

Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

Lecture 18: Inheritance I

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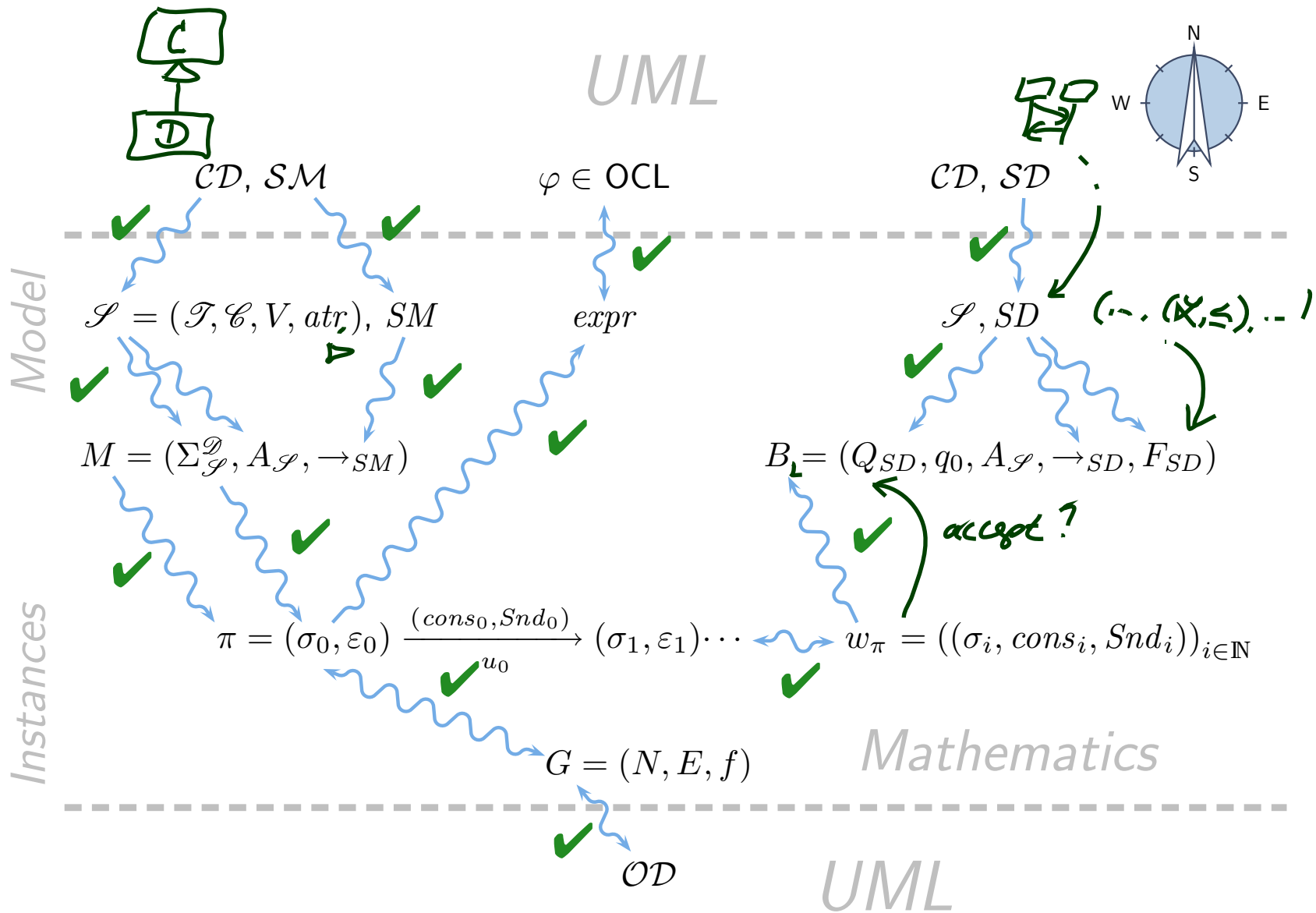
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- Live Sequence Charts Semantics

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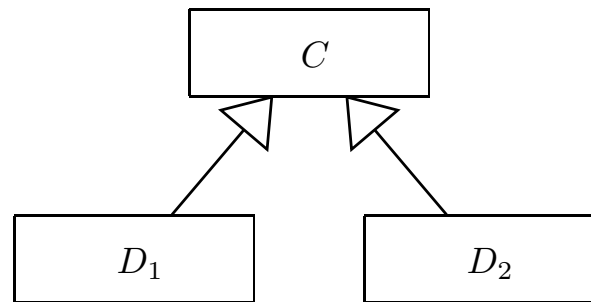
- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - What's the Liskov Substitution Principle?
 - What is late/early binding?
 - What is the subset, what the uplink semantics of inheritance?
 - What's the effect of inheritance on LSCs, State Machines, System States?
 - What's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

Course Map

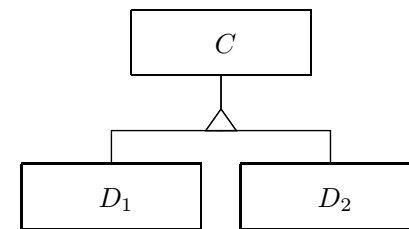
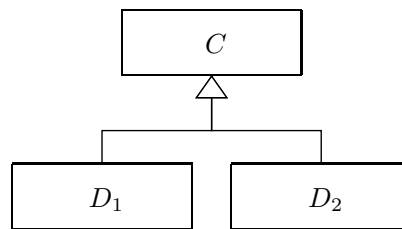
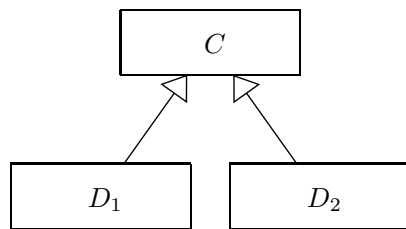


Inheritance: Syntax

Inheritance: Generalisation Relation



- Alternative renderings:



- Read:

- C generalises D_1 and D_2 ; C is a generalisation of D_1 and D_2 ,
- D_1 and D_2 specialise C ; D_1 is a (specialisation of) C ,
- D_1 is a C ; D_2 is a C .

NOT:

- Well-formedness rule: No cycles in the generalisation relation.

Abstract Syntax

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

Now (finally): extend to

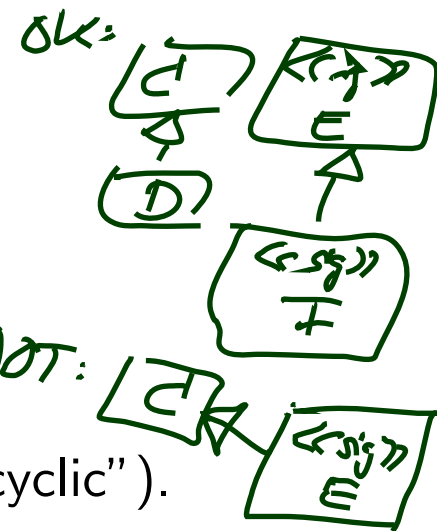
$$\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{C}, V, atr, \overset{\text{behav. feat.}}{F}, \overset{:\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}}{meth}, \triangleleft)$$

where F/mth are methods, analogously to attributes and

$$\triangleleft \subseteq (\mathcal{C}_1 \times \mathcal{C}_2) \cup (\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{C}_1) \times \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{C}_2))$$

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

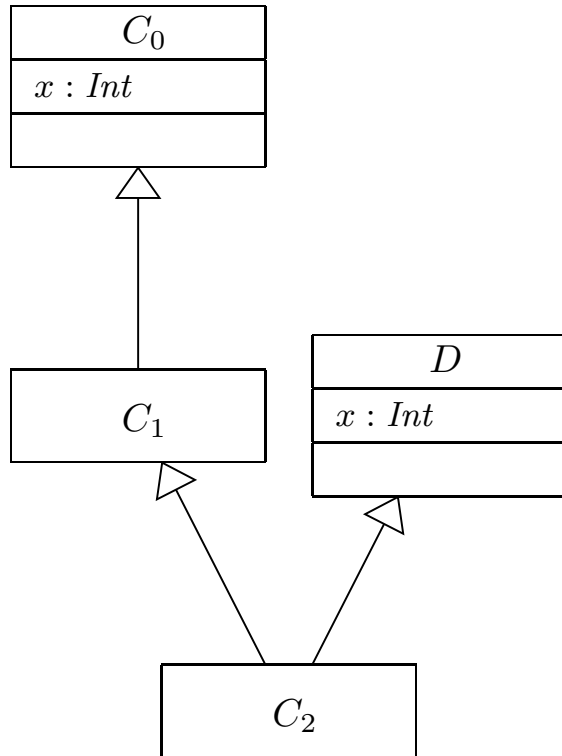
transitive closure



$C \triangleleft D$ 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 ,
- ...

Mapping Concrete to Abstract Syntax by Example



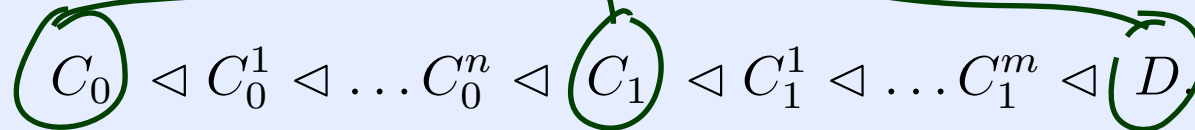
$\mathcal{F} = (\{ h \in \},$
 $\{ C_0, C_1, D, C_2 \}$
 $\{ C_0 :: x : Int,$
 $D :: x : Int \},$
 $\{ C_0 \mapsto \{ C_0 :: x \},$
 $D \mapsto \{ D :: x \}, C_1 \mapsto \emptyset,$
 $C_2 \mapsto \emptyset \},$
 $\{ C_0 \triangleleft C_1, C_1 \triangleleft C_2, D \triangleleft C_2 \}$

NOT: $astr(C_2) = \{ C_0 :: x, D :: x \}$

Note: we can have **multiple inheritance**.

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



We use ' \trianglelefteq ' 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.

We still want to accept “context C inv : $v < 0$ ”, which v is meant? Later!

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