

# **Institutions:** **an abstract framework for foundations of software specification and logic**

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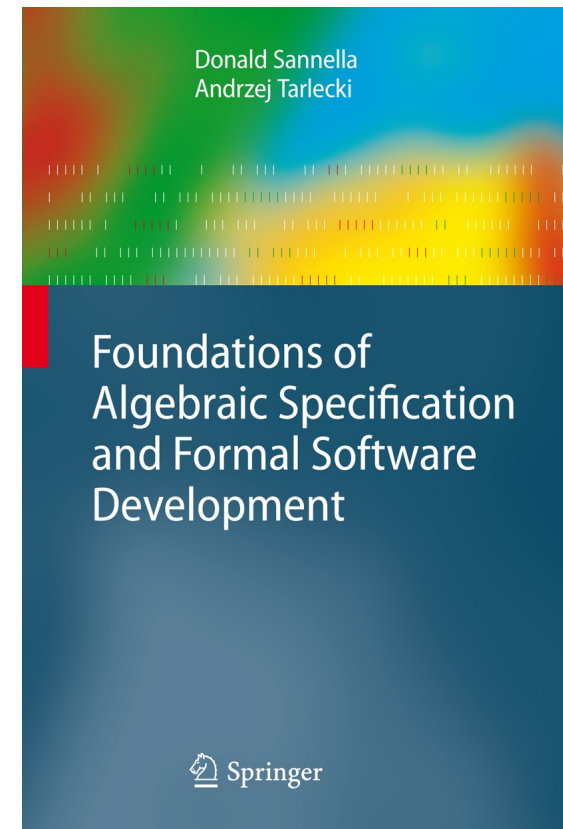
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# **Institutions:** **theoretical foundations to frame practical issues**

## **Foundations of Software Specification and Development**



# Ultimate goal

*A formal basis*  
for *systematic development*  
of *correct software systems*  
from *requirements specifications*  
by *verified refinement steps*.

## Formal basis:

- Mathematical structures to model software systems
- Logical systems to capture their properties
- Formal semantics to assign meanings to syntax
- Proofs to facilitate certainty and understanding

so that we can sleep at night

## Software models

*Programs should be:*

- *clear; efficient; robust; reliable; user friendly; well documented; ...*
- *but first of all, **CORRECT***
- *don't forget though: also, executable...*

First approximation:

*Software system (module, program, database, ...):*

*modelled as an algebra*

*= sets of data values with operations on them*

- **Disregarding:** code (and efficiency, robustness, reliability, ...)
- **Focusing on:** semantics (and input/output behaviour)

## Correctness

*Software correctness* makes sense only  
w.r.t. a precise *specification* of the requirements.

*Specification: defines which software systems are acceptable*  
*= description of a set (class) of algebras*

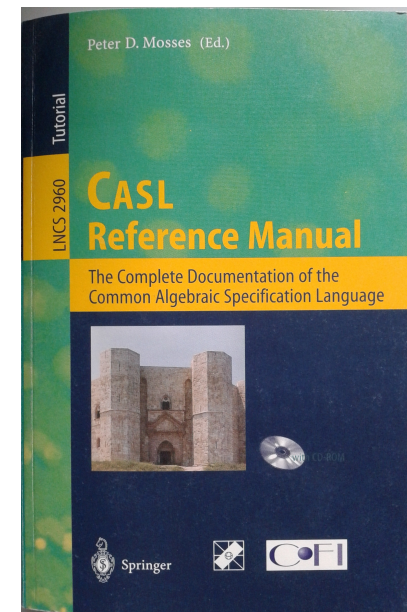
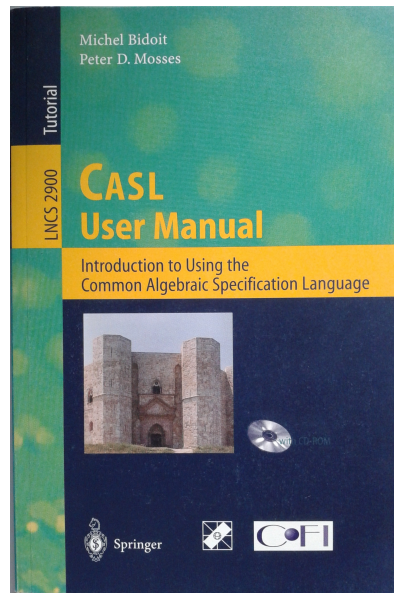
- **Mainly:** listing PROPERTIES that an acceptable system must satisfy
  - often: equational, first-order, etc, properties that characterise the results of the operations of the system
- Separates WHAT system should do from HOW it works

## Rough analogy

module interface	$\rightsquigarrow$	signature
module	$\rightsquigarrow$	algebra
module specification	$\rightsquigarrow$	class of algebras

## CASL

# Common Algebraic Specification Language



## Generality and abstraction

There are many choices:

- **Software systems:** Non-termination allowed? Exceptions? Non-determinism? Higher-order functions? Concurrency? etc.
- **Specifications:** Logical language to capture basic required properties? Equational? First-order? Higher-order? Temporal formulae? LTL, CTL, CTL\*?
- **Proofs:** Logical calculi for building proofs (of properties, of refinement steps, etc.)

*Most of the theory is independent of most of these choices!*

We try to make this explicit:

rely only on basic common features

## Crash course I

# Universal algebra



## Trivial data type

Its *signature*  $\Sigma$  (syntax):

**sorts**  $Int, Bool$ ;  
**opns**  $0, 1 : Int$ ;  
 $plus, times, minus : Int \times Int \rightarrow Int$ ;  
 $false, true : Bool$ ;  
 $lteq : Int \times Int \rightarrow Bool$ ;  
 $not : Bool \rightarrow Bool$ ;  
 $and : Bool \times Bool \rightarrow Bool$ ;

and  $\Sigma$ -*algebra*  $A$  (semantics):

**carriers**  $A_{Int} = \mathbf{Int}, A_{Bool} = \mathbf{Bool}$   
**operations**  $0_A = 0, 1_A = 1$   
 $plus_A(n, m) = n + m, times_A(n, m) = n * m$   
 $minus_A(n, m) = n - m$   
 $false_A = \mathbf{ff}, true_A = \mathbf{tt}$   
 $lteq_A(n, m) = \mathbf{tt} \text{ if } n \leq m \text{ else } \mathbf{ff}$   
 $not_A(b) = \mathbf{tt} \text{ if } b = \mathbf{ff} \text{ else } \mathbf{ff}$   
 $and_A(b, b') = \mathbf{tt} \text{ if } b = b' = \mathbf{tt} \text{ else } \mathbf{ff}$

# Signatures & algebras

- *Algebraic signature:*

$$\Sigma = (S, \Omega)$$

- *sort names:*  $S$
- *operation names, classified by their argument and result sorts:*

$$\Omega = \langle \Omega_{w,s} \rangle_{w \in S^*, s \in S}$$

- *$\Sigma$ -algebra:*

$$A = (|A|, \langle f_A \rangle_{f \in \Omega})$$

- *carrier sets:*  $|A| = \langle |A|_s \rangle_{s \in S}$
- *operations:*  $f_A: |A|_{s_1} \times \dots \times |A|_{s_n} \rightarrow |A|_s$ , for  $f \in \Omega_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$
- $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  stands for  $s_1, \dots, s_n, s \in S$  and  $f \in \Omega_{s_1 \dots s_n, s}$

Fix a signature  $\Sigma = (S, \Omega)$  for a while.

## Few further notions

- the class of all  $\Sigma$ -algebras:  $\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$
- *subalgebra*  $A_{sub} \subseteq A$ : given by subset  $|A_{sub}| \subseteq |A|$  closed under the operations
- *homomorphism*  $h: A \rightarrow B$ : map  $h: |A| \rightarrow |B|$  that preserves the operations
- *isomorphism*  $i: A \rightarrow B$ : bijective homomorphism
- *congruence*  $\equiv$  on  $A$ : equivalence  $\equiv \subseteq |A| \times |A|$  closed under the operations
- *quotient algebra*  $A/\equiv$ : built in the natural way on the equivalence classes of  $\equiv$
- *product algebra*  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i$ : built on the Cartesian product of algebra carriers, with operations defined componentwise

## Subalgebras

- for  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ , a  $\Sigma$ -*subalgebra*  $A_{sub} \subseteq A$  is given by subset  $|A_{sub}| \subseteq |A|$  closed under the operations:
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $a_1 \in |A_{sub}|_{s_1}, \dots, a_n \in |A_{sub}|_{s_n}$ ,
$$f_{A_{sub}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f_A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$
- for  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$  and  $X \subseteq |A|$ , the *subalgebra of  $A$  generated by  $X$* ,  $\langle A \rangle_X$ , is the least subalgebra of  $A$  that contains  $X$ .
- $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$  is *reachable* if  $\langle A \rangle_\emptyset$  coincides with  $A$ .

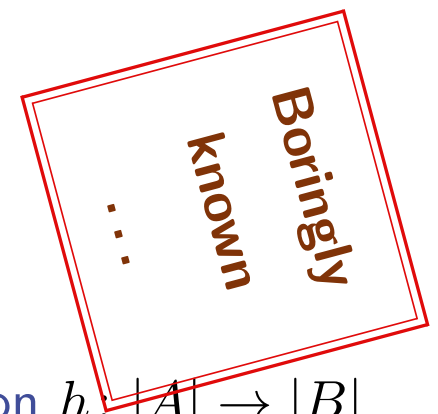
**Fact:** For any  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$  and  $X \subseteq |A|$ ,  $\langle A \rangle_X$  exists.

Proof (idea):

- generate the generated subalgebra from  $X$  by closing it under operations in  $A$ ; or
- the intersection of any family of subalgebras of  $A$  is a subalgebra of  $A$ .



# Homomorphisms



- for  $A, B \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ , a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow B$  is a function  $h: |A| \rightarrow |B|$  that preserves the operations:
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $a_1 \in |A|_{s_1}, \dots, a_n \in |A|_{s_n}$ ,
$$h_s(f_A(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = f_B(h_{s_1}(a_1), \dots, h_{s_n}(a_n))$$

**Fact:** Given a homomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow B$  and subalgebras  $A_{sub}$  of  $A$  and  $B_{sub}$  of  $B$ , the image of  $A_{sub}$  under  $h$ ,  $h(A_{sub})$ , is a subalgebra of  $B$ , and the coimage of  $B_{sub}$  under  $h$ ,  $h^{-1}(B_{sub})$ , is a subalgebra of  $A$ .

**Fact:** Given a homomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow B$  and  $X \subseteq |A|$ ,  $h(\langle A \rangle_X) = \langle B \rangle_{h(X)}$ .

**Fact:** Identity function on the carrier of  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$  is a homomorphism  $id_A: A \rightarrow A$ . Composition of homomorphisms  $h: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  is a homomorphism  $h;g: A \rightarrow C$ .

## Isomorphisms



- for  $A, B \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ , a  $\Sigma$ -*isomorphism* is any  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $i: A \rightarrow B$  that has an *inverse*, i.e., a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $i^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $i; i^{-1} = id_A$  and  $i^{-1}; i = id_B$ .
- $\Sigma$ -algebras are *isomorphic* if there exists an isomorphism between them.

**Fact:** A  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism is a  $\Sigma$ -isomorphism iff it is bijective (“1-1” and “onto”).

**Fact:** Identities are isomorphisms, and any composition of isomorphisms is an isomorphism.



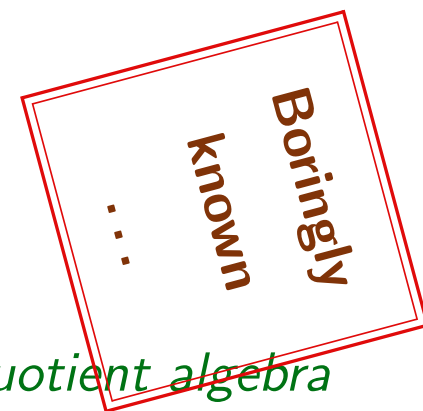
## Congruences

- for  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ , a  $\Sigma$ -congruence on  $A$  is an equivalence  $\equiv \subseteq |A| \times |A|$  that is closed under the operations:
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $a_1, a'_1 \in |A|_{s_1}, \dots, a_n, a'_n \in |A|_{s_n}$ ,  
if  $a_1 \equiv_{s_1} a'_1, \dots, a_n \equiv_{s_n} a'_n$  then  $f_A(a_1, \dots, a_n) \equiv_s f_A(a'_1, \dots, a'_n)$ .

**Fact:** For any relation  $R \subseteq |A| \times |A|$  on the carrier of a  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$ , there exists the least congruence on  $A$  that contains  $R$ .

**Fact:** For any  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow B$ , the kernel of  $h$ ,  $K(h) \subseteq |A| \times |A|$ , where  $a K(h) a'$  iff  $h(a) = h(a')$ , is a  $\Sigma$ -congruence on  $A$ .

## Quotients



- for  $A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$  and  $\Sigma$ -congruence  $\equiv \subseteq |A| \times |A|$  on  $A$ , the *quotient algebra*  $A/\equiv$  is built in the natural way on the equivalence classes of  $\equiv$ :
  - for  $s \in S$ ,  $|A/\equiv|_s = \{[a]_{\equiv} \mid a \in |A|_s\}$ , with  $[a]_{\equiv} = \{a' \in |A|_s \mid a \equiv a'\}$
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $a_1 \in |A|_{s_1}, \dots, a_n \in |A|_{s_n}$ ,
$$f_{A/\equiv}([a_1]_{\equiv}, \dots, [a_n]_{\equiv}) = [f_A(a_1, \dots, a_n)]_{\equiv}$$

**Fact:** The above is well-defined; moreover, the natural map that assigns to every element its equivalence class is a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $[-]_{\equiv} : A \rightarrow A/\equiv$ .

**Fact:** Given two  $\Sigma$ -congruences  $\equiv$  and  $\equiv'$  on  $A$ ,  $\equiv \subseteq \equiv'$  iff there exists a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $h : A/\equiv \rightarrow A/\equiv'$  such that  $[-]_{\equiv}; h = [-]_{\equiv'}$ .

**Fact:** For any  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $h : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A/K(h)$  is isomorphic with  $h(A)$ .



## Products

...  
Boringly  
known

- for  $A_i \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , the *product of*  $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ ,  $\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i$  is built in the natural way on the Cartesian product of the carriers of  $A_i$ ,  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ :
  - for  $s \in S$ ,  $|\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i|_s = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} |A_i|_s$
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $a_1 \in |\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i|_{s_1}, \dots, a_n \in |\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i|_{s_n}$ , for  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $f_{\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i}(a_1, \dots, a_n)(i) = f_{A_i}(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))$

**Fact:** For any family  $\langle A_i \rangle_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$  of  $\Sigma$ -algebras, projections  $\pi_i(a) = a(i)$ , where  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $a \in \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} |A_i|$ , are  $\Sigma$ -homomorphisms  $\pi_i: \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \rightarrow A_i$ .

Define the product of the empty family of  $\Sigma$ -algebras.  
When the projection  $\pi_i$  is an isomorphism?

## Terms

Consider an  $\mathcal{S}$ -sorted set  $X$  of variables,  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$  and valuation  $v: X \rightarrow |A|$ .

- *term*  $t \in |T_\Sigma(X)|$ : built using variables  $X$ , constants and operations from  $\Omega$  in the usual way
- *term algebra*  $T_\Sigma(X)$ : with the set of terms as the carrier, and operations defined “syntactically”
- *term evaluation*  $v^\# : T_\Sigma(X) \rightarrow A$ : the unique homomorphism from  $T_\Sigma(X)$  to  $A$  that extends  $v$
- *term value*  $t_A[v] = v^\#(t)$ : may also be determined inductively

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  - $X \subseteq |T_\Sigma(X)|$
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $t_1 \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_1}, \dots, t_n \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_n}$ ,  
 $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_s$
- for any  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$  and valuation  $v: X \rightarrow |A|$ , *the value*  $t_A[v]$  *of a term*  $t \in |T_\Sigma(X)|$  *in*  $A$  *under*  $v$  is determined inductively:
  - $x_A[v] = v_s(x)$ , for  $x \in X_s$ ,  $s \in S$
  - $(f(t_1, \dots, t_n))_A[v] = f_A((t_1)_A[v], \dots, (t_n)_A[v])$ , for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $t_1 \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_1}, \dots, t_n \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_n}$

*Above and in the following: assuming unambiguous “parsing” of terms!*

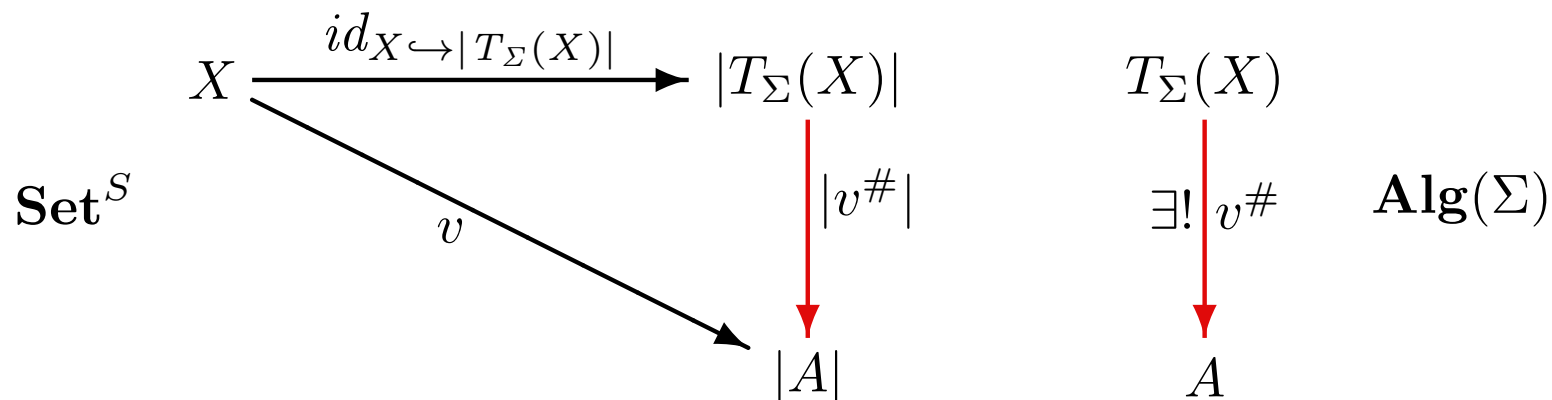
## Term algebras

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Consider an  $S$ -sorted set  $X$  of variables.

- The *term algebra*  $T_\Sigma(X)$  has the set of terms as the carrier and operations defined “syntactically”:
  - for  $f: s_1 \times \dots \times s_n \rightarrow s$  and  $t_1 \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_1}, \dots, t_n \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_{s_n}$ ,  
 $f_{T_\Sigma(X)}(t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .

**Fact:** For any  $S$ -sorted set  $X$  of variables,  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$  and valuation  $v: X \rightarrow |A|$ , there is a unique  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $v^\# : T_\Sigma(X) \rightarrow A$  that extends  $v$ . Moreover, for  $t \in |T_\Sigma(X)|$ ,  $v^\#(t) = t_A[v]$ .



## Equations

- *Equation:*

$$\forall X.t = t'$$

where:

- $X$  is a set of variables, and
- $t, t' \in |T_\Sigma(X)|_s$  are terms of a common sort.

- *Satisfaction relation:*  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $A$  *satisfies*  $\forall X.t = t'$

$$A \models \forall X.t = t'$$

when for all  $v: X \rightarrow |A|$ ,  $t_A[v] = t'_A[v]$ .

## Semantic entailment

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

$\Sigma$ -equation  $\varphi$  is a *semantic consequence* of a set of  $\Sigma$ -equations  $\Phi$   
if  $\varphi$  holds in every  $\Sigma$ -algebra that satisfies  $\Phi$ .

BTW:

- *Models* of a set of equations:  $Mod[\Phi] = \{A \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma) \mid A \models \Phi\}$
- *Theory* of a class of algebras:  $Th[\mathcal{C}] = \{\varphi \mid \mathcal{C} \models \varphi\}$
- $\Phi \models \varphi \iff \varphi \in Th[Mod[\Phi]]$
- $Mod$  and  $Th$  form a *Galois connection*

## Equational calculus

$$\frac{}{\forall X.t = t} \quad \frac{\forall X.t = t'}{\forall X.t' = t} \quad \frac{\forall X.t = t' \quad \forall X.t' = t''}{\forall X.t = t''}$$

$$\frac{\forall X.t_1 = t'_1 \quad \dots \quad \forall X.t_n = t'_n}{\forall X.f(t_1 \dots t_n) = f(t'_1 \dots t'_n)} \quad \frac{\forall X.t = t'}{\forall Y.t[\theta] = t'[\theta]} \text{ for } \theta: X \rightarrow |T_\Sigma(Y)|$$

Mind the variables!

$a = b$  does *not* follow from  $a = f(x)$  and  $f(x) = b$ , unless...

## Proof-theoretic entailment

$$\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

$\Sigma$ -equation  $\varphi$  is a *proof-theoretic consequence* of a set of  $\Sigma$ -equations  $\Phi$  if  $\varphi$  can be derived from  $\Phi$  by the rules.

How to justify this?

Semantics!



## Soundness & completeness

**Fact:** *The equational calculus is sound and complete:*

$$\Phi \models \varphi \iff \Phi \vdash \varphi$$

- **soundness:** “all that can be proved, is true” ( $\Phi \vdash \varphi \implies \Phi \models \varphi$ )
- **completeness:** “all that is true, can be proved” ( $\Phi \models \varphi \implies \Phi \vdash \varphi$ )

**Proof (idea):**

- **soundness:** easy!

Just check for each rule that if premises hold in an algebra then so does the conclusion.

- **completeness:** not so easy!

But not too difficult either.

## Proving completeness

$$\Phi \models \varphi \implies \Phi \vdash \varphi$$

Proof (idea):

- Suppose  $\Phi \models \forall Y.t_1 = t_2$
- Consider the term algebra  $T_\Sigma(Y)$
- Define  $\approx \subseteq |T_\Sigma(Y)| \times |T_\Sigma(Y)|$  by  $t \approx t' \iff \Phi \vdash \forall Y.t = t'$
- Check that  $\approx$  is a congruence on  $T_\Sigma(Y)$ ; consider the quotient  $T_\Sigma(Y)/\approx$
- For any  $\theta : X \rightarrow |T_\Sigma(Y)|$ , define  $[\theta]_\approx : X \rightarrow |T_\Sigma(Y)/\approx|$  by  $[\theta]_\approx(x) = [\theta(x)]_\approx$
- Check that for any  $t \in |T_\Sigma(X)|$  and  $\theta : X \rightarrow |T_\Sigma(Y)|$ ,  $t_{T_\Sigma(Y)/\approx}[[\theta]_\approx] = [t[\theta]]_\approx$
- It follows that  $T_\Sigma(Y)/\approx \models \Phi$ , and so also  $T_\Sigma(Y)/\approx \models \forall Y.t_1 = t_2$
- Conclude from this that  $t_1 \approx t_2$  i.e.  $\Phi \vdash \forall Y.t_1 = t_2$

## Equational specifications

$$\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$$

- signature  $\Sigma$ , to determine the static module interface
- axioms ( $\Sigma$ -equations), to determine required module properties

BUT:

**Fact:** *A class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras is equationally definable iff it is closed under subalgebras, products and homomorphic images.*

*Equational specifications typically admit a lot of undesirable “modules”*

## Example

**spec** NAIVENAT = **sort** *Nat*

**ops**  $0 : \textit{Nat}$ ;

$\textit{succ} : \textit{Nat} \rightarrow \textit{Nat}$ ;

$_ + _ : \textit{Nat} \times \textit{Nat} \rightarrow \textit{Nat}$

**axioms**  $\forall n:\textit{Nat} \bullet n + 0 = n$ ;

$\forall n, m:\textit{Nat} \bullet n + \textit{succ}(m) = \textit{succ}(n + m)$

Now:

$\text{NAIVENAT} \not\models \forall n, m:\textit{Nat} \bullet n + m = m + n$

(Nor:  $\text{NAIVENAT} \not\models \forall n, m:\textit{Nat} \bullet n + m = m + n$ )

## How to fix this

- Other (stronger) *logical systems*: conditional equations, first-order logic, higher-order logics, other bells-and-whistles

- more about this soon...

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- *Constraints*:
  - *reachability* (and generation): “no junk”
  - *initiality* (and freeness): “no junk” & “no confusion”

Constraints can be thought of as special (higher-order) formulae.

*There has been a population explosion among logical systems...*

## Initial models

**Fact:** Every equational specification  $\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$  has an *initial model*: there exists a  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $I \in \text{Mod}[\Phi]$  such that for every  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $M \in \text{Mod}[\Phi]$  there exists a unique  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism from  $I$  to  $M$ .

**Proof (idea):**  $I$  is the quotient of the algebra of ground  $\Sigma$ -terms by the congruence that glues together all ground terms  $t, t'$  such that  $\Phi \models \forall \emptyset. t = t'$ .

**BTW:** This can be generalised to the existence of a free model of  $\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$  over any (many-sorted) set of data.

**BTW:** One proof of completeness of equational logic uses the same construction.

## Example

```
spec NAT = free { sort Nat  
  ops 0 : Nat;  
      succ : Nat → Nat;  
      _ + _ : Nat × Nat → Nat  
  axioms  $\forall n:Nat \bullet n + 0 = n$ ;  
          $\forall n, m:Nat \bullet n + succ(m) = succ(n + m)$   
}
```

Now:

$$\text{NAT} \models \forall n, m:Nat \bullet n + m = m + n$$

## Example'

**spec**  $\text{NAT}' = \text{free type } \text{Nat} ::= 0 \mid \text{succ}(\text{Nat})$

**op**  $\_ + \_ : \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

**axioms**  $\forall n:\text{Nat} \bullet n + 0 = n;$

$\forall n, m:\text{Nat} \bullet n + \text{succ}(m) = \text{succ}(n + m)$

$\text{NAT} \equiv \text{NAT}'$



## Another example

```
spec STRING =  
  generated { sort String  
    ops nil : String;  
         $a, \dots, z : String$ ;  
         $\_ \wedge \_ : String \times String \rightarrow String$  }  
  axioms  $\forall s:String \bullet s \wedge nil = s$ ;  
         $\forall s:String \bullet nil \wedge s = s$ ;  
         $\forall s, t, v:String \bullet s \wedge (t \wedge v) = (s \wedge t) \wedge v$   
}
```

## Moving between signatures

Let  $\Sigma = (S, \Omega)$  and  $\Sigma' = (S', \Omega')$

$$\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$$

- *Signature morphism* maps:
  - sorts to sorts:  $\sigma: S \rightarrow S'$
  - operation names to operation names, preserving their profiles:  
 $\sigma: \Omega_{w,s} \rightarrow \Omega'_{\sigma(w),\sigma(s)}$ , for  $w \in S^*$ ,  $s \in S$

Let  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$

## Translating syntax

- *translation of variables*:  $X \mapsto X'$ , where  $X'_{s'} = \bigsqcup_{\sigma(s)=s'} X_s$
- *translation of terms*:  $\sigma: |T_\Sigma(X)|_s \rightarrow |T_{\Sigma'}(X')|_{\sigma(s)}$ , for  $s \in S$
- *translation of equations*:  $\sigma(\forall X. t_1 = t_2)$  yields  $\forall X'. \sigma(t_1) = \sigma(t_2)$

## ... and semantics

- *$\sigma$ -reduct*:  $-|_\sigma: \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma') \rightarrow \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$ , where for  $A' \in \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma')$ 
  - $|A'|_\sigma|_s = |A'|_{\sigma(s)}$ , for  $s \in S$
  - $f_{A'}|_\sigma = \sigma(f)_{A'}$  for  $f \in \Omega$

*Note the contravariancy!*

## Satisfaction condition

**Fact:** For all signature morphisms  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$ ,  $\Sigma'$ -algebras  $A'$  and  $\Sigma$ -equations  $\varphi$ :

$$A'|_{\sigma} \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \iff A' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

**Proof (idea):** for  $t \in |T_{\Sigma}(X)|$  and  $v: X \rightarrow |A'|_{\sigma}|$ ,  $t_{A'|_{\sigma}}[v] = \sigma(t)_{A'}[v']$ , where  $v': X' \rightarrow |A'|$  is given by  $v'_{\sigma(s)}(x) = v_s(x)$  for  $s \in S$ ,  $x \in X_s$ .

*TRUTH is preserved (at least) under:*

- *change of notation*
- *restriction/extension of irrelevant context*

## Crash course II

# Category theory

## Categories and functors

- A *category*  $\mathbf{K}$  consists of:
  - a “set” of *objects*:  $|\mathbf{K}|$
  - sets of *morphisms*:  $\mathbf{K}(A, B)$ , for all  $A, B \in |\mathbf{K}|$ ;  $m: A \rightarrow B$  stands for  $m \in \mathbf{K}(A, B)$
  - morphism *composition*: for  $m: A \rightarrow B$  and  $m': B \rightarrow C$ , we have  $m; m': A \rightarrow C$ ;  
the composition is associative and has identities.
- A *functor*  $\mathbf{F}: \mathbf{K} \rightarrow \mathbf{K}'$  between two categories maps:
  - $\mathbf{K}$ -objects to  $\mathbf{K}'$ -objects
  - $\mathbf{K}$ -morphisms to  $\mathbf{K}'$ -morphisms, preserving their source and target, composition and identities

## Sample categories and functors around

- sets and functions between them form the category **Set**
- (sm)all categories and functors between them form the category **Cat**
- $\Sigma$ -algebras and their homomorphisms form the category **Alg**( $\Sigma$ )
- algebraic signatures and their morphisms form the category **AlgSig**
- $\sigma$ -reduct extends to the functor  $-|_{\sigma} : \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma') \rightarrow \mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)$
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## Diagrams, limits, colimits

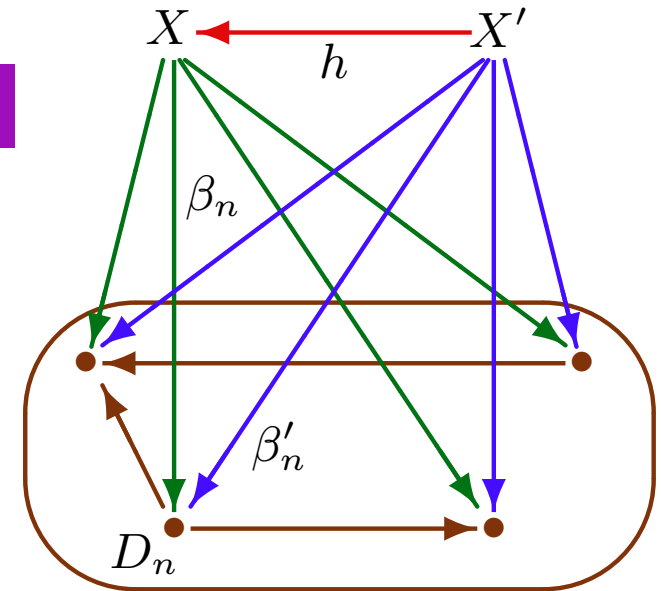
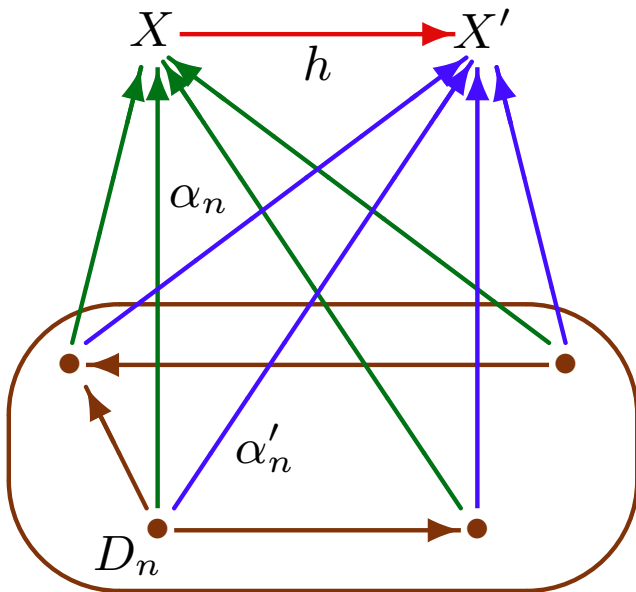
- *Diagram* in  $\mathbf{K}$  is a functor  $D: J \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  from (small) *shape* category  $J$
- *Cocone*  $\alpha: D \rightarrow X$  on diagram  $D$  with *vertex*  $X \in |\mathbf{K}|$ : consists of a family of morphisms  $\alpha_n: D(n) \rightarrow X$ , one for each *node*  $n \in |J|$ , such that  $\alpha_n = D(e); \alpha_m$  for each *edge*  $e: n \rightarrow m$  in  $J$
- *Cone*  $\beta: X \rightarrow D$ : ... a family of morphisms  $\beta_n: X \rightarrow D(n)$  ... *dually*
- *Colimit* of  $D$  is a cocone  $\text{colim} D: D \rightarrow |\text{colim} D|$  such that for every cocone  $\alpha: D \rightarrow X$  there exists a *unique*  $h: |\text{colim} D| \rightarrow X$  such that  $(\text{colim} D)_n; h = \alpha_n$  for  $n \in |J|$
- *Limit* of  $D$  is a cone  $\text{lim} D: |\text{lim} D| \rightarrow D$  ... *dually*

*Limits and colimits (when they exist) are defined  
up to isomorphism*



## Limits and colimits

A *limit* of  $D$  (in  $\mathbf{K}$ ) is a cone  $\langle \beta_n : X \rightarrow D_n \rangle_{n \in N}$  on  $D$  such that for all cones  $\langle \beta'_n : X' \rightarrow D_n \rangle_{n \in N}$  on  $D$ , for a unique morphism  $h : X' \rightarrow X$ ,  $h; \beta_n = \beta'_n$  for all  $n \in N$ .



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## Some limits

diagram	limit	in <b>Set</b>
(empty)	<i>terminal object</i>	$\{*\}$
$A \quad B$	<i>product</i>	$A \times B$
$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} B$	<i>equalizer</i>	$\{a \in A \mid f(a) = g(a)\} \hookrightarrow A$
$A \xrightarrow{f} C \xleftarrow{g} B$	<i>pullback</i>	$\{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid f(a) = g(b)\}$

**Fact:** All finite limits may be built using terminal object and pullbacks; pullbacks may be built using products and equalizers.

Give constructions of such limits in **Cat**  
**Hint:** This is easy!

## Some colimits

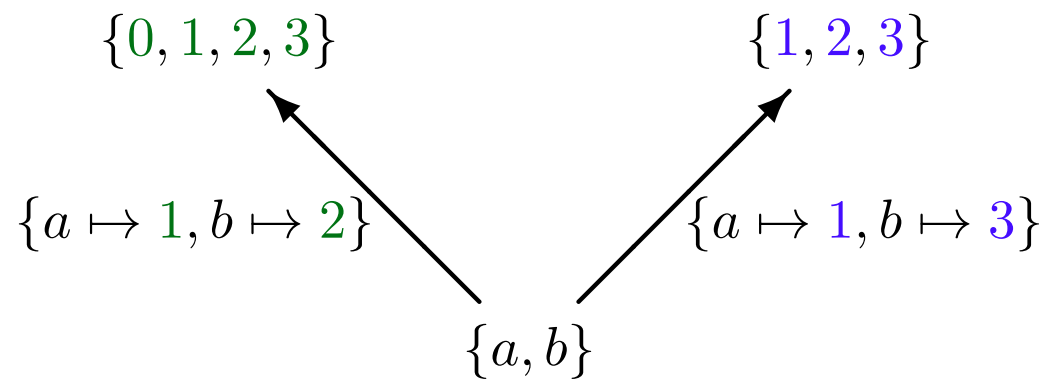
diagram	colimit	in <b>Set</b>
(empty)	<i>initial object</i>	$\emptyset$
$A \quad B$	<i>coproduct</i>	$A \uplus B$
$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} B$	<i>coequalizer</i>	$B \longrightarrow B/\equiv$ where $f(a) \equiv g(a)$ for all $a \in A$
$A \xleftarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{g} B$	<i>pushout</i>	$(A \uplus B)/\equiv$ where $f(c) \equiv g(c)$ for all $c \in C$

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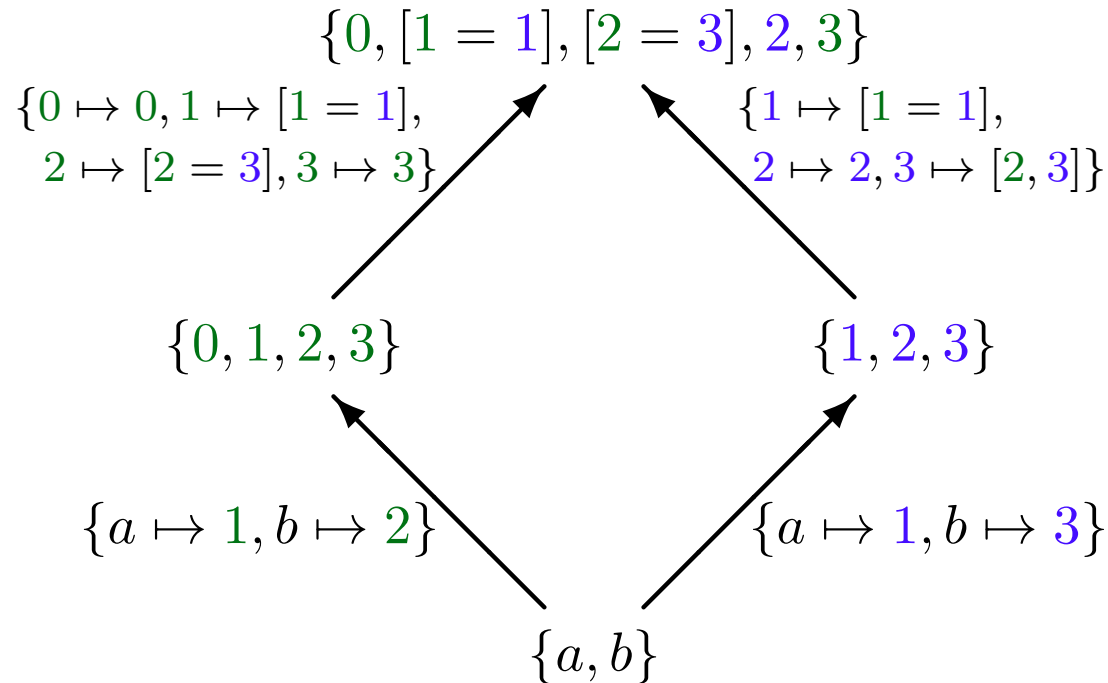
**Hint:** This is not entirely easy!

## Example of a pushout



*Diagrams list objects indicating how they share components*

## Example of a pushout



*Diagrams list objects indicating how they share components*

*Colimits combine objects taking account of the indicated sharing*

## A sample pushout in AlgSig

```
sort String  
ops a, ..., z : String;  
  ^  
_ ^ _ : String × String  
      → String
```

```
sort Elem
```

```
sorts Elem, Nat, Array[Elem]  
ops empty : Array[Elem];  
    put : Nat × Elem × Array[Elem]  
          → Array[Elem];  
    get : Nat × Array[Elem] → Elem
```

## A sample pushout in AlgSig

```

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```

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      $\_ \wedge \_ : \textit{String} \times \textit{String} \rightarrow \textit{String}$ ;
     empty : Array[String];
     put : Nat \times String \times Array[String]
          $\rightarrow \textit{Array[String]}$ ;
     get : Nat \times Array[String] \rightarrow \textit{String}

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At last...

Institutions



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## Generality and abstraction

There are many choices:

- **Software systems:** Non-termination allowed? Exceptions? Non-determinism? Higher-order functions? Concurrency? etc.
- **Specifications:** Logical language to capture basic required properties? Equational? First-order? Higher-order? Temporal formulae? LTL, CTL, CTL\*?
- **Proofs:** Logical calculi for building proofs (of properties, of refinement steps, etc.)

*Most of the theory is independent of most of these choices!*

We try to make this explicit:

rely only on basic common features

## Tuning up the logical system

- various sets of formulae (equations, Horn-clauses, first-order, higher-order, modal formulae, ...)
- various notions of algebra (partial algebras, relational structures, error algebras, Kripke structures, ...)
- various notions of signature (order-sorted, error, higher-order signatures, sets of propositional variables, ...)
- (various notions of signature morphisms)

*No best logic for everything*

Solution:

*Work with an arbitrary logical system*

Main tool

Goguen & Burstall: 1980 → 1992

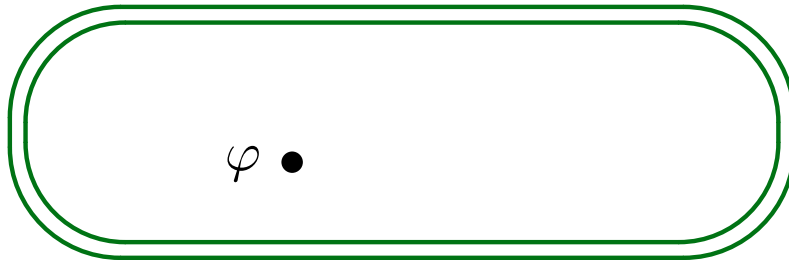
## Institutions

- a standard formalization of the concept of the underlying logical system for specification formalisms and most work on foundations of software specification and development from algebraic perspective;
- a formalization of the concept of a logical system for foundational studies:
  - truly abstract model theory
  - proof-theoretic considerations
  - heterogeneous logical environments

Abstract model theory  
for specification and programming  
(using the basics of category theory)

## Institution: abstraction

Sen

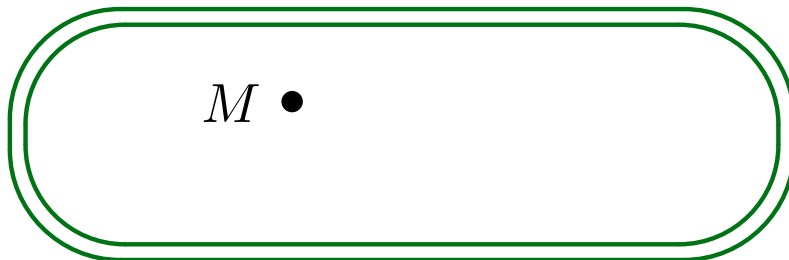


plus *satisfaction relation*:

$$M \models \varphi$$

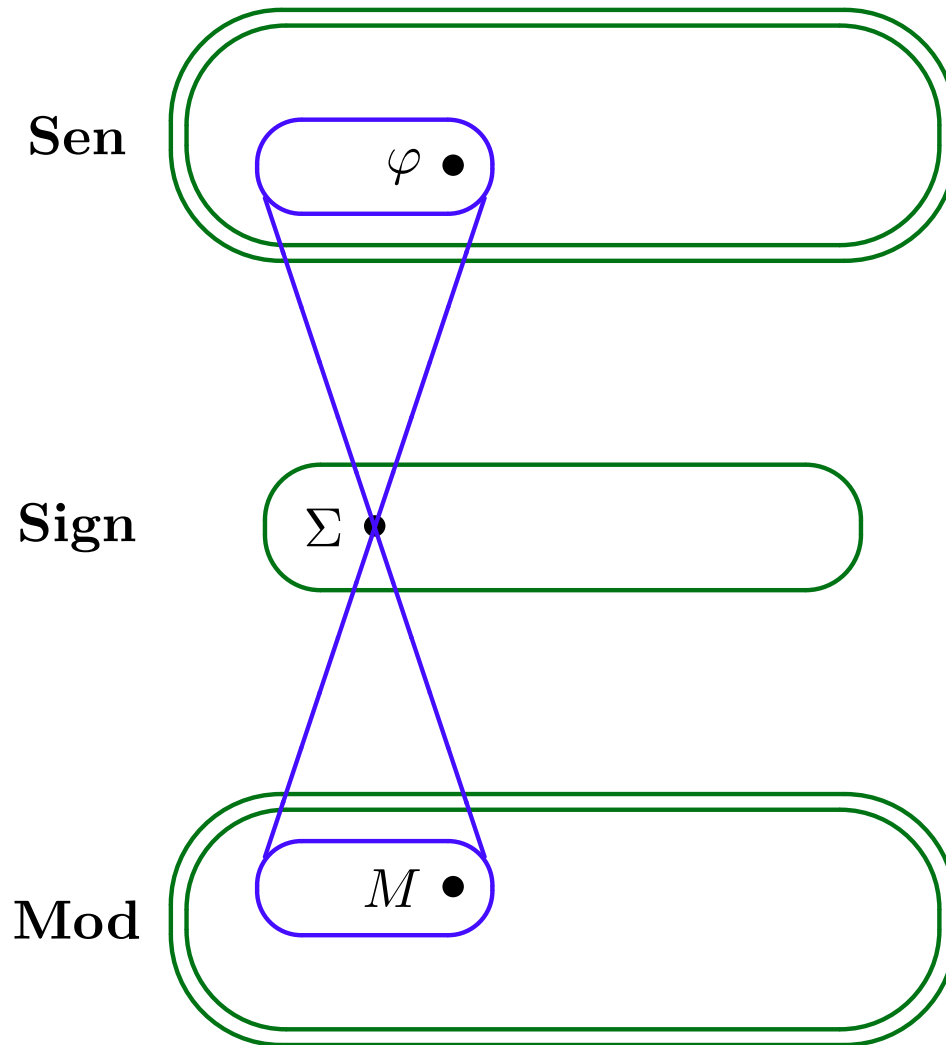
and so the usual Galois connection between classes of models and sets of sentences, with the standard notions induced ( $Mod[\Phi]$ ,  $Th[\mathcal{M}]$ ,  $Th[\Phi]$ ,  $\Phi \models \varphi$ , etc).

Mod



- Also, possibly adding (sound) consequence:  $\Phi \vdash \varphi$  (implying  $\Phi \models \varphi$ ) to deal with proof-theoretic aspects.

## Institution: first insight



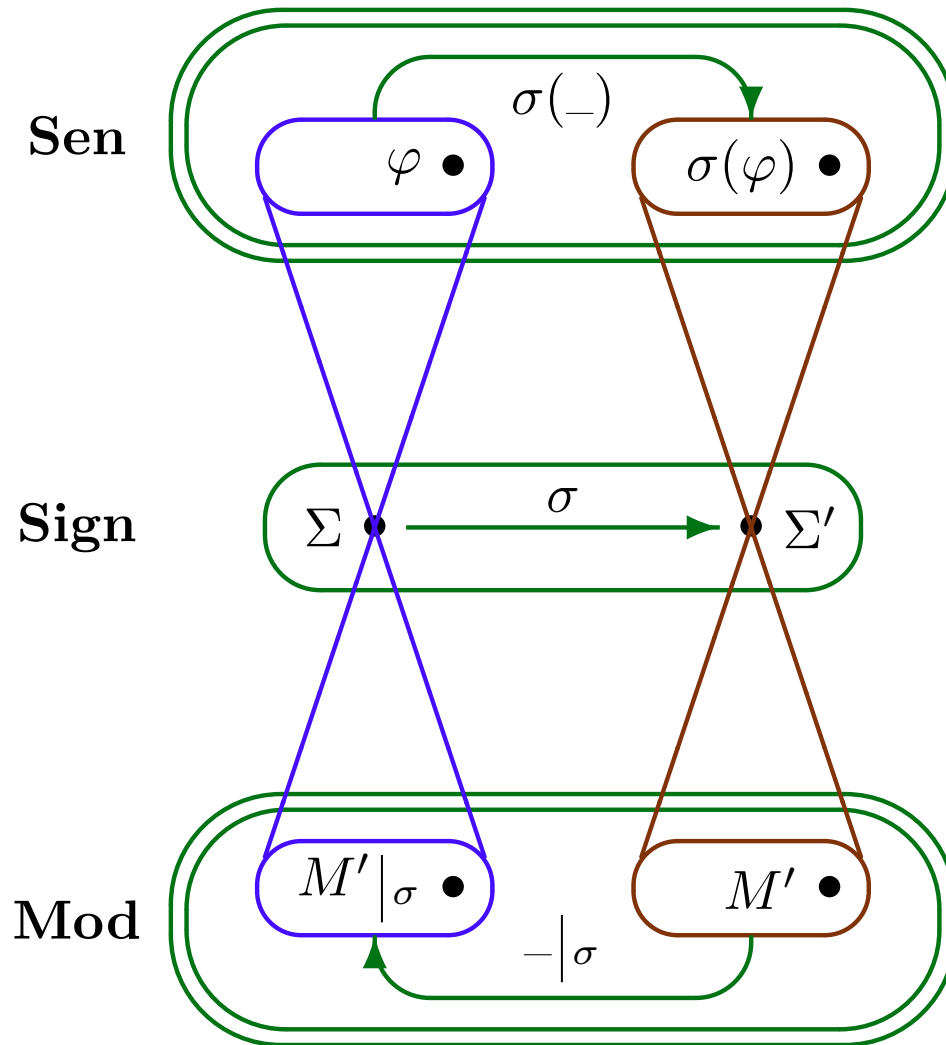
plus *satisfaction relation*:

$$M \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

and so, for each signature, the usual Galois connection between classes of models and sets of sentences, with the standard notions induced ( $Mod_{\Sigma}[\Phi]$ ,  $Th_{\Sigma}[\mathcal{M}]$ ,  $Th_{\Sigma}[\Phi]$ ,  $\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$ , etc).

- Also, possibly adding (sound) consequence:  $\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi$  (implying  $\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$ ) to deal with proof-theoretic aspects.

## Institution: key insight



imposing the *satisfaction condition*:

$$M' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi) \text{ iff } M' \upharpoonright_{\sigma} \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

*Truth is invariant  
under change of notation  
and independent of  
any additional symbols around*

## Institution

- a category **Sign** of *signatures*
- a functor **Sen**: **Sign**  $\rightarrow$  **Set**
  - **Sen**( $\Sigma$ ) is the set of  $\Sigma$ -*sentences*, for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$
- a functor **Mod**: **Sign**<sup>op</sup>  $\rightarrow$  **Cat**
  - **Mod**( $\Sigma$ ) is the category of  $\Sigma$ -*models*, for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$
- for each  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ ,  $\Sigma$ -*satisfaction relation*  $\models_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \times \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$

subject to the *satisfaction condition*:

$$M'|_{\sigma} \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \iff M' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

where  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  in **Sign**,  $M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,  
 $M'|_{\sigma}$  stands for  $\mathbf{Mod}(\sigma)(M')$ , and  $\sigma(\varphi)$  for  $\mathbf{Sen}(\sigma)(\varphi)$ .



## Typical institutions

- **EQ** — equational logic
- **FOEQ** — first-order logic (with predicates and equality)
- **PEQ, PFOEQ** — as above, but with partial operations
- **HOL** — higher-order logic
- logics of constraints (fitted via signature morphisms)
- **CASL** — the logic of CASL: partial first-order logic with equality, predicates, generation constraints, and subsorting

CASL **subsoring**: the sets of sorts in signatures are *pre-ordered*;  
in every model  $M$ ,  $s \leq s'$  yields an injective *subsort embedding* (*coercion*)  
 $em_M^{s \leq s'} : |M|_s \rightarrow |M|_{s'}$  such that  $em_M^{s \leq s} = id_{|M|_s}$  for each sort  $s$ , and  
 $em_M^{s \leq s'} ; em_M^{s' \leq s''} = em_M^{s \leq s''}$ , for  $s \leq s' \leq s''$ ; plus partial projections and  
subsort membership predicates derived from the embeddings.

## Somewhat less typical institutions:

- modal logics
- three-valued logics
- programming language semantics:
  - **IMP**: imperative programming language with sets of computations as models and procedure declarations as sentences
  - **FPL**: functional programming language with partial algebras as models and the usual axioms with extended term syntax allowing for local recursive function definitions

# Temporal logic

## Institution TL:

extremely simplified version  
and oversimplified presentation

- signatures  $\mathcal{A}$ : (finite) sets of *actions*;
- models  $\mathcal{R}$ : sets of *runs*, finite or infinite sequences of (sets of) actions;
- sentences  $\varphi$ : built from atomic statements  $a$  (action  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  happens) using the usual propositional and temporal connectives, including  $\mathbf{X}\varphi$  (an action happens and then  $\varphi$  holds) and  $\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$  ( $\varphi$  holds until  $\psi$  holds)
- satisfaction  $\mathcal{R} \models \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  holds at the beginning of every run in  $\mathcal{R}$

## WATCH OUT!

*Under some formalisations, satisfaction condition may fail!*

*Care is needed in the exact choice of sentences considered, morphisms (between sets of actions) allowed, and reduct definitions.*

## Perhaps unexpected examples:

- no sentences
- no models
- no signatures
- trivial satisfaction relations
- sets of sentences as sentences
- sets of sentences as signatures
- classes of models as sentences
- sets of sentences as models
- ...

*typical, not so typical and perhaps unexpected examples abound*

## WORK IN AN ARBITRARY INSTITUTION

...adding extra structure and assumptions only if really needed ...

Let's fix an institution  $\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|})$  for a while.

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## Semantic entailment

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

$\Sigma$ -sentence  $\varphi$  is a *semantic consequence* of a set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\Phi$   
if  $\varphi$  holds in every  $\Sigma$ -models that satisfies  $\Phi$ .

BTW:

- *Models* of a set of sentences:  $Mod[\Phi] = \{M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \mid M \models \Phi\}$
- *Theory* of a class of models:  $Th[\mathcal{C}] = \{\varphi \mid \mathcal{C} \models \varphi\}$
- $\Phi \models \varphi \iff \varphi \in Th[Mod[\Phi]]$
- $Mod$  and  $Th$  form a *Galois connection*

## Semantic equivalences

*Equivalence of sentences:* for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ ,  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  and  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ ,

$$\varphi \equiv_{\mathcal{M}} \psi$$

if for all  $\Sigma$ -models  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $M \models \varphi$  iff  $M \models \psi$ . For  $\varphi \equiv_{|\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|} \psi$  we write:

$$\varphi \equiv \psi$$

Semantic equivalence

*Equivalence of models:* for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ ,  $M, N \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ , and  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,

$$M \equiv_{\Phi} N$$

if for all  $\varphi \in \Phi$ ,  $M \models \varphi$  iff  $N \models \varphi$ . For  $M \equiv_{\mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)} N$  we write:

$$M \equiv N$$

Elementary equivalence

## Compactness, consistency, completeness...

- Institution **I** is *compact* if for each signature  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ , set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , and  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,

if  $\Phi \models \varphi$  then  $\Phi_{fin} \models \varphi$  for some finite  $\Phi_{fin} \subseteq \Phi$

- A set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  is *consistent* if it has a model, i.e.,

$Mod[\Phi] \neq \emptyset$

- A set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  is *complete* if it is a maximal consistent set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences, i.e.,  $\Phi$  is consistent and

for  $\Phi \subseteq \Phi' \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , if  $\Phi'$  is consistent then  $\Phi = \Phi'$

**Fact:** Any complete set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  is a theory:  $\Phi = Th[Mod[\Phi]]$ .



## Preservation of entailment

**Fact:**

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \implies \sigma(\Phi) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

for  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$ ,  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ .

If the reduct  $-|_{\sigma}: |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$  is surjective, then

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \iff \sigma(\Phi) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

## Adding provability

Add to institution:

- *proof-theoretic entailment*:

$$\vdash_{\Sigma} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)) \times \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$$

for each signature  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ , closed under

- weakening, reflexivity, transitivity (cut)
- translation along signature morphisms

Require:

- *soundness*:  $\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \implies \Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$

(?) *completeness*:  $\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \implies \Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi$

## Presentations (basic specifications)

$$\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$$

- signature  $\Sigma$ , to determine the static module interface
- axioms ( $\Sigma$ -sentences)  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , to determine required module properties

*Use strong enough logic to capture the “right” class of models,  
excluding undesirable “modules”*

## Presentation morphisms

*Presentation morphism:*

$$\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$$

is a signature morphism  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  such that for all  $M' \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')$ :

$$M' \in \mathbf{Mod}[\Phi'] \implies M'|_{\sigma} \in \mathbf{Mod}[\Phi]$$

Then  $-|_{\sigma}: \mathbf{Mod}[\Phi'] \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}[\Phi]$

**Fact:** A signature morphism  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  is a presentation morphism  $\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$  if and only if  $\Phi' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\Phi)$ .

**BTW:** for all presentation morphisms  $\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \implies \Phi' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$

## Conservativity

A presentation morphism:

$$\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$$

is *conservative* if for all  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\varphi$ :  $\Phi' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi) \implies \Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$

A presentation morphism  $\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$  *admits model expansion* if for each  $M \in \text{Mod}[\Phi]$  there exists  $M' \in \text{Mod}[\Phi']$  such that  $M'|_{\sigma} = M$

(i.e.,  $-|_{\sigma}: \text{Mod}[\Phi'] \rightarrow \text{Mod}[\Phi]$  is surjective).

**Fact:** *If  $\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$  admits model expansion then it is conservative.*

In general, the equivalence does not hold!

**Fact:** *If  $\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$  is complete and  $\langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$  is consistent then any presentation morphism  $\sigma: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma', \Phi' \rangle$  is conservative.*

## Categories of presentations & of theories

- **Pres**: the *category of presentations* in **I** has presentations as objects and presentation morphisms as morphisms, with identities and composition inherited from **Sign**, the category of signatures.
- **TH**: the *category of theories* in **I** is the full subcategory of **Pres** with theories (presentations with sets of sentences closed under consequence) as objects.

**Pres** and **TH** are equivalent:

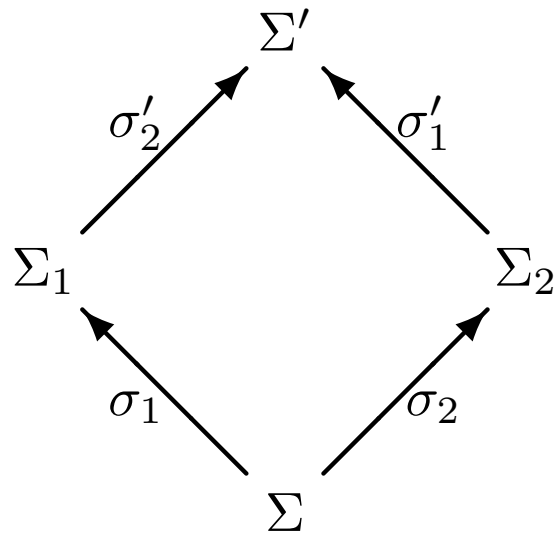
$id_{\Sigma}: \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma, Th[Mod[\Phi]] \rangle$   
is an isomorphism in **Pres**

**Fact:** *The forgetful functors from **Pres** and **TH**, respectively, to **Sign** preserve and create colimits.*

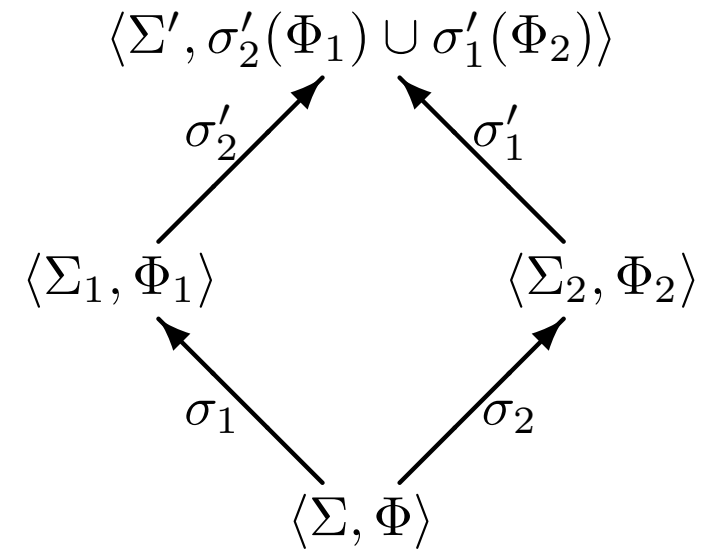
**Fact:** *If the category **Sign** of signatures is cocomplete, so are the categories **Pres** of presentations and **TH** of theories.*

## Proof hint

in Sign:



in Pres:



## Logical connectives

- **I has negation** if for every signature  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$  and  $\Sigma$ -sentence  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , there is a  $\Sigma$ -sentence “ $\neg\varphi$ ”  $\in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that for all  $\Sigma$ -models  $M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ ,  $M \models \text{“}\neg\varphi\text{”}$  iff  $M \not\models \varphi$ .
- **I has conjunction** if for every signature  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$  and  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , there is a  $\Sigma$ -sentence “ $\varphi \wedge \psi$ ”  $\in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that for all  $\Sigma$ -models  $M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ ,  $M \models \text{“}\varphi \wedge \psi\text{”}$  iff  $M \models \varphi$  and  $M \models \psi$ .
- ... *implication, disjunction, falsity, truth* ...

**Fact:** For any signature morphism  $\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  and  $\Sigma$ -sentence  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$   $\sigma(\text{“}\neg\varphi\text{”})$  and “ $\neg\sigma(\varphi)$ ” are equivalent.

Similarly, for  $\Sigma$ -sentences  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,  $\sigma(\text{“}\varphi \wedge \psi\text{”})$  and “ $\sigma(\varphi) \wedge \sigma(\psi)$ ” are equivalent.

Similarly for other connectives...

For any institution **I**, define its *closures*:  
under negation  $\mathbf{I}^\neg$ , under conjunction  $\mathbf{I}^\wedge$ , etc.

... as well as under all boolean connectives  $\mathbf{I}^{bool}$



## Some “institutional” topics

- **Institutions: intuitions and motivations**

Goguen & Burstall  $\sim 1980 \rightarrow 1992$

- **Very abstract model theory**

Tarlecki  $\sim 1986$ , Diaconescu *et al*  $\sim 2003 \rightarrow \dots$

- **Structured specifications**

CLEAR  $\sim 1980$ , Sannella & Tarlecki  $\sim 1984 \rightarrow \dots$ , CASL  $\sim 2004$

- **Moving between institutions**

Goguen & Burstall  $\sim 1983 \rightarrow 1992$ , Tarlecki  $\sim 1986, 1996$ , Goguen & Rosu  $\sim 2002$

- **Heterogeneous specifications**

Sannella & Tarlecki  $\sim 1988$ , Tarlecki  $\sim 2000 \rightarrow \dots$ , Diaconescu  $\sim 2002 \rightarrow \dots$ ,  
Mossakowski  $\sim 2002 \rightarrow \dots$  (HETS)

... apologies for missing some names and for inaccurate years...

# Institutional (Abstract) Model Theory

An institution  $\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|})$  remains fixed for another while.

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# Abstract abstract model theory

*Providing new insights and abstract formulations  
for classical model-theoretic concepts and results*

- amalgamation over pushouts
- the method of elementary diagrams
- existence of free extensions
- Birkhoff variety theorem(s)
- interpolation results
- Beth definability theorem
- logical connectives, free variables, quantification
- completeness for *any* first-order logic
- ...

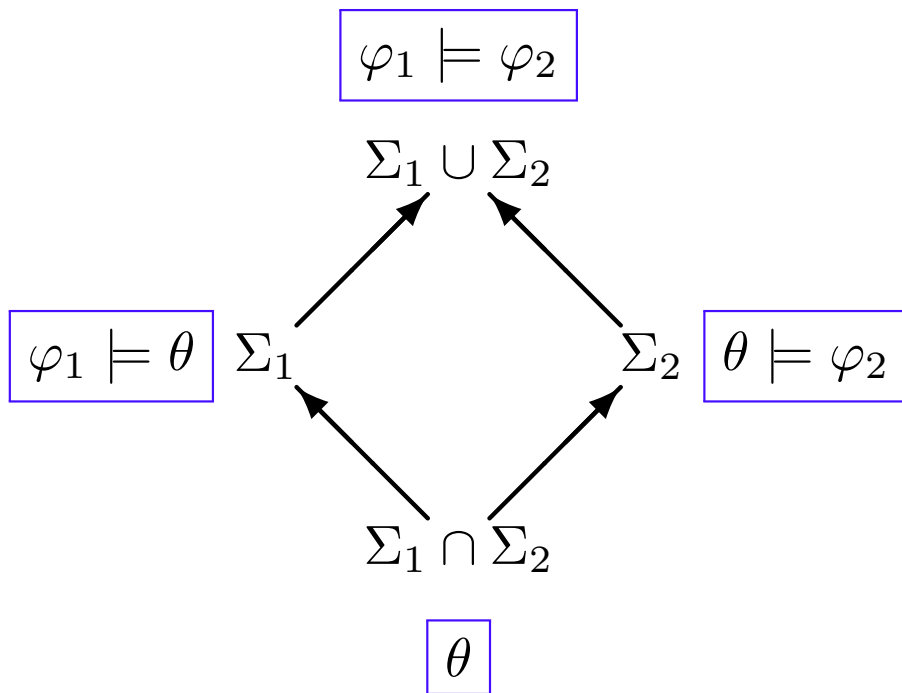
in any institution  
with various bits of extra structure,  
under some technical assumptions...

**Interpolation**

## Classical Craig interpolation

In first-order logic:

**Fact:** Any sentences  $\varphi_1 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  such that  $\varphi_1 \models_{\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2} \varphi_2$ , have an interpolant  $\theta \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2)$  such that  $\varphi_1 \models_{\Sigma_1} \theta$  and  $\theta \models_{\Sigma_2} \varphi_2$ .



In general though:

intersection-union squares  
are not enough!

## Example

```
sort String
ops  a, ..., z : String;
      $\_ \wedge \_ : \textit{String} \times \textit{String} \rightarrow \textit{String}$ 
```

```
sorts String, Nat, Array[String]
ops  a, ..., z : String;
      $\_ \wedge \_ : \textit{String} \times \textit{String} \rightarrow \textit{String}$ ;
     empty : Array[String];
     put : Nat  $\times$  String  $\times$  Array[String]
            $\rightarrow$  Array[String];
     get : Nat  $\times$  Array[String]  $\rightarrow$  String
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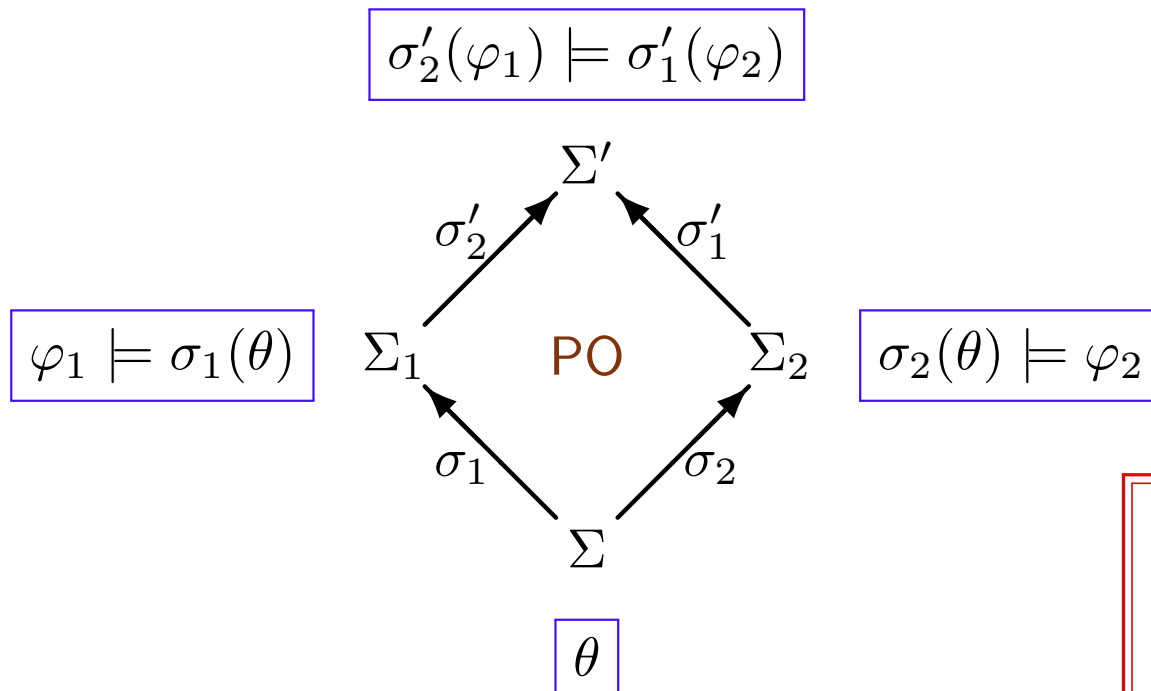
PO

```
sort Elem
```

```
sorts Elem, Nat, Array[Elem]
ops  empty : Array[Elem];
     put : Nat  $\times$  Elem  $\times$  Array[Elem]
            $\rightarrow$  Array[Elem];
     get : Nat  $\times$  Array[Elem]  $\rightarrow$  Elem
```

## Craig interpolation, take #1

In **I**, *interpolation property* holds for a signature pushout below, if any sentences  $\varphi_1 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  such that  $\sigma'_2(\varphi_1) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma'_1(\varphi_2)$ , have an *interpolant*  $\theta \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that  $\varphi_1 \models_{\Sigma_1} \sigma_1(\theta)$  and  $\sigma_2(\theta) \models_{\Sigma_2} \varphi_2$ .



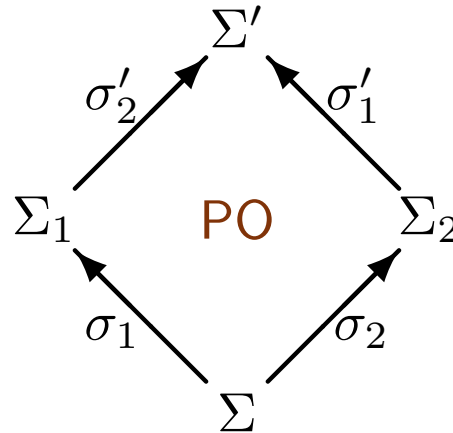
*In general though:*

*single sentences*

*are not enough!*

## Institutional Craig interpolation

In **I**, *Craig interpolation property* holds for a pushout in **Sign**



if for all  $\Phi_1 \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  such that  $\sigma'_2(\Phi_1) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma'_1(\varphi_2)$  there is  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that  $\Phi_1 \models_{\Sigma_1} \sigma_1(\Theta)$  and  $\sigma_2(\Theta) \models_{\Sigma_2} \varphi_2$ .

**Fact:** *Many-sorted first-order logic has the interpolation property for the pushout as above provided that at least one of the two morphisms  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  is injective on sorts.*

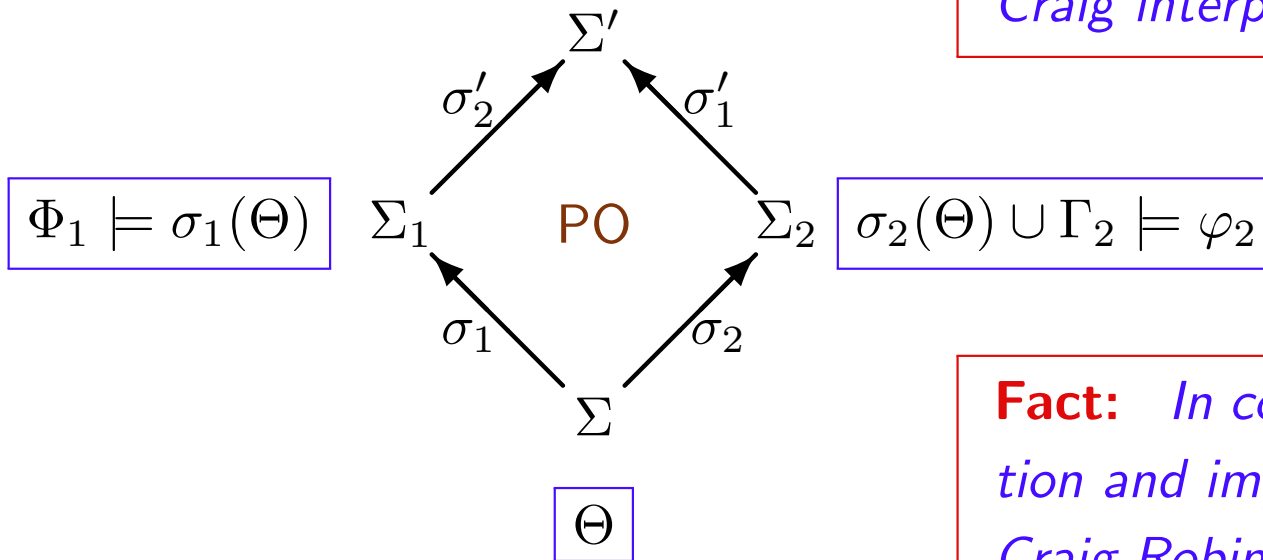
**Fact:** *Many-sorted equational logic has the interpolation property for the pushout as above provided that all sorts are non-void and  $\sigma_2$  is injective.*

## Institutional Craig-Robinson interpolation

In **I**, *Craig-Robinson interpolation property* holds for a pushout in **Sign** if for all  $\Phi_1 \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1)$ ,  $\Gamma_2 \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  and  $\varphi_2 \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  such that  $\sigma'_2(\Phi_1) \cup \sigma'_1(\Gamma_2) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma'_1(\varphi_2)$  there is  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that  $\Phi_1 \models_{\Sigma_1} \sigma_1(\Theta)$  and  $\sigma_2(\Theta) \cup \Gamma_2 \models_{\Sigma_2} \varphi_2$ .

$$\sigma'_2(\Phi_1) \cup \sigma'_1(\Gamma_2) \models \sigma'_1(\varphi_2)$$

**Fact:** *Craig-Robinson interpolation implies Craig interpolation.*



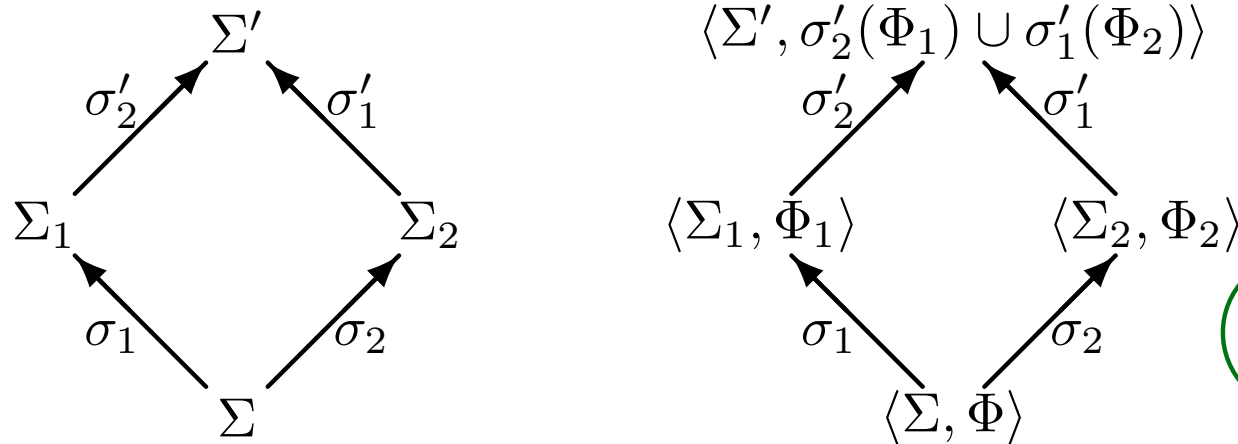
**Fact:** *In compact institutions with conjunction and implication, Craig interpolation and Craig-Robinson interpolation are equivalent.*



**BTW:**

## Consistency theorem

**I** has the *consistency property* for a pushout in **Sign**

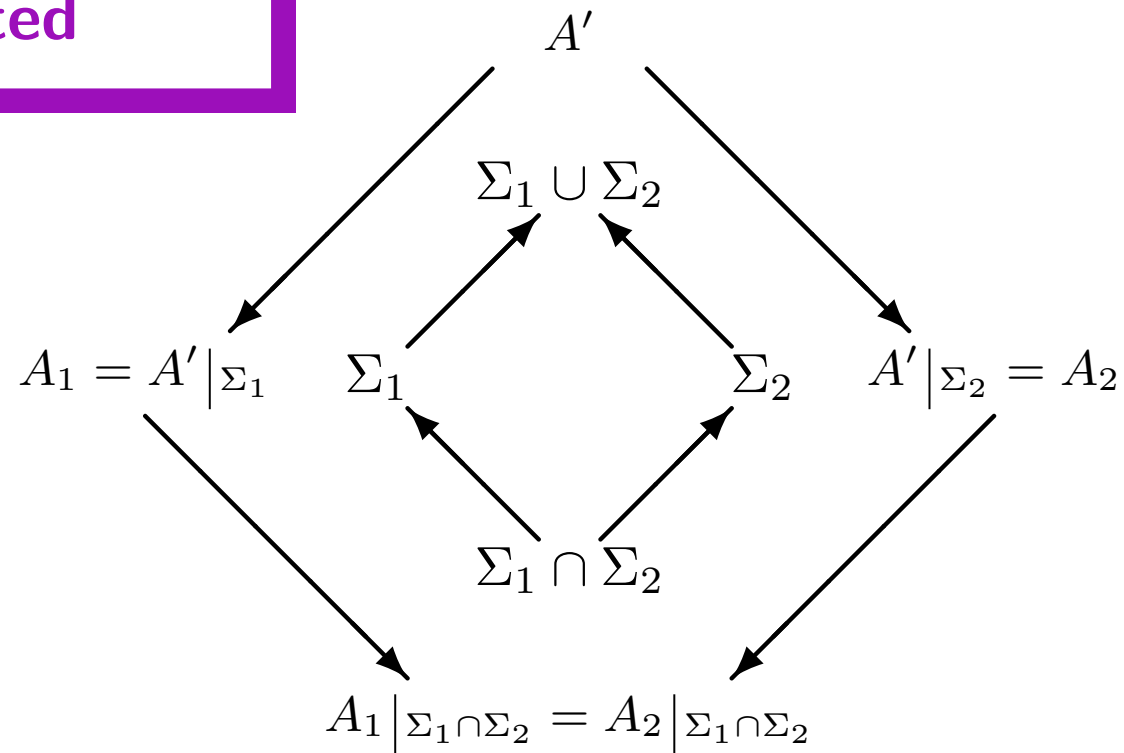


Robinson consistency theorem  
(for first-order logic)

if for all sets of sentences  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,  $\Phi_1 \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_1)$  and  $\Phi_2 \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_2)$  and presentation morphisms  $\sigma_1 : \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma_1, \Phi_1 \rangle$  and  $\sigma_2 : \langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \Sigma_2, \Phi_2 \rangle$  such that  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are consistent and  $\sigma_1$  is conservative,  $\langle \Sigma', \sigma'_2(\Phi_1) \cup \sigma'_1(\Phi_2) \rangle$  is consistent.

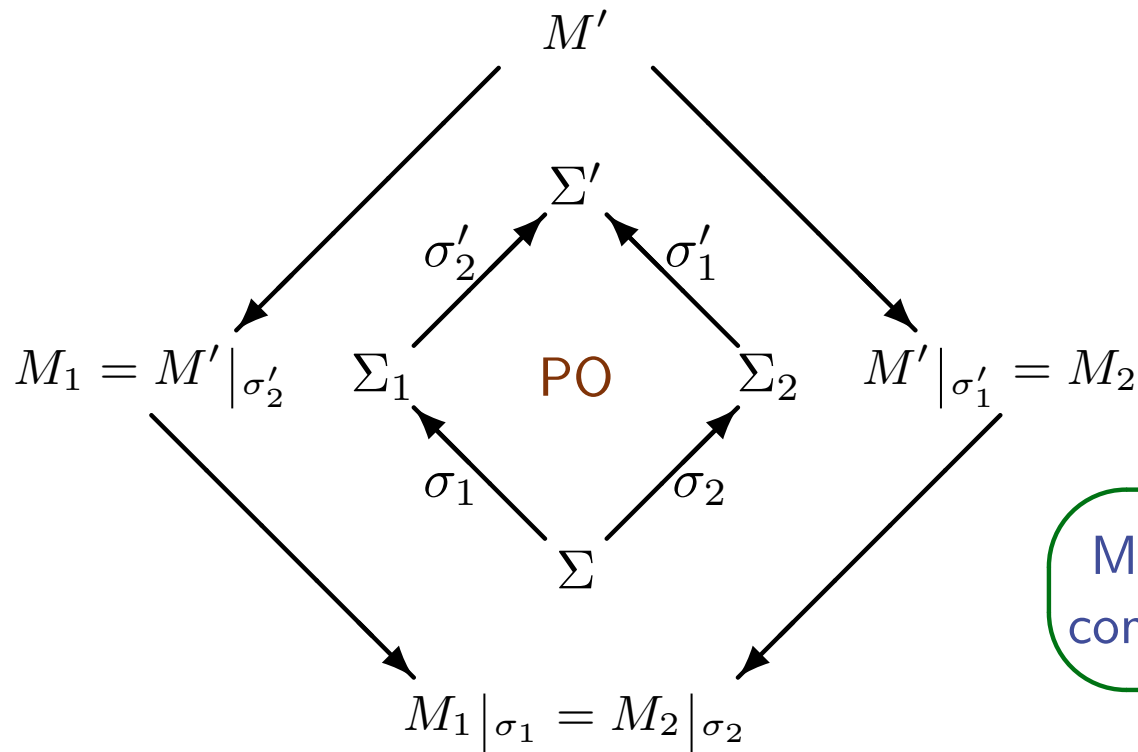
**Fact:** In any compact institution with falsity, negation and conjunction, Craig interpolation, Craig-Robinson interpolation and Robinson consistency properties are equivalent.

## Amalgamation for algebras taken for granted



**Fact:** For any algebras  $A_1 \in |\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma_1)|$  and  $A_2 \in |\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma_2)|$  with common interpretation of common symbols  $A_1|_{\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2} = A_2|_{\Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2}$ , there is a unique “union” of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,  $A' \in |\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)|$  with  $A'|_{\Sigma_1} = A_1$  and  $A'|_{\Sigma_2} = A_2$ .

# Amalgamation



May be sensibly stated for any commuting square of morphisms

In **I**, *amalgamation property* holds for the pushout above if for all  $M_1 \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_1)|$  and  $M_2 \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_2)|$  with  $M_1|_{\sigma_1} = M_2|_{\sigma_2}$ , there is a unique  $M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$  with  $M'|_{\sigma'_1} = M_2$  and  $M'|_{\sigma'_2} = M_1$ .

**Fact:** *Many-sorted first-order and equational logics admit amalgamation.*

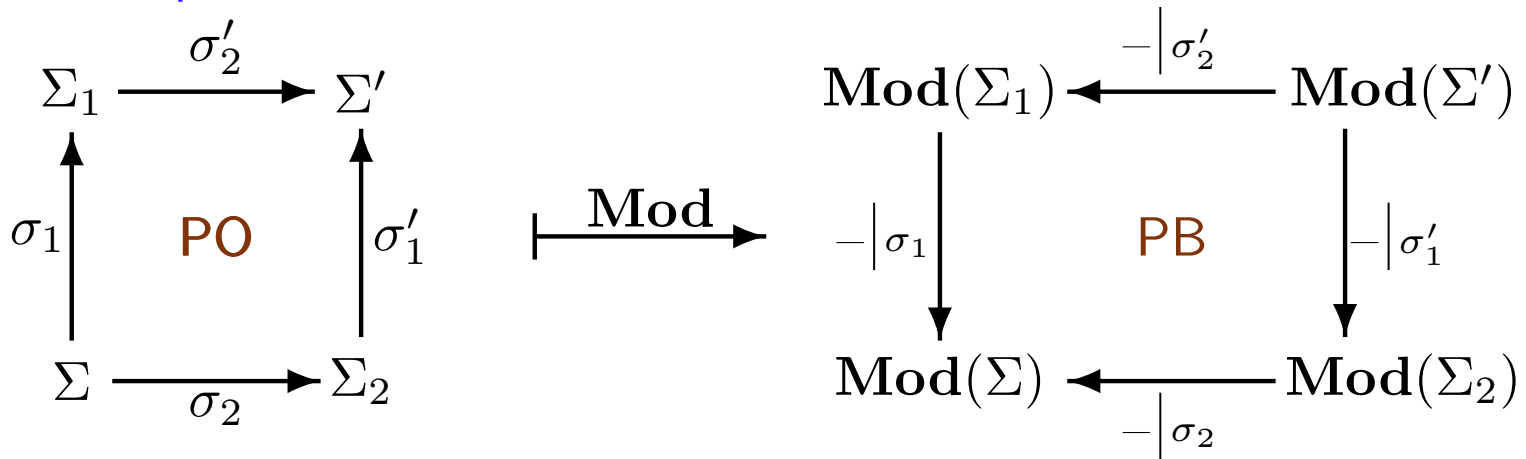
## Adding amalgamation

Assume:

- the model functor  $\mathbf{Mod}: \mathbf{Sign}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$  is *continuous* (maps colimits of signatures to limits of model categories)

**Fact:**  $\mathbf{Alg}: \mathbf{AlgSig}^{op} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$  *is continuous*.

**Amalgamation property:** *Amalgamation property follows for a pushout in  $\mathbf{Sign}$  if  $\mathbf{Mod}$  maps it to a pullback in  $\mathbf{Cat}$ :*



## Birkhoff-style results

**Fact:** *In (many-sorted) equational logic, for any class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq |\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma)|$ ,  $\text{Mod}[Th[\mathcal{A}]] = \mathcal{HSP}(\mathcal{A})$ .*

### General scheme:

$\mathbf{I}$  is a *Birkhoff institution* with  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , if for any signature  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$  and class of  $\Sigma$ -models  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$

$$\text{Mod}[Th[\mathcal{M}]] = \mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}))$$

where:

- $\mathcal{F}$  is a family of filters with  $\{\{*\}\} \in \mathcal{F}$ , all model categories have  $F$ -filtered products for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ; then  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M})$  is the class of all  $F$ -filtered products of models in  $\mathcal{M}$ , for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ , and
- $\mathcal{B} = \langle \mathcal{B}_\Sigma \subseteq |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \times |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|}$  is a family of relations closed under isomorphism; then  $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma(\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M}))$  is the image of  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{M})$  under relation  $\mathcal{B}_\Sigma$ .

## Interpolation from axiomatisability

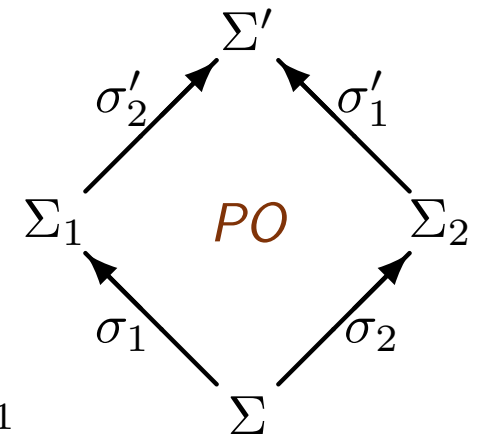
**Fact:** Let  $\mathbf{I}$  be a Birkhoff institution with  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ . Consider a pushout in **Sign**, for which  $\mathbf{I}$  admits (weak) amalgamation, and such that reducts w.r.t.  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  preserve  $\mathcal{F}$ -filtered products.

Then for this pushout  $\mathbf{I}$  has

- Craig interpolation property if the reduct w.r.t.  $\sigma_2$  lifts  $\mathcal{B}^{-1}$ ,

As in Rodenburg's proof for equational interpolation

- Craig-Robinson interpolation property if the reduct w.r.t.  $\sigma_1$  lifts  $\mathcal{B}$ .



Quite a few examples, both known and new

## Free variables

Standard algebra	Institution <b>I</b>
algebraic signature $\Sigma = \langle S, \Omega \rangle$	signature $\Sigma \in  \mathbf{Sign} $
$S$ -sorted set of variables $X$	signature extension $\iota : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma(X)$ ( $\Sigma(X)$ expands $\Sigma$ by variables $X$ as constants)
open $\Sigma$ -formula $\varphi$ with variables $X$	$\Sigma(X)$ -sentence $\varphi$
$\Sigma$ -algebra $M$	$\Sigma$ -model $M \in  \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma) $
valuation of variables $v : X \rightarrow  M $ in $M$	$\iota$ -expansion $M^v$ of $M$ , i.e., $M^v \in  \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma(X)) $ , $M^v _{\iota} = M$ ( $x_{M^v} = v(x)$ for each variable/constant $x \in X$ )
satisfaction of formula $\varphi$ in $M$ under $v$ : $M \models_{\Sigma}^v \varphi$	satisfaction of “open formula” $\varphi$ $M^v \models_{\Sigma(X)} \varphi$

# Quantification

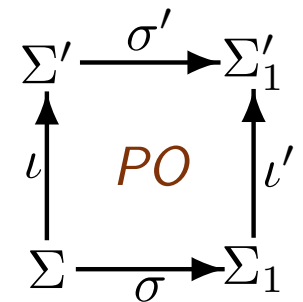
Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a class of signature morphisms. For decency, assume that it forms a subcategory of **Sign** and is closed under pushouts with arbitrary signature morphisms.

- **I** *has universal quantification along*  $\mathcal{I}$  if for every signature morphism  $\iota : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\Sigma'$ -sentence  $\psi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$ , there is a  $\Sigma$ -sentence “ $\forall \iota. \psi$ ”  $\in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that for all  $\Sigma$ -models  $M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ ,  $M \models \text{“}\forall \iota. \psi\text{”}$  iff for all  $\Sigma'$ -models with  $M'|_{\iota} = M$ ,  $M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$ ,  $M' \models \psi$ .
- **I** *has existential quantification along*  $\mathcal{I}$  if for  $\iota : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  in  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\Sigma'$ -sentence  $\psi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$ , there is a  $\Sigma$ -sentence “ $\exists \iota. \psi$ ”  $\in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  such that for all  $\Sigma$ -models  $M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$ ,  $M \models \text{“}\exists \iota. \psi\text{”}$  iff for some  $\Sigma'$ -model  $M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$  with  $M'|_{\iota} = M$ ,  $M' \models \psi$ .

**Fact:** For any  $\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma(\text{“}\forall \iota. \psi\text{”})$  and “ $\forall \iota'. \sigma'(\psi)$ ” are equivalent, where the following is a pushout in **Sign** with  $\iota' \in \mathcal{I}$ :

Similarly for existential quantification.

AMALGAMATION NEEDED



Define  $\mathbf{I}^{FO}$ , “first-order closure” of **I**



## The method of diagrams

Institution <b>I</b>	Standard algebra
<p>Given a signature <math>\Sigma</math> and <math>\Sigma</math>-model <math>M</math>,  build signature extension <math>\iota : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma(M)</math>  and a <math>\Sigma(M)</math>-presentation <math>\mathcal{E}_M</math></p> <p>so that the reduct by <math>\iota</math> yields isomorphism  <math>\mathbf{Mod}_{\Sigma(M)}[\mathcal{E}_M] \rightarrow (M/\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma))</math>  ...and everything is natural ...</p>	<p>(algebraic signature <math>\Sigma</math> and <math>\Sigma</math>-algebra <math>M</math>)  (adding elements of <math> M </math> as constants)  (all ground atoms true in <math>M^{id_M}</math>, the natural <math>\iota</math>-expansion of <math>M</math>)</p> <p>(then the reduct by <math>\iota</math> yields isomorphism  <math>\mathbf{Alg}_{\Sigma(M)}[\mathcal{E}_M] \rightarrow (M/\mathbf{Alg}(\Sigma))</math>)  (everything is natural)</p>
<p>Now: <math>M</math> has a “canonical” <math>\iota</math>-expansion  which is initial in <math>\mathbf{Mod}_{\Sigma(M)}[\mathcal{E}_M]</math></p>	<p>(<math>M^{id_M}</math>, reachable <math>\iota</math>-expansion of <math>M</math>, is  initial in <math>\mathbf{Alg}_{\Sigma(M)}[\mathcal{E}_M]</math>)</p>

*Equipped with the method of diagrams, one can do a lot!*

## Institutional very abstract model theory

*Providing new insights and abstract formulations  
for classical model-theoretic concepts and results*

- amalgamation over pushouts
- the method of elementary diagrams
- existence of free extensions
- Birkhoff variety theorem(s)
- interpolation results
- Beth definability theorem
- logical connectives, free variables, quantification
- completeness for *any* first-order logic
- ...

*in any institution  
with various bits of extra structure,  
under some technical assumptions...*

# Foundations of Software Specification and Development

Keeping an institution  $\mathbf{I} = (\mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|})$  fixed for yet another while.

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## Revised rough analogy

module interface	$\rightsquigarrow$	<b>I</b> -signature
module	$\rightsquigarrow$	<b>I</b> -model
module specification	$\rightsquigarrow$	class of <b>I</b> -models

## Structured specifications and their consequences

## Example: (double/linear) hash table

**spec** NAT = ...

**spec** STRING = ...

**spec** ELEM = **sort** *Elem*

**spec** STRINGKEY = STRING **and** NAT

**then op** *hash* : *String*  $\rightarrow$  *Nat*

**spec** STRINGKEY0 = STRINGKEY **with** *hash*  $\mapsto$  *hash0*

**spec**  $\text{ARRAY\_OF\_ELEM} = \text{ELEM and NAT}$

**then sort**  $\text{Array}[Elem]$

**ops**  $\text{empty} : \text{Array}[Elem];$

$\text{put} : \text{Nat} \times \text{Elem} \times \text{Array}[Elem] \rightarrow \text{Array}[Elem];$

$\text{get} : \text{Nat} \times \text{Array}[Elem] \rightarrow \text{Elem}$

**pred**  $\text{used} : \text{Nat} \times \text{Array}[Elem]$

$\forall i, j : \text{Nat}; e : \text{Elem}; a : \text{Array}[Elem]$

- $\neg \text{used}(i, \text{empty})$
- $\text{used}(i, \text{put}(i, e, a))$
- $i \neq j \implies ( \text{used}(i, \text{put}(j, e, a)) \iff \text{used}(i, a) )$
- $\text{get}(i, \text{put}(i, e, a)) = e$
- $i \neq j \implies \text{get}(i, \text{put}(j, e, a)) = \text{get}(i, a)$

## Parametrized specification

**spec**  $\text{ARRAY}[\text{ELEM}] = \text{ARRAY\_OF\_ELEM}$

$\text{ARRAY}[\textit{SP} \textbf{fit} \textit{Elem} \mapsto \textit{Asort}]$

stands for

$\{\text{ARRAY}[\text{ELEM}] \textbf{with} \textit{Elem} \mapsto \textit{Asort}\} \textbf{and} \textit{SP}$

**spec**  $\text{BUCKET} = \text{ARRAY}[\text{STRING} \textbf{fit} \textit{Elem} \mapsto \textit{String}]$   
**with**  $\text{Array}[\textit{String}] \mapsto \textit{Bucket}$

**spec**  $\text{TABLE} = \text{ARRAY}[\text{BUCKET} \textbf{fit} \textit{Elem} \mapsto \textit{Bucket}]$   
**with**  $\text{Array}[\textit{Bucket}] \mapsto \textit{Table}$

STRINGHASHTABLE0 = STRINGKEY0 **and** BUCKET

**then ops**  $add : String \times Bucket \rightarrow Bucket;$

$putnear : Nat \times String \times Bucket \rightarrow Bucket$

**preds**  $present : String \times Bucket$

$isnear : Nat \times String \times Bucket$

$\forall i : Nat; s : String; b : Bucket$

- $add(s, b) = putnear(hash0(s), s, b)$
- $\neg used(i, b) \implies putnear(i, s, b) = put(i, s, b)$
- $used(i, b) \wedge get(i, b) = s \implies putnear(i, s, b) = b$
- $used(i, b) \wedge get(i, b) \neq s \implies$   
 $putnear(i, s, b) = putnear(succ(i), s, b)$
- $present(s, b) \iff isnear(hash0(s), s, b)$
- $\neg used(i, b) \implies \neg isnear(i, s, b)$
- $used(i, b) \wedge get(i, b) = s \implies isnear(i, s, b)$
- $used(i, b) \wedge get(i, b) \neq s \implies (\dots)$



STRINGHASHTABLE =

STRINGHASHTABLE0 **and** STRINGKEY **and** TABLE

**then op**  $add : String \times Table \rightarrow Table$

**pred**  $present : String \times Table$

$\forall i : Nat; s : String; t : Table$

- $hash(s) = i \wedge used(i, t) \implies$   
 $add(s, t) = put(i, add(s, get(i, t)), t)$
- $hash(s) = i \wedge \neg used(i, t) \implies$   
 $add(s, t) = put(i, add(s, empty), t)$
- $hash(s) = i \wedge used(i, t) \implies$   
 $(present(s, t) \iff present(s, get(i, t)))$
- $hash(s) = i \wedge \neg used(i, t) \implies \neg present(s, t)$

**spec** USERSTRINGHASHTABLE =

STRINGHASHTABLE

**reveal**  $String, nil, a, \dots, z, - \hat{-}, Table, empty : Table,$

$add : String \times Table \rightarrow Table, present : String \times Table$

## Specification structure

- This is a (nicely) structured specification
- The specification structure can guide, for instance, proof search
- The specification structure does not prescribe the structure of programs that implement the specification

**spec** SIMPLEUSERSTRINGHASHTABLE = STRING

**then sort** *Table*

**ops** *empty* : *Table*;

*add* : *String*  $\times$  *Table*  $\rightarrow$  *Table*

**pred** *present* : *String*  $\times$  *Table*

$\forall s, s' : \text{String}, t : \text{Table}$

- $\neg \text{present}(s, \text{empty})$
- $\text{present}(s, \text{add}(s, t))$
- $s \neq s' \implies (\text{present}(s, \text{put}(s', t)) \iff \text{present}(s, t))$

# Specifications

$$SP \in Spec$$

*Adopting the model-theoretic view of specifications*

The meaning of any specification  $SP \in Spec$  built over  $\mathbf{I}$  is given by:

- its *signature*  $Sig[SP] \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ , and
- a class of its *models*  $Mod[SP] \subseteq |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP])|$ .

This yields the usual notions:

- *semantic equivalence*:  $SP \equiv SP'$  iff  $Sig[SP] = Sig[SP']$  and  $Mod[SP] = Mod[SP']$ ;
- *semantic consequence*:  $SP \models \varphi$  iff  $Mod[SP] \models \varphi$ ;
- *theory of a specification*:  $Th[SP] = \{\varphi \mid SP \models \varphi\}$ ; etc

## Standard structured specifications

**Basic specification:**  $\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle$  — for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$  and  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ :

$$\text{Sig}[\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle] = \Sigma$$

$$\text{Mod}[\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle] = \text{Mod}[\Phi]$$

captures basic properties

**Union:**  $SP_1 \cup SP_2$  — for  $SP_1$  and  $SP_2$  with  $\text{Sig}[SP_1] = \text{Sig}[SP_2]$ :

$$\text{Sig}[SP_1 \cup SP_2] = \text{Sig}[SP_1]$$

$$\text{Mod}[SP_1 \cup SP_2] = \text{Mod}[SP_1] \cap \text{Mod}[SP_2]$$

combines the constraints imposed

**Translation:**  $\sigma(SP)$  — for any  $SP$  and  $\sigma: \text{Sig}[SP] \rightarrow \Sigma'$ :

$$\text{Sig}[\sigma(SP)] = \Sigma'$$

$$\text{Mod}[\sigma(SP)] = \{M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')| \mid M'|_{\sigma} \in \text{Mod}[SP]\}$$

renames and introduces new components

**Hiding:**  $SP'|_{\sigma}$  — for any  $SP'$  and  $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \text{Sig}[SP']$ :

$$\text{Sig}[SP'|_{\sigma}] = \Sigma$$

$$\text{Mod}[SP'|_{\sigma}] = \{M'|_{\sigma} \mid M' \in \text{Mod}[SP']\}$$

hides auxiliary components

## Normal forms

**Fact:** *Any specification built out of basic specifications using union and translation only is equivalent to a basic specification.*

**Fact:** *If the category of signatures has pushouts and the institution admits amalgamation, then any specification  $SP$  built out of basic specifications using union, translation and hiding may be equivalently transformed to its **normal form**:*

$$\mathbf{nf}(SP) = \langle \Sigma_{all}, \Phi_{all} \rangle \big|_{\sigma_{res}}$$

*such that*

$$SP \equiv \mathbf{nf}(SP)$$

**Proof:** by induction on the structure of  $SP$ .

*Know about them — use them for meta-results — never use them for applications*

## Proving semantic consequence

$$\frac{\mathbf{nf}(SP) = \langle \Sigma_{all}, \Phi_{all} \rangle \big|_{\sigma_{res}} \quad \Phi_{all} \models_{\Sigma_{all}} \sigma_{res}(\varphi)}{SP \vdash \varphi}$$

This is sound and complete for semantic consequence when the category of signatures has pushouts, the institution admits amalgamation (then the normal forms as above can be constructed), but:

*This is a bad way!*

- lack of compositionality
- no use of the specification structure
- typically,  $\Phi_{all}$  is HUGE
- no help in proof search

## Standard compositional proof system

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\varphi \in \Phi}{\langle \Sigma, \Phi \rangle \vdash \varphi} \quad \frac{SP_1 \vdash \varphi}{SP_1 \cup SP_2 \vdash \varphi} \quad \frac{SP_2 \vdash \varphi}{SP_1 \cup SP_2 \vdash \varphi} \\
 \\
 \frac{SP \vdash \varphi}{\sigma(SP) \vdash \sigma(\varphi)} \quad \frac{SP' \vdash \sigma(\varphi)}{SP'|_{\sigma} \vdash \varphi}
 \end{array}$$

Plus a *structural rule*:

$$\frac{\text{for } i \in J, SP \vdash \varphi_i \quad \{\varphi_i\}_{i \in J} \models \varphi}{SP \vdash \varphi}$$



## Soundness & completeness

$$SP \vdash \varphi \implies SP \models \varphi$$

**Fact:** *If the category of signatures has pushouts, the institution admits (weak) amalgamation and Craig-Robinson interpolation then*

$$SP \vdash \varphi \iff SP \models \varphi$$

**Proof (idea):**

- **soundness:** easy! Check for each rule that if premises hold so does the conclusion.
- **completeness:** not so easy! By induction on the structures of specification: for each specification-building operation, assume completeness of consequences for its arguments, and use their normal forms to show that the premises of the rule needed to prove the consequence for the result specification hold.

## Can we do better?

**In fact:** given the other assumptions on the institution, Craig-Robinson interpolation is a necessary condition for completeness of the above standard proof system.

**In general:** there is *no* sound and complete *compositional* proof system for semantic consequence for structured specifications *because*:

**Claim:** *The best sound and compositional proof system one can have is given above.*

Really ?

## The only better proof systems are incidental

**Fact:** *The standard proof system is at least as strong as any other sound, compositional, **non-absent-minded** and **theory-oriented** proof system for consequences of structured specifications built from basic specifications using union, translation and hiding.*

**Fact:** *The standard proof system is at least as strong as any other sound, monotone, **non-absent-minded** proof system for consequences of structured specifications built from basic specifications using union, translation and hiding.*

**Fact:** *The standard proof system is at least as strong as any other **persistently** sound and compositional proof system for consequences of structured specifications built from basic specifications using union, translation and hiding.*

These also hold for proof systems based on a sound **entailment** for **I**

The extra assumptions cannot be dropped

## Program development

# Verification

*Given specification  $SP$  and program  $P$ , prove that  $\llbracket P \rrbracket \in \text{Mod}[SP]$*

BUT:

*Proofs of software correctness are notoriously difficult*

SO:

*Build software together with a proof of its correctness*

## Programmer's task

Informally:

*Given a requirements specification  
produce a module that correctly implements it*

Semantically:

Given a requirements specification  $SP$   
build a model  $M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP])|$  such that  
 $M \in Mod[SP]$

## Program development

*May be easy:*

**spec**  $\text{NAT} =$

CASL specification

**free type**  $\text{Nat} ::= 0 \mid \text{succ}(\text{Nat})$

**op**  $- + - : \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

**axioms**  $\forall n:\text{Nat} \bullet n + 0 = n;$

$\forall n, m:\text{Nat} \bullet n + \text{succ}(m) = \text{succ}(n + m)$

**structure**  $\text{NAT} =$

STANDARD ML code

**struct**

**datatype**  $\text{Nat} = 0 \mid \text{succ of Nat}$

**fun**  $\text{add}(n, 0) = n$

$\mid \text{add}(n, \text{succ}(m)) = \text{succ}(\text{add}(n, m))$

**end**

*... but this is rare*

## Key idea

$$SP \rightsquigarrow M$$

**Never in a single jump!**

**Rather:** proceed step by step, adding gradually more and more detail and incorporating more and more design and implementation decisions, until a specification is obtained that is easy to implement directly

$$SP_0 \rightsquigarrow SP_1 \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow SP_n$$



## Refinement step

$$SP' \rightsquigarrow SP$$

Means:

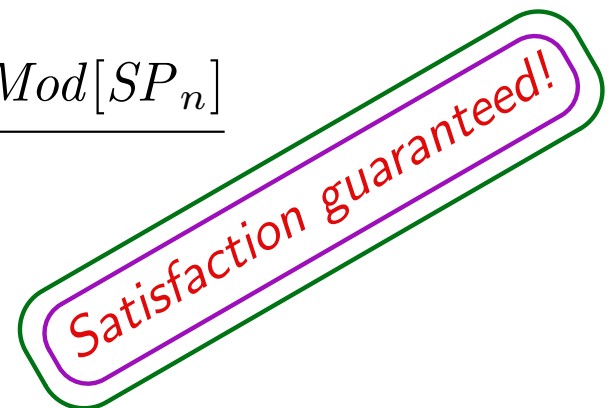
$$Sig[SP'] = Sig[SP] \text{ and } Mod[SP] \subseteq Mod[SP']$$

So:

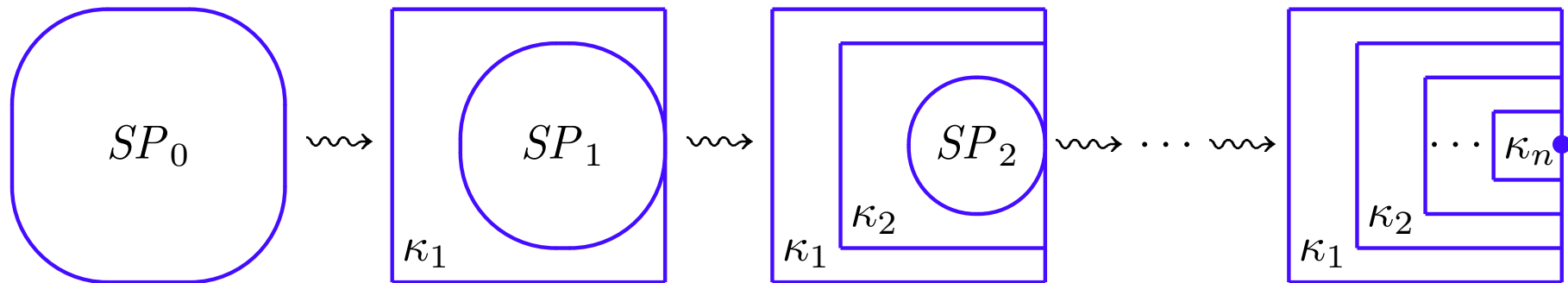
- preserve the static interface (preserving the signature)
- incorporate further details (narrowing the class of models)

Fact:

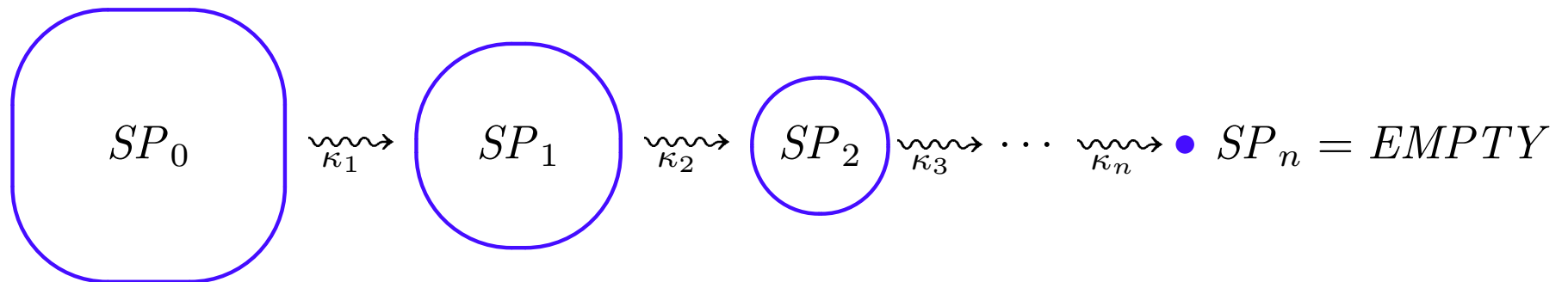
$$\frac{SP_0 \rightsquigarrow SP_1 \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow SP_n \quad M \in Mod[SP_n]}{M \in Mod[SP_0]}$$



In practice, some parts will get fixed:



Keep them apart from whatever is really left for implementation:



## Constructor refinement step

$$SP' \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa} SP$$

Means:

$$\kappa(\text{Mod}[SP]) \subseteq \text{Mod}[SP']$$

where

$$\kappa: |\mathbf{Mod}(\text{Sig}[SP])| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(\text{Sig}[SP'])|$$

is a *constructor*:

**Intuitively:** *parametrised module* (functor of STANDARD ML)

**Semantically:** function between model classes

## Trivial example

**spec** NATADD = NAT **with**  $\{+ \mapsto add\}$

CASL specifications

**spec** NATADDMULT = NATADD **then**

**op**  $mult : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow Nat$

**axiom**  $\forall n:Nat \bullet mult(n, succ(0)) = n;$

$\forall n, m:Nat \bullet mult(n, m) = mult(m, n)$

**functor** MULT ( X: NAT\_ADD\_SIG ): NAT\_ADD\_MULT\_SIG =

**struct** open X

**fun**  $mult(n, 0) = 0 \mid mult(n, succ(m)) = n + mult(n, m)$

**end**

STANDARD ML code

$NATADDMULT \xrightarrow[MULT]{} NATADD$

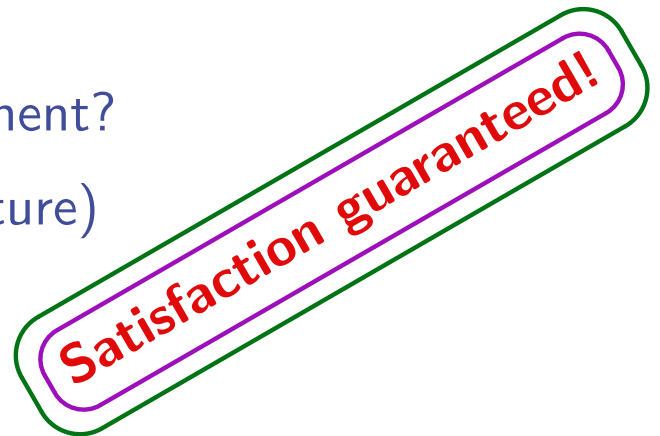
## Development process

**Fact:**

$$\frac{SP_0 \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_1} SP_1 \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_2} \dots \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_n} SP_n = EMPTY}{\kappa_1(\kappa_2(\dots \kappa_n(empty) \dots)) \in Mod[SP_0]}$$

Methodological issues:

- *top-down* vs. *bottom-up* vs. *middle-out* development?
- *modular decomposition* (designing modular structure)



## Branching refinement steps

$$SP \rightsquigarrow BR \left\{ \begin{array}{c} SP_1 \\ \vdots \\ SP_n \end{array} \right.$$

*Branching step*  $BR$  involves a “*linking procedure*” ( $n$ -argument *constructor*)

$$\kappa_{BR} : |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP_1])| \times \cdots \times |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP_n])| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP])|$$

and we require

$$\frac{M_1 \in Mod[SP_1] \quad \cdots \quad M_n \in Mod[SP_n]}{\kappa_{BR}(M_1, \dots, M_n) \in Mod[SP]}$$

*Further development proceeds for each  $SP_i$  separately*

## Architectural specifications

CASL provides an explicit way to write down the organisational specification such a branching amounts to:

$$\text{arch spec } BR = \begin{array}{l} \text{units } U_1 : SP_1 \\ \quad \dots \\ \quad U_n : SP_n \\ \text{result } \kappa_{BR}(U_1, \dots, U_n) \end{array}$$

Moreover:

- units may be generic (parametrised modules, STANDARD ML functors), but *always* are declared with their specifications
- CASL provides a rich collection of combinators to define  $\kappa_{BR}$  and various additional ways to *define* units

**arch spec** STRINGHASHTABLEDESIGN =

**units**  $N : \text{NAT};$

$S : \text{STRING};$

$SK : \text{STRINGKEY}$  **given**  $S, N;$

$SK0 : \text{STRINGKEY0}$  **given**  $S, N;$

$A : \text{ELEM} \rightarrow \text{ARRAY\_OF\_ELEM}$  **given**  $N;$

$A0 : \text{ELEM} \rightarrow \text{ARRAY\_OF\_ELEM}$  **given**  $N;$

$B = A0[S \text{ fit } Elem \mapsto String]$  **with**  $Array[String] \mapsto Bucket;$

$T = A[B \text{ fit } Elem \mapsto Bucket]$  **with**  $Array[Bucket] \mapsto Table;$

$HT0 : \text{STRINGHASHTABLE0}$  **given**  $SK0, B;$

$HT : \text{STRINGHASHTABLE}$  **given**  $HT0, SK, T$

**result**  $HT$  **reveal**  $String, nil, a, \dots, z, - \hat{ } -, Table, empty, add, present$



## Further development

IF

$$SP \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} \textbf{units} \quad U_1 : SP_1 \quad \dots \quad U_n : SP_n \\ \textbf{result} \quad \kappa(U_1, \dots, U_n) \end{array}$$
$$SP_1 \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_1} SP'_1 \quad \dots \quad SP_n \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_n} SP'_n$$

THEN

$$SP \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{l} \textbf{units} \quad U'_1 : SP'_1 \quad \dots \quad U'_n : SP'_n \\ \textbf{result} \quad \kappa(\kappa_1(U'_1), \dots, \kappa_n(U'_n)) \end{array}$$

Better still, keep the development tree within architectural specifications,  
as proposed for CASL

## Local constructions / parametrized units

Local construction:

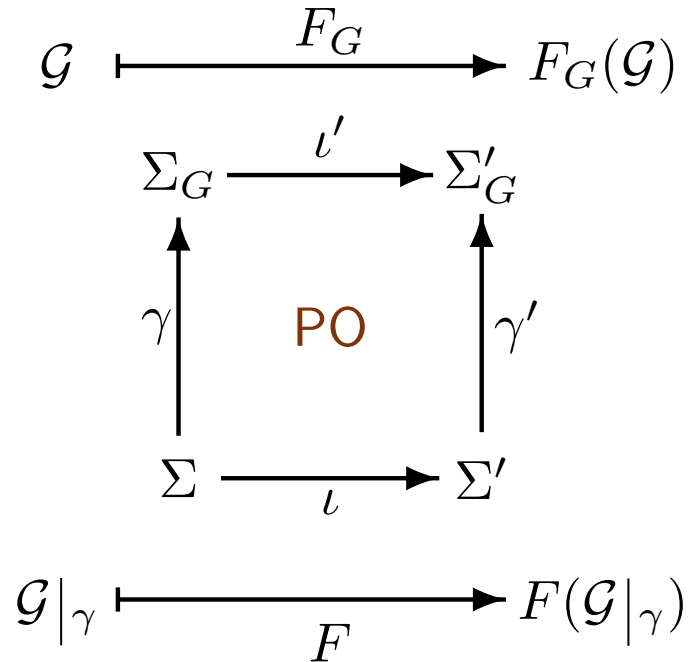
$$F: |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$$

Assume *persistence*:

$$\iota: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma' \text{ and } F(M)|_{\iota} = M, \text{ for all } M \in |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)|$$

Local constructions are meant to be applied in a *global context*  $\Sigma_G$  via a *fitting morphism*  $\gamma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_G$

## From local to global constructions



Given  $F: |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')|$  persistent along  $\iota: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  and fitting morphism  $\gamma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_G$  we obtain

$$F_G: |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_G)| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma'_G)|$$

as defined by the pushout in **Sign** and the following condition:

$$F_G(\mathcal{G})|_{\iota'} = \mathcal{G} \text{ and } F_G(\mathcal{G})|_{\gamma'} = F(\mathcal{G}|_{\gamma})$$

CASL syntax for  $F_G(\mathcal{G})$ :  $F[\mathcal{G} \text{ fit } \sigma]$

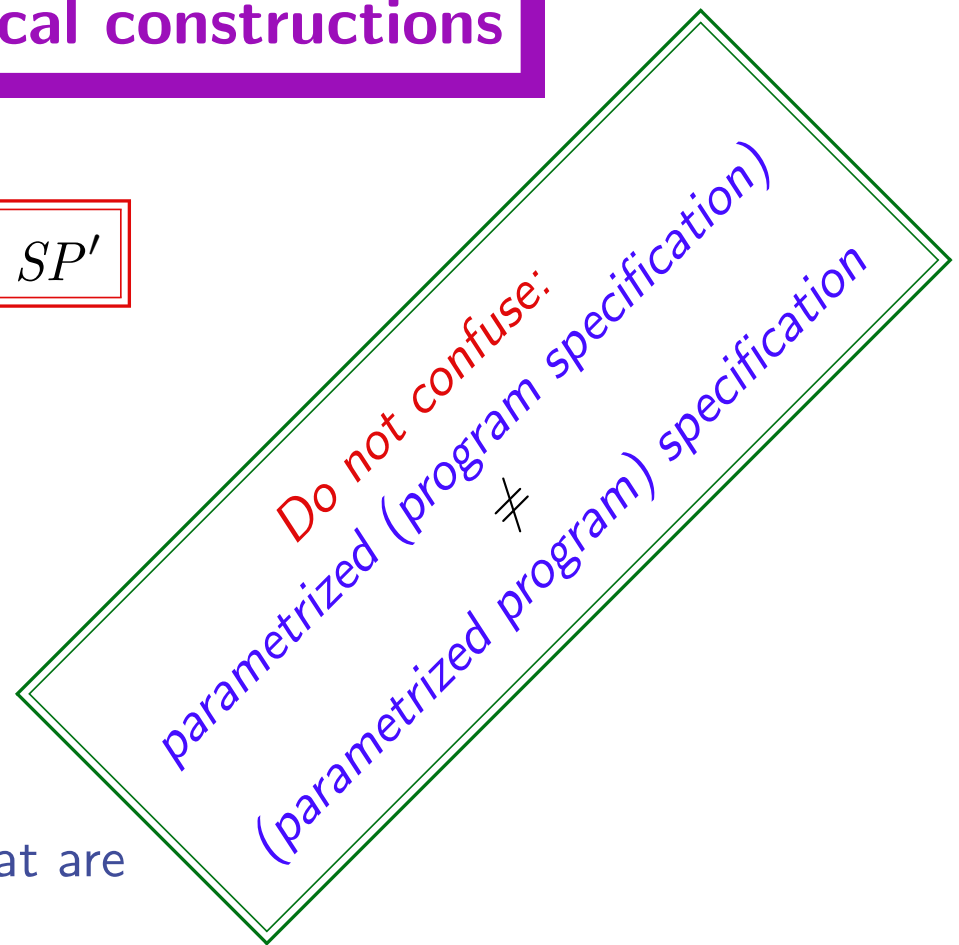
*Amalgamation required!*

## Specifications for local constructions

$$SP \xrightarrow{\iota} SP'$$

### Strict correctness

$$Mod[SP \xrightarrow{\iota} SP']$$



the class of all local constructions

$F: |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP])| \rightarrow |\mathbf{Mod}(Sig[SP'])|$  that are

- persistent along  $\iota: Sig[SP] \rightarrow Sig[SP']$
- *strictly correct* w.r.t. parameter specification  $SP$  and result specification  $SP'$ :

$$F(M) \in Mod[SP'] \text{ for all } M \in Mod[SP]$$

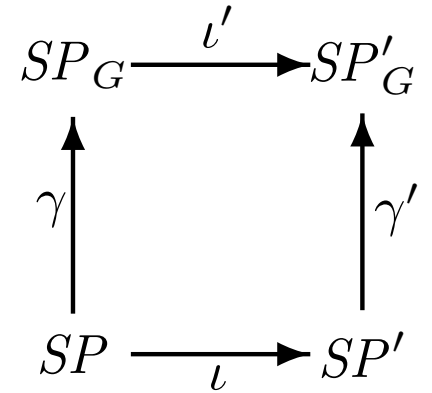
## Correctness of global implementations

- Take (as before)
- $\iota: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma', \gamma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_G$
  - $SP$  with  $Sig[SP] = \Sigma$ ,  $SP'$  with  $Sig[SP'] = \Sigma'$
  - $SP_G$  with  $Sig[SP_G] = \Sigma_G$ ,  $SP'_G$  with  $Sig[SP'_G] = \Sigma'_G$

**Fact:** *If* •  $F \in Mod[SP \xrightarrow{\iota} SP']$

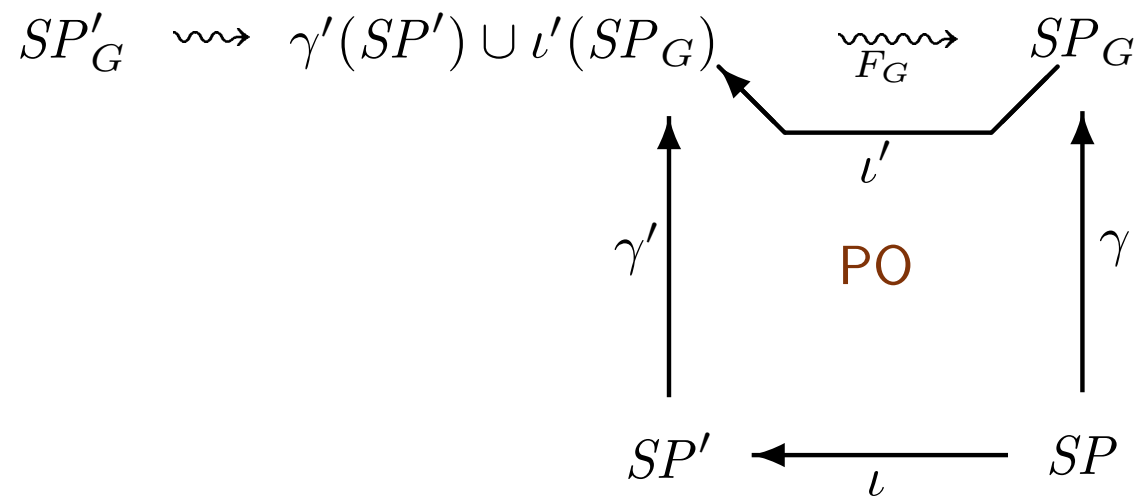
- $Mod[SP_G] \subseteq Mod[\gamma(SP)]$
- $Mod[\gamma'(SP') \cup \iota'(SP_G)] \subseteq Mod[SP'_G]$

*then*  $F_G(Mod[SP_G]) \subseteq Mod[SP'_G]$ , *i.e.:*



$$SP'_G \rightsquigarrow_{F_G} SP_G$$

## Correctness of global implementations



## Program development

- Start with a SPECIFICATION
- Develop software via a SEQUENCE of *refinement steps*
- Each step is small enough that a PROOF OF CORRECTNESS is possible
- Correct refinement steps can be COMPOSED
- Some refinement steps involve DECOMPOSITION into SEPARATE TASKS

### RESULT:

*Well-designed, well-structured, well-documented  
correct and highly modular software*

# Toward heterogeneous specifications

## Linking institutions with each other

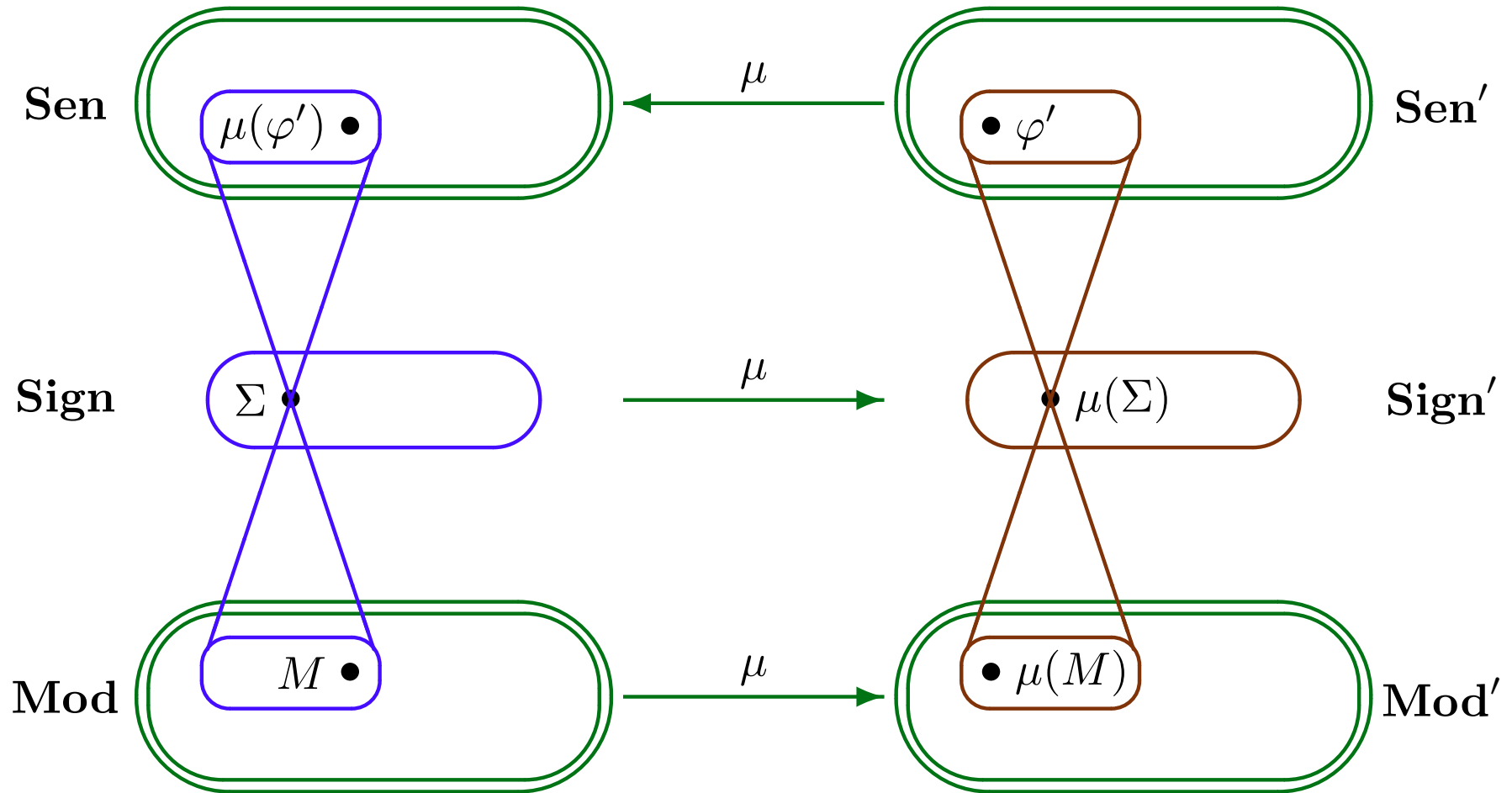
... various maps between institutions...

## Categories of institutions



**Institution morphism:**  $\mu: \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \mathbf{I}'$

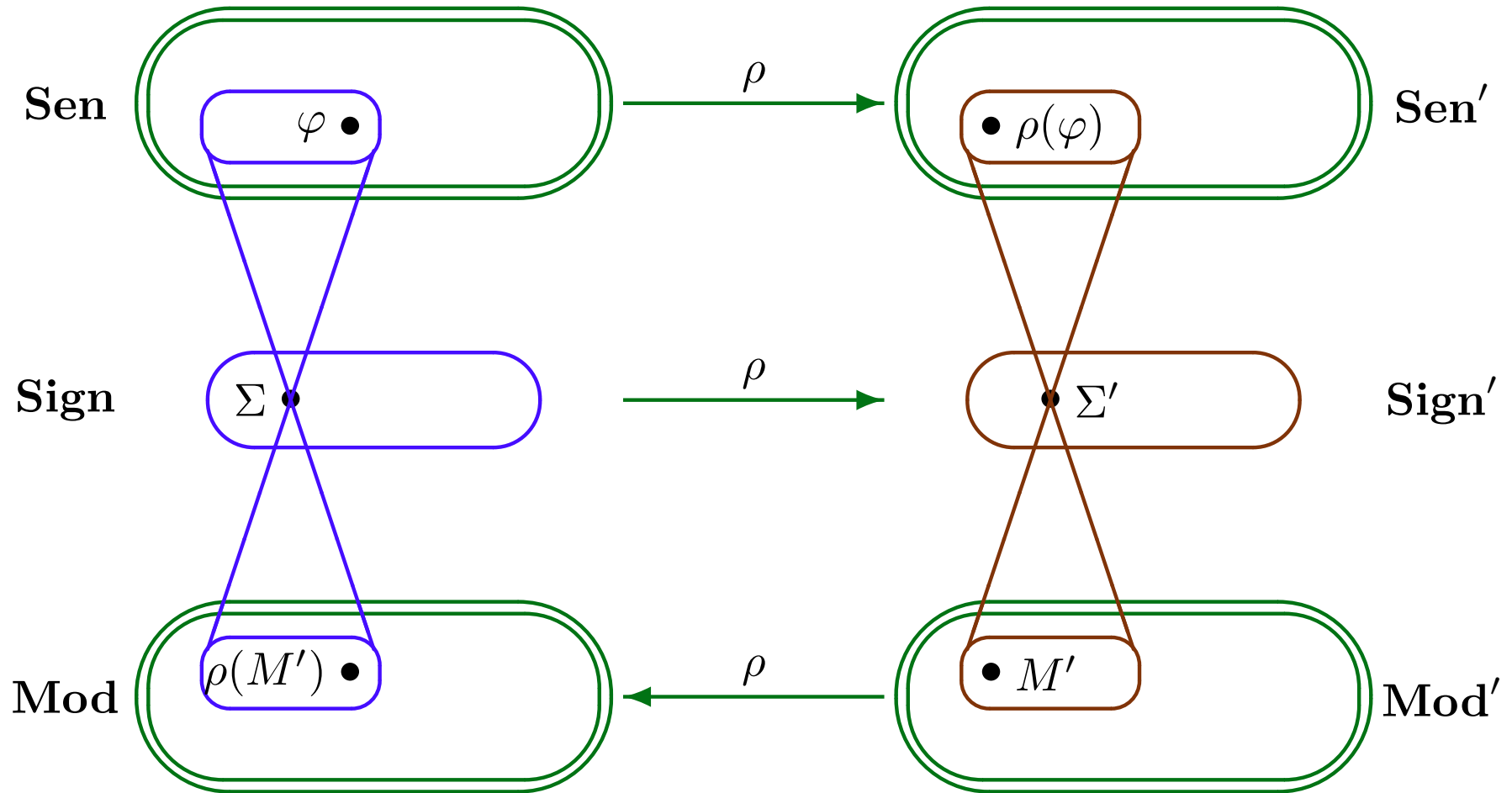
$\mathcal{INS}$



with the *satisfaction condition* lurking again:

$$M \models \mu(\varphi) \text{ iff } \mu(M) \models' \varphi'$$

**Institution comorphism:**  $\rho: \mathbf{I} \longrightarrow \mathbf{I}'$



with the *satisfaction condition* lurking again:

$$\rho(M') \models \varphi \text{ iff } M' \models' \rho(\varphi)$$

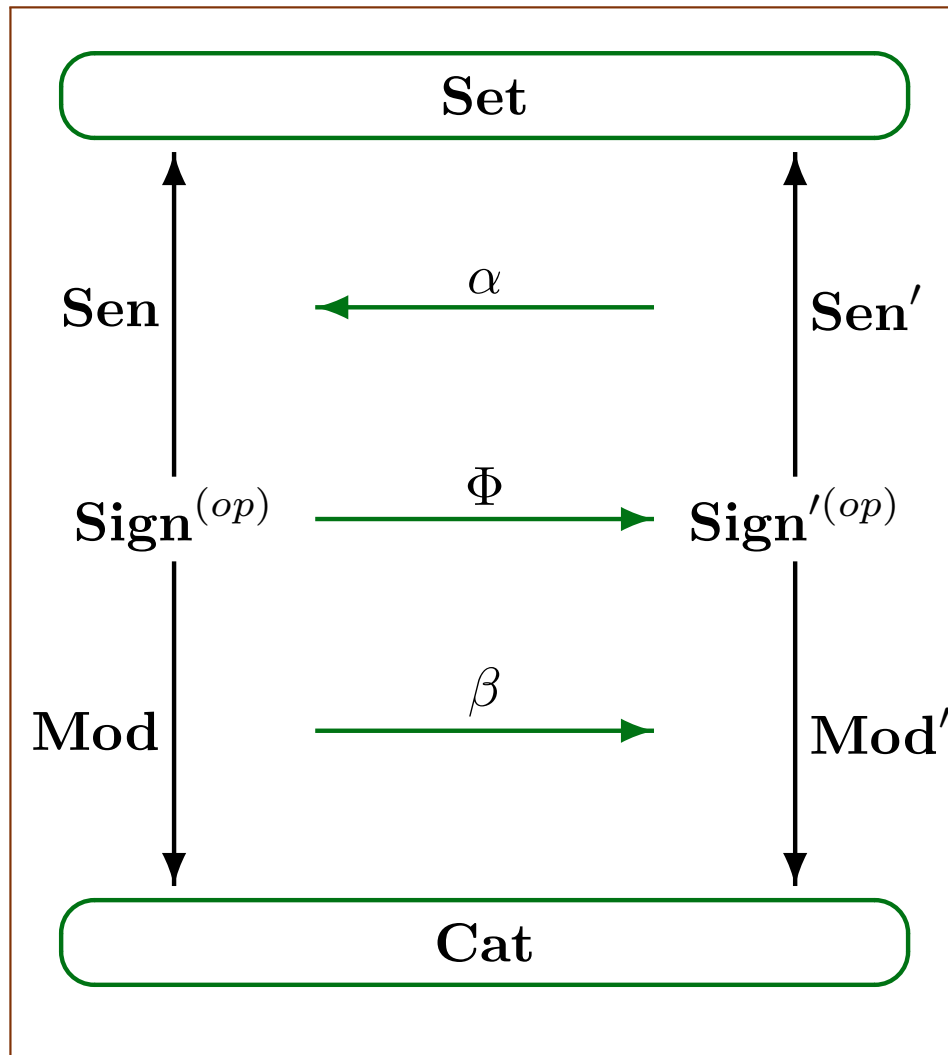
# Moving between institutions: a taxonomy of maps

<i>morphisms</i> $\mu$	$\text{Sen} \longleftarrow \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longrightarrow \text{Mod}'$	<i>semi-morphisms</i> $\mu$	$\text{Sen} \quad \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longrightarrow \text{Mod}'$
<i>comorphisms</i> $\rho$	$\text{Sen} \longrightarrow \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longleftarrow \text{Mod}'$	<i>semi-comorphisms</i> $\rho$	$\text{Sen} \quad \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longleftarrow \text{Mod}'$
<i>forward morphisms</i>	$\text{Sen} \longrightarrow \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longrightarrow \text{Mod}'$		
<i>forward comorphisms</i>	$\text{Sen} \longleftarrow \text{Sen}'$ $\text{Sign} \longrightarrow \text{Sign}'$ $\text{Mod} \longleftarrow \text{Mod}'$		

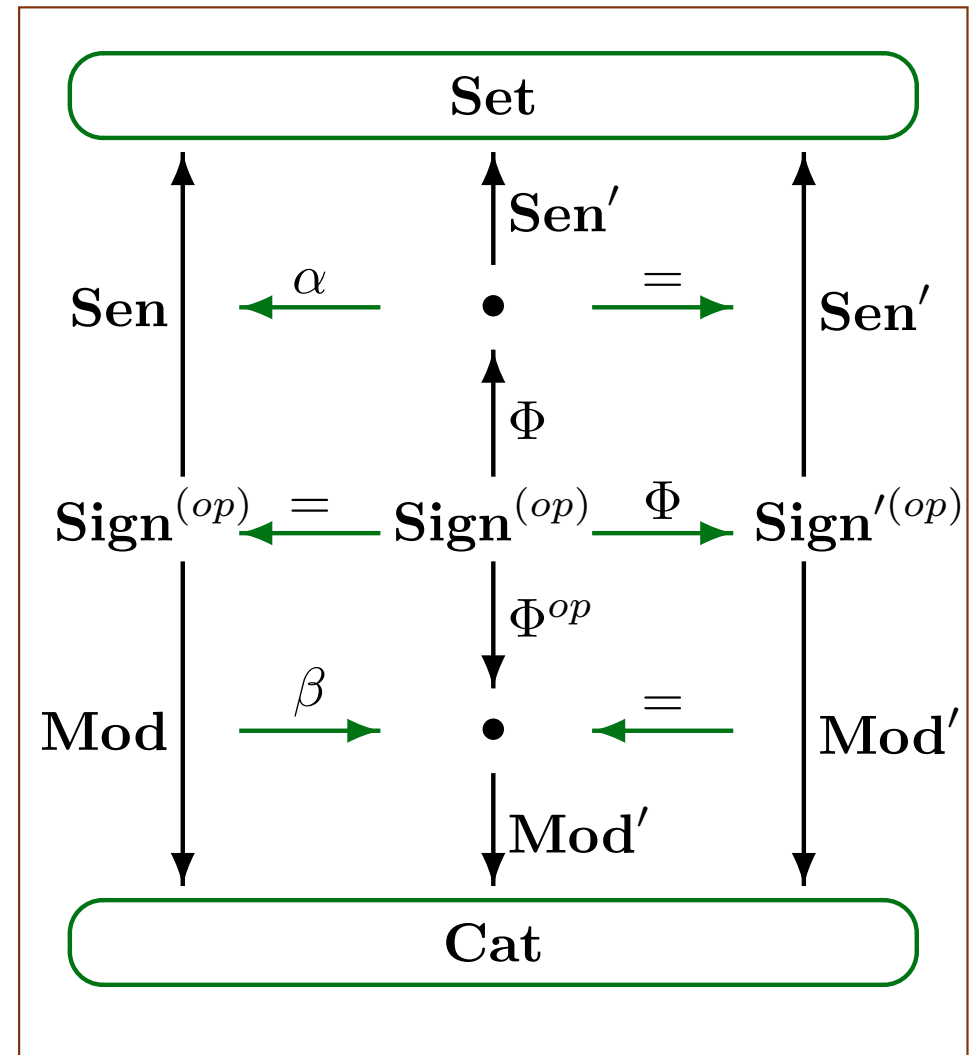
plus *theoroidal* versions,  
plus *weak* versions, plus ...

# Mastering the diversity

## Morphism



## Span of comorphisms



## Putting institutions together

**Fact:** *The category  $\mathcal{INS}$  of institutions and institution morphisms is complete and (nearly) cocomplete. So is the category  $co\mathcal{INS}$ , the category of institutions and institution comorphisms.*

- Limits in  $\mathcal{INS}$ : a rudimentary way of combining institutions linked by institution morphisms to capture how one institution is built over another.
- This is in contrast with the *Grothendieck institution* built over the same diagram, which just puts the institutions involved next to each other, with additional signature morphisms induced by institution morphisms.

## Limits of limits

- In general, limits in  $\mathcal{INS}$  *do not* preserve cocompleteness of the category of signatures, amalgamability, interpolation, etc.
- Nothing comes for free in  $co\mathcal{INS}$  either (though some things might be easier).

## Systematically building complex logical systems

- Logic presentations: *parchments*...
- Putting parchments together — (co)completeness of parchments categories...
- Parchment constructions, extensions, modifications...
- Preserving and combining proof systems...

*EXAMPLE: CafeOBJ cube of logics*

## Heterogeneous environment

*A collection of institutions  
linked by  
(forward) (semi-) (co-) morphisms*

*A collection of institutions  
linked by (semi-)comorphisms*

*A diagram  $\mathcal{HIE}$  in the category  $co\mathcal{INS}$   
(of institutions and institution comorphisms)*

### EXAMPLES:

- a dozen of logics, one for each kind of UML diagrams
- the  $\mathcal{HETS}$  family of institutions
- CafeOBJ cube of logics
- Mossakowski's diagram of algebraic and other institutions
- ...

Given a heterogeneous environment of institutions  $\mathcal{HIE}$

## Heterogeneous specifications

- Move to a **universal institution** **UI**  
(encode institutions in  $\mathcal{HIE}$  using comorphisms into **UI**, compatible with maps within  $\mathcal{HIE}$ ; then work in **UI**)
- **Focussed heterogeneous specifications**  
(specifications that reside in an institution, but may involve specifications from other institutions in  $\mathcal{HIE}$ )
- **Distributed heterogeneous specifications**  
(specification diagrams over  $\mathcal{HIE}$ )



## Focused heterogeneous specifications

In a heterogeneous environment  $\mathcal{HIE}$ :

**Translation:** introduces new structure to specification models, following an institution semi-comorphism  $\rho: \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}'$ ; for any  $\mathbf{I}$ -specification  $SP$ ,

$$\rho(SP)$$

is an  $\mathbf{I}'$ -specification with  $Sig[\rho(SP)] = \rho(Sig[SP])$  and  $Mod[\rho(SP)] = \{M' \in |\mathbf{Mod}'(\rho(Sig[SP]))| \mid \rho(M') \in Mod[SP]\}$ .

**Hiding:** hides extra structure of specification models, following an institution semi-morphism  $\mu: \mathbf{I}' \rightarrow \mathbf{I}$ ; for any  $\mathbf{I}'$ -specification  $SP'$ ,

$$SP'|_{\mu}$$

is an  $\mathbf{I}$ -specification with  $Sig[SP'|_{\mu}] = \mu(Sig[SP'])$  and  $Mod[SP'|_{\mu}] = \{\mu(M') \mid M' \in Mod[SP']\}$ .

## Some topics to repeat for focused heterogeneous specifications

- structured specifications
- proving semantic consequence of, and between specifications
  - institution (co)morphisms in use
- soundness and completeness of (compositional) proof systems
- stepwise software development
- constructor and abtractor implementations
  - inter-institutional constructors needed: the model component of institution semi-(co)morphisms
- branching implementations and architectural specifications
  - developments of individual units may proceed independently within different institutions, given inter-institutional constructors to join them

## Distributed heterogeneous specifications

*... some preliminary ideas ...*

## Heterogeneous specification morphisms

**Recall:** a *specification morphism*  $\sigma : SP \rightarrow SP'$  in an institution  $\mathbf{I}$  is a signature morphism  $\sigma : \text{Sig}[SP] \rightarrow \text{Sig}[SP']$  such that for all models  $M' \in \text{Mod}[SP']$ ,  $M'|_{\sigma} \in \text{Mod}[SP]$ .

**Define:** a *heterogeneous specification morphism* from  $\mathbf{I}$ -specification  $SP$  to  $\mathbf{I}'$ -specification  $SP'$  is a pair  $\langle \rho, \sigma' \rangle : SP \rightarrow SP'$ , where  $\rho : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}'$  is an institution (semi-)comorphism, and  $\sigma' : \rho(\text{Sig}[SP]) \rightarrow \text{Sig}[SP']$  is an  $\mathbf{I}'$ -signature morphism such that for all models  $M' \in \text{Mod}[SP']$ ,  $\rho(M'|_{\sigma'}) \in \text{Mod}[SP]$ .

*This yields a category  $\mathcal{HSP\mathcal{E}C}$  of heterogeneous specifications over  $\mathcal{HIE}$ .*

... Grothendieck construction...

## Distributed heterogeneous specifications

- A *distributed heterogeneous specification*  $\mathcal{HSP}$  is a diagram of heterogeneous specifications in  $\mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$ ,  $\mathcal{HSP} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$ .

Notation:

- for  $i \in |\mathcal{J}|$ ,  $\mathcal{HSP}_i$  is the specification  $\mathcal{HSP}(i)$
- for  $e : i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $\mathcal{HSP}_e = \langle \rho_e, \sigma_e \rangle : \mathcal{HSP}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP}_j$  is the heterogeneous specification morphism  $\mathcal{HSP}(e)$ .

- A *distributed heterogeneous model* of  $\mathcal{HSP}$  is a family  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M_i \rangle_{i \in |\mathcal{J}|}$  of models *compatible with*  $\mathcal{HSP}$ .

$\mathcal{HSP}$  is (globally) consistent  
if it has a (distributed) model

That is, such that

- for  $i \in |\mathcal{J}|$ ,  $M_i \in \text{Mod}[\mathcal{HSP}_i]$
- for  $e : i \rightarrow j$  in  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $M_i = \rho_e(M_j |_{\sigma_e})$ .

## Moving to the limit

**Fact:** *If  $\mathbf{I}$  is the colimit of  $\mathcal{HIE}$  in  $\text{coINS}$  then for any distributed heterogeneous specification  $\mathcal{HSP}$  over  $\mathcal{HIE}$  there is a (focussed heterogeneous)  $\mathbf{I}$ -specification  $SP$  with models corresponding exactly to distributed heterogeneous models of  $\mathcal{HSP}$ .*

*... given enough assumptions...*

*So what?*

Typically, the limit institution  $\mathbf{I}$  is not “natural” — hence it is better to work with distributed specifications, dealing with various views of the system separately.

Work with local views, local understanding, and local compatibility

*... but do not forget about global consistency and emerging properties*

## Implementing distributed specifications

To implement  $\mathcal{HSP} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$  by  $\mathcal{HSP}' : \mathcal{J}' \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$ , provide:

- a *covering function*  $f : |\mathcal{J}| \rightarrow |\mathcal{J}'|$ , and
- a *distributed constructor*  $\kappa = \langle \kappa_i : \text{Mod}[\mathcal{HSP}'_{f(i)}] \rightarrow \text{Mod}[\mathcal{HSP}_i] \rangle_{i \in |\mathcal{J}|}$ .

So that for each  $i \in |\mathcal{J}|$ , we have  $\mathcal{HSP}_i \rightsquigarrow_{\kappa_i} \mathcal{HSP}'_{f(i)}$ .

**THEN:**

$$\mathcal{HSP} \rightsquigarrow_{\langle \kappa, f \rangle} \mathcal{HSP}'$$

**if** for each distributed heterogeneous model  $\mathcal{M}' = \langle M'_{i'} \rangle_{i' \in |\mathcal{J}'|}$  of  $\mathcal{HSP}'$ ,  $\kappa_f(\mathcal{M}') = \langle \kappa_i(M'_{f(i)}) \rangle_{i \in |\mathcal{J}|}$  is a distributed heterogeneous model of  $\mathcal{HSP}$ .

STRUCTURE MAY CHANGE!

INSTITUTIONS MAY CHANGE!

WE NEED TO ARRIVE AT A SINGLE “IMPLEMENTATION” INSTITUTION

## One standard way

**Fact:** For any  $\mathcal{HSP} : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$  and  $\mathcal{HSP}' : \mathcal{J}' \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP\mathcal{EC}}$ , given

- a functor  $F : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'$
- a natural transformation  $\tau : \mathcal{HSP} \rightarrow F;\mathcal{HSP}'$  with  $\tau_i = \langle \rho_i, \sigma_i \rangle : \mathcal{HSP}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{HSP}_{F(i)}$  for  $i \in |\mathcal{J}|$

we have

$$\mathcal{HSP} \overset{\langle \kappa, f \rangle}{\rightsquigarrow} \mathcal{HSP}'$$

where

- $f = |F| : |\mathcal{J}| \rightarrow |\mathcal{J}'|$
- $\kappa = \langle \rho_i(-|_{\sigma_i}) : \text{Mod}[\mathcal{HSP}'_{F(i)}] \rightarrow \text{Mod}[\mathcal{HSP}_i] \rangle_{i \in |\mathcal{J}|}$



## Key idea

*A semantic view of heterogeneous logical environment  
for software specification and programming emerges:  
a diagram of institutions*

### Sample further work:

- keep building up the environment of relevant institutions and (forward) (semi-)(co)morphisms between them;
- expected results and methods for distributed heterogeneous specifications;
- proof theoretic links between institutions linked semantically;
- programming links between “programming” institutions linked semantically.

## Summing up

- Standard underlying logical and preliminaries: basic algebraic framework, equational logic; category theory
- Institutions: motivation, abstraction, generality; formalization of the concept of a logical system
- Institutional model theory: numerous bits and pieces of classical model theory reformulated, clarified and sharpened
- Foundations of software specification and development:
  - Specifications: basic and structured specifications; proof systems for specifications
  - Program development: (constructor) refinements; architectural specifications
  - (Observational approach)
- Heterogeneous logical frameworks: maps between institutions; heterogeneous specifications and development; building complex logical systems

## Conclusion

*A small dose of  
mathematics (universal algebra, logic, category theory)  
helps to clarify, sharpen, expand and develop  
the concepts, methods and results we want*