo-state, entry/exit/do, final state, ...
- **Content:**
 - Putting It All Together
 - Hierarchical State Machines Syntax

Step and Run-to-completion Step

Run-to-Completion Step: Discussion.

What people may **dislike** on our definition of RTC-step is that it takes a **global** and **non-compositional** view. That is:

- In the projection onto a single object we still **see** the effect of interaction with other objects.
 - Adding classes (or even objects) may change the divergence behaviour of existing ones.
 - Compositional would be: the behaviour of a set of objects is determined by the behaviour of each object "in isolation".
- Our semantics and notion of RTC-step doesn't have this (often desired) property.

Can we give (syntactical) criteria such that any global run-to-completion step is an interleaving of local ones?

Maybe: Strict interfaces. (Proof left as exercise...)

- **(A):** Refer to private features only via "self".
(Recall that other objects of the same class can modify private attributes.)
- **(B):** Let objects only communicate by events, i.e.
don't let them modify each other's local state via links **at all**.

Putting It All Together

The Missing Piece: Initial States

Recall: a labelled transition system is (S, \rightarrow, S_0) . We **have**

- S : system configurations (σ, ε)
- \rightarrow : labelled transition relation $(\sigma, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow[u]{(cons, Snd)} (\sigma', \varepsilon')$.

Wanted: initial states S_0 .

Proposal:

Require a (finite) set of **object diagrams** OD as part of a UML model

$$(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \emptyset, \mathcal{D}).$$

And set

$$S_0 = \{(\sigma, \varepsilon) \mid \sigma \in G^{-1}(OD), OD \in \emptyset, \mathcal{D}, \varepsilon \text{ empty}\}.$$

Other Approach: (used by Rhapsody tool) multiplicity of classes.
We can read that as an abbreviation for an object diagram.

Semantics of UML Model — So Far

The semantics of the UML model

$$\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{SM}, \theta\mathcal{D})$$

where

- some classes in $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}$ are stereotyped as 'signal' (standard), some signals and attributes are stereotyped as 'external' (non-standard),
- there is a 1-to-1 relation between classes and state machines,
- $\theta\mathcal{D}$ is a set of object diagrams over $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}$,

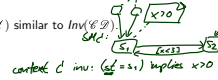
is the **transition system** (S, \rightarrow, S_0) constructed on the previous slide.

The **computations** of \mathcal{M} are the computations of (S, \rightarrow, S_0) .

OCL Constraints and Behaviour

- Let $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{SM}, \theta\mathcal{D})$ be a UML model.
- We call \mathcal{M} **consistent** iff, for each OCL constraint $expr \in Inv(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D})$, $\sigma \models expr$ for each "reasonable point" (σ, ε) of computations of \mathcal{M} . (Cf. exercises and tutorial for discussion of "reasonable point".)

Note: we could define $Inv(\mathcal{SM})$ similar to $Inv(\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D})$



Pragmatics:

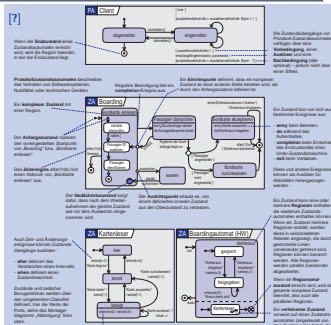
- In **UML-as-blueprint mode**, if \mathcal{SM} doesn't exist yet, then $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}, \emptyset, \theta\mathcal{D})$ is typically asking the developer to provide \mathcal{SM} such that $\mathcal{M}' = (\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{SM}, \theta\mathcal{D})$ is consistent.

If the developer makes a mistake, then \mathcal{M}' is inconsistent.

- **Not common:** if \mathcal{SM} is given, then constraints are also considered when choosing transitions in the RTC-algorithm. In other words: even in presence of mistakes, the \mathcal{SM} never move to inconsistent configurations.

Hierarchical State Machines

UML State-Machines: What do we have to cover?



The Full Story

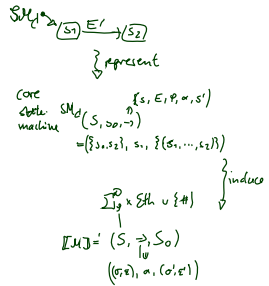
UML distinguishes the following **kinds of states**:

	example		example
simple state		pseudo-state	
final state		(shallow) history	
composite state		deep history	
OR		fork/join	
AND		junction, choice	
		entry point	
		exit point	
		terminate	
		submachine state	

Representing All Kinds of States

- **Until now:**

$$(S, s_0, \rightarrow), \quad s_0 \in S, \rightarrow \subseteq S \times (\mathcal{L} \cup \{\perp\}) \times Expr_{\mathcal{S}} \times Act_{\mathcal{S}} \times S$$



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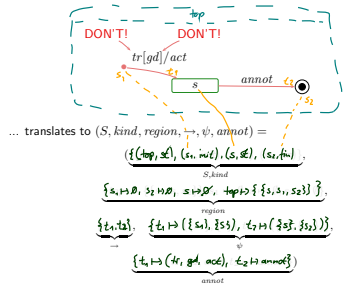
- Until now: (S, s₀, →), s₀ ∈ S, → ⊆ S × (δ ∪ {_}) × Expr_σ × Act_σ × S
 - From now on: (hierarchical) state machines (S, kind, region, →, ψ, annot)
- where (state machine)
- S ⊇ {top} is a finite set of states (as before)
 - kind : S → {st, init, fin, shst, dhst, fork, join, junc, choi, ent, exit, term} is a function which labels states with their kind (new)
 - region : S → 2^{2^S} is a function which characterises the regions of a state. (new)
 - is a set of transitions (new)
 - ψ : (→) → 2^S × 2^S is an incidence function, and (new)
 - annot : (→) → (δ ∪ {_}) × Expr_σ × Act_σ provides an annotation for each transition. (new)
- (s₀ is then redundant — replaced by proper state (!) of kind 'init'.)

From UML to Hierarchical State Machines: By Example

	example	∈ S	kind	region
simple state		s	st	∅
final state		f	fin	∅
composite state		s	st	{s _{1}, s₂, s₃}}
OR		s	st	{s _{1}, s₂, s₃}}
AND		s	st	{s _{1}, s₂, s₃, s₄, s₅}}
submachine state		s	st	∅
pseudo-state		q, p	init, final, n	∅

(s, kind(s)) for short

From UML to Hierarchical State Machines: By Example



Well-Formedness: Regions (follows from diagram)

Name	Def	∈ S	kind	region ⊆ 2 ^S , S _i ⊆ S	child _i ⊆ S
simple state		s	st	∅	∅
final state		s	fin	∅	∅
composite state		s	st	{S ₁ , ..., S _n }, n ≥ 1	S ₁ ∪ ... ∪ S _n
pseudo-state		s	init, ...	∅	∅
implicit top state		top	st	{S _i }	S _i

Def: child_i ⊆ S

child₁ = {s₁, s₂}

child₂ = {s₃, s₄}

child₃ = {s₁, s₂}

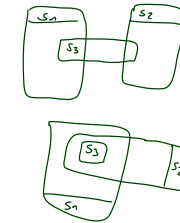
child₄ = {s₃, s₄}

Observations:

- Each state (except for top) lies in exactly one region.
- States s ∈ S with kind(s) = st may comprise regions.
 - No region: simple state.
 - One region: OR-state.
 - Two or more regions: AND-state.
- Final and pseudo states don't comprise regions.

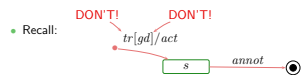
The region function induces a child function.

Each state (exc. top) lies in exactly one region, because we may not draw



Well-Formedness: Initial State (requirement on diagram)

- Each non-empty region has a reasonable initial state and at least one transition from there, i.e.
 - for each $s \in S$ with $region(s) = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$, $n \geq 1$, for each $1 \leq i \leq n$,
 - there exists exactly one initial pseudo-state (s_i^{init}) in S_i and at least one transition $t \in \rightarrow$ with s_i^{init} as source
 - and such transition's target s_j^{st} is in S_i , and (for simplicity!) $kind(s_j^{st}) = st$, and $annot(t) = (_ true, act)$.
- No ingoing transitions to initial states.
- No outgoing transitions from final states.



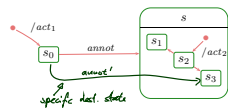
Plan

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- Initial pseudostate, final state.
- Composite states.
- Entry/do/exit actions, internal transitions.
- History and other pseudostates, the rest.

Initial Pseudostates and Final States

Initial Pseudostate



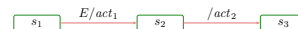
Principle:

- when entering a region **without** a specific destination state,
- then go to a state which is destination of an initiation transition,
- execute the action of the chosen initiation transitions **between** exit and entry actions.

Special case: the region of *top*.

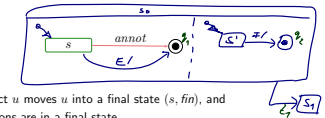
- If class C has a state-machine, then "create- C transformer" is the concatenation of
 - the transformer of the "constructor" of C (here not introduced explicitly) and
 - a transformer corresponding to (one) initiation transition of the top region.

Towards Final States: Completion of States



- Transitions without trigger can **conceptually** be viewed as being sensitive for the "completion event".
- Dispatching (here: E) can then **alternatively** be viewed as
 - fetch event (here: E) from the ether,
 - take an enabled transition (here: to s_2),
 - remove event from the ether,
 - after having finished entry and do action of current state (here: s_2) — the state is then called **completed** —,
 - raise a **completion event** — with strict priority over events from ether!
 - if there is a transition enabled which is sensitive for the completion event,
 - then take it (here: (s_2, s_3)),
 - otherwise become stable.

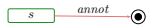
Final States



- If
 - a step of object u moves u into a final state (s, fin) , and
 - all sibling regions are in a final state,
 then (conceptually) a completion event for the current composite state s is raised.
- If there is a transition of a **parent state** (i.e., inverse of *child*) of s enabled which is sensitive for the completion event,
 - then take that transition,
 - otherwise kill u
 → adjust (2.) and (3.) in the semantics accordingly

Example:
 $o: s_1, s_2 \xrightarrow{E} s_1, s_2 \xrightarrow{\text{no enab}} s_3$
 Conceptual compl. event enables E

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 - then take that transition,
 - otherwise kill u \rightarrow adjust (2.) and (3.) in the semantics accordingly
- **One consequence:** u never survives reaching a state (s, fin) with $s \in \mathit{child}(\mathit{top})$.
- **Now:** in Core State Machines, there is no parent state.
- **Later:** in Hierarchical ones, there may be one.

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