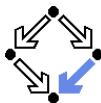


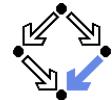
Initial Specifications

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Concrete Syntax



```
initial spec
  sorts sort ...
  opns operation ...
  vars variable: sort ...
  eqns equation ...
endspec
```

- Signature $\Sigma = (\{sort, \dots\}, \{operation, \dots\})$.
- Set of formulas $\Phi = \{(\forall \text{variable} : \text{sort}, \dots . \text{equation}), \dots\}$.

We will only use the concrete syntax to define specifications.

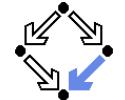
Initial Specifications

We fix as our logic the equational logic EL .

- **Initial specification** $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$.
 - Signature Σ , set of formulas $\Phi \subseteq EL(\Sigma)$.
- **Semantics** $\mathcal{M}(sp) = \{A \in Alg(\Sigma) \mid A \simeq T(\Sigma, \Phi)\}$.
 - The class of algebras isomorphic to the quotient term algebra over Φ .
 - Carriers are (isomorphic to) classes of terms that have the same value in all models of Φ .

An initial specification specifies as the abstract datatype the class of all algebras isomorphic to the quotient term algebra over its formula set.

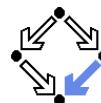
Example



```
initial spec
  sorts nat
  opns
    0 :> nat
    Succ : nat → nat
    - + - : nat × nat → nat
  vars m, n : nat
  eqns
    n + 0 = n
    n + Succ(m) = Succ(n + m)
endspec
```

- $T(\Sigma, \Phi)(nat) = \{[0], [Succ(0)], [Succ(Succ(0))], \dots\}$
 - $[0] = [0 + 0] = [0 + (0 + 0)] = \dots$
 - $[Succ(0)] = [Succ(0) + 0] = [0 + Succ(0)] = [Succ(0 + 0)] = \dots$
 - \dots

Initiality

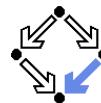


Take signature Σ , set of formulas $\Phi \in EL(\Phi)$.

- **Theorem:** $T(\Sigma, \Phi) \in Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$.
 - Quotient term algebra of Φ is itself a model of Φ .
 - Not true for formula set Φ from every logic L .
- **Corollary:** $T(\Sigma, \Phi)$ is initial in $Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$.
 - Consequence of the final theorem of the previous section.
- **Corollary:** Every algebra of $M(sp)$ is initial in $Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$.
 - The specified algebras distinguish most among all models of Φ .

The specified abstract datatype is the most “distinguishing” one.

Logical Properties

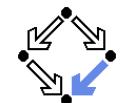


Take initial specification (Σ, Φ) , ground equation $t = u$ and equation $\forall X.v = w$ in $EL(\Phi)$.

- $T(\Sigma, \Phi) \models t = u$ iff $\Phi \models t = u$.
 - $\Phi \models t = u$ iff $A \models t = u$ for every Σ -algebra A that is a model of Φ .
 - The equation holds in specified datatype, iff the equation is a logical consequence of the specification equations.
- $T(\Sigma, \Phi) \models \forall X.v = w$ iff $\Phi \models_{Ind} \forall X.v = w$.
 - $\Phi \models_{Ind} t = u$ iff $A \models t = u$ for every model A of Φ that is generated.
 - The equation holds in the specified datatype, iff the equation is a logical consequence of the specification equations; for proving this, we may apply the principle of structural induction.

In the specified abstract datatype, no other equalities hold than those that are consequences of Φ .

Datatype Properties

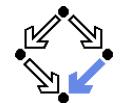


Take initial specification $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$.

- $M(sp)$ is not empty.
 - It contains $T(\Sigma, \Phi)$.
 - An initial specification is *consistent*.
- $M(sp)$ is monomorphic.
 - By definition, all algebras in $M(sp)$ are isomorphic.
 - An initial specification describes a *single datatype*.
- $M(sp)$ only contains *generated* algebras.
 - Every carrier is isomorphic to (the congruence class of) a ground term.
 - The specified datatype *does not contain junk*.

An initial specification is much more specific than a loose specification.

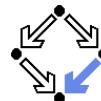
Example



```
initial spec
  sorts nat, set
  opns
    0 :→ nat
    Succ : nat → nat
    ∅ :→ set
    Insert : set × nat → set
  vars m, n : nat, s : set
  eqns
    Insert(Insert(s, n), n) = Insert(s, n)
    Insert(Insert(s, n), m) = Insert(Insert(s, m), n)
  endspec
```

Strictly adequate specification of “classical” set algebra (compare with a corresponding loose specification with constructors).

Example



```
loose spec
  sorts freely generated nat
  opns
    constr 0 :→ nat
    constr Succ : nat → nat
    Pred : nat → nat
  vars n : nat
  axioms Pred(Succ(n)) = n
endspec
```

```
initial spec
  sorts nat
  opns
    0 :→ nat
    Succ : nat → nat
    Pred : nat → nat
  vars n : nat
  eqns Pred(Succ(n)) = n
endspec
```

- Loose specification is **polymorphic**:

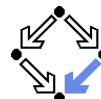
- Algebra A may define any value $A(Pred(0)) \in A(\text{nat})$.
- Same is true for the “classical” algebra of natural numbers.

- Initial specification is **monomorphic**:

- $T(\Sigma, \Phi)(\text{nat})$ has $[\text{Pred}(0)], [\text{Pred}(\text{Pred}(0))], [\text{Succ}(\text{Pred}(0))], \dots$
- Certainly not isomorphic to the “classical” algebra of natural numbers.

Initial specifications may yield carrier sets that are larger than expected.

Loose vs Initial Specifications



- Adding an additional formula to a specification.

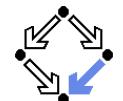
- Loose specification: some models are removed.
 - (Not strictly) adequate specification becomes “more adequate”.
- Initial specification: some carriers are identified.
 - Carrier set becomes smaller.
 - Adequate specification becomes inadequate.

- Adding an incompatible formula to a specification.

- Loose specification: $\mathcal{M}(sp) = \emptyset$.
 - Specification becomes inconsistent; all models are “killed”.
- Initial spec: $\mathcal{M}(sp)$ consists of algebras with singleton carrier sets.
 - Specification becomes too constrained; some carrier sets “collapse”.

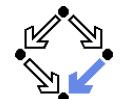
In an initial specification, adding an “incompatible” equation lets a carrier set collapse to a singleton.

Possible Solution Attempts



- Add equation $\text{Pred}(0) = 0$.
 - Ambiguity is resolved by fixing the value of $\text{Pred}(0)$.
 - Problem: specification is less abstract than possible.
- Add equation $\text{Succ}(\text{Pred}(n)) = n$.
 - Unsatisfactory: carriers $[\text{Pred}^i(0)]$, $i \geq 1$ are not removed.
- Add constant $\text{Error} :→ \text{nat}$.
 - Additional equations:
 - $\text{Pred}(0) = \text{Error}$
 - $\text{Succ}(\text{Error}) = \text{Error}$
 - $\text{Pred}(\text{Error}) = \text{Error}$
 - Problem: additional carrier $[\text{Error}]$ has to be considered.
- Combine last two solutions:
 - $[\text{Succ}^{i+1}(\text{Pred}(0))] = [\text{Succ}^i(0)]$.
 - $[\text{Succ}^{i+1}(\text{Pred}(0))] = [\text{Succ}^{i+1}(\text{Error})] = [\text{Error}]$.
 - Effect: $T(\Sigma, \Phi)(\text{nat}) = \{[\text{Error}]\}$.

Expressive Power of Initial Specifications



- **Theorem:** Any generated algebra may be specified by an initial specification consisting of ground equations only.

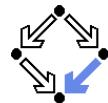
- Catch: number of equations may be infinite and even not recursively enumerable (e.g. Peano arithmetic).

- **Theorem:** There exist algebras that can be specified by an initial specification with a finite number of equations but cannot be specified with a finite number of ground equations.

- Universally quantified variables really add expressive power.

- **Theorem:** There exist generated algebras that cannot be specified by an initial specification consisting of a finite number of equations.
 - Universally quantified variables do not suffice.

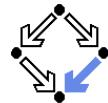
Seems to impose fundamental limitations on initial specifications.



Example

- $\Sigma = (\{nat\}, \{0 : \rightarrow nat, Succ : nat \rightarrow nat, Square : nat \rightarrow nat\})$.
 - Classical Σ -algebra A :
 - $A(nat) = \mathbb{N}$, $A(0) = 0$, $A(Succ)(n) = n + 1$,
 - $A(Square)(n) = n^2$.
 - Attempt to an adequate specification of A :
 - $Square(0) = 0$
 - $Square(Succ(n)) = \dots?$
- $\Sigma' = (\dots, \{\dots, + : nat \times nat \rightarrow nat\})$.
 - Classical Σ' -algebra A :
 - $\dots, A(+)(n, m) = n + m$
 - Adequate specification of A :
 - \dots
 - $n + 0 = n$
 - $n + Succ(m) = Succ(n + m)$
 - $Square(Succ(n)) = Succ(Square(n) + (n + n))$

Additional operations may be needed for an adequate initial specification.

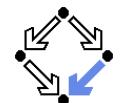


Other Specification Logics

Not in every logic there exists an initial model of a set of formulas.

- Specification (Σ, Φ) :
 - $\Sigma = (\{S\}, \{a, b, c, d : \rightarrow S\})$.
 - $\Phi = \{(a \neq b \wedge c = d) \vee (a = b \wedge c \neq d)\}$.
- Σ -algebra $B \in Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$:
 - $B(a) \neq B(b), B(c) = B(d)$.
- Σ -algebra $C \in Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$:
 - $C(a) = C(b), C(c) \neq C(d)$.
- Assume that some Σ -algebra A is initial in $Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$:
 - Since A is initial, an equation that does not hold for some algebra in $Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$, does also not hold for A .
 - Since $B(a) \neq B(b)$, also $A(a) \neq A(b)$.
 - Since $C(c) \neq C(d)$, also $A(c) \neq A(d)$.
 - Since $A(a) \neq A(b)$ and $A(c) \neq A(d)$, $A \notin Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$.

Not every logic is suitable for initial specifications.



Expressive Power of Initial Specifications

Take finite signature Σ .

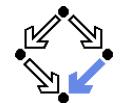
- **Theorem:** For every generated Σ -algebra A with computable functions, there exists a signature $\Sigma' \supseteq \Sigma$ and an initial specification (Σ', Φ) with a finite set of formulas $\Phi \subseteq EL(\Sigma')$ such that

$$A \simeq T(\Sigma', \Phi)|\Sigma$$

- $\mathcal{C}|\Sigma$ is the **Σ -reduct** of class \mathcal{C} .

- From every algebra of \mathcal{C} , all carrier sets and functions are removed that correspond to sorts and operations not mentioned in Σ .

Any computable function can be defined by recursive equations, thus any generated algebra with computable functions can be adequately specified by an initial specification (after extending the signature appropriately).



Other Specification Logics

Take signature Σ .

- **Theorem:** If $\Phi \subseteq CEL(\Sigma)$, $T(\Sigma, \Phi) \in Mod_{\Sigma}(\Phi)$.

initial spec

sorts *bool, nat, list*

True :→ bool

False :→ bool

0 :→ nat

Succ : nat → nat

[] :→ list

Add : nat × list → list

_ . _ : list × list → list

Isprefix : list × list → bool

vars *l, m : list, e, e' : nat*

cond eqns

[].l = l

Add(e, l).m = Add(e, l.m)

Isprefix(Add(e, l), []) = False

Isprefix(Add(e, l), Add(e, m)) =

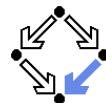
Isprefix(l, m)

Isprefix(Add(e, l), Add(e', m)) = True

⇒ e = e'

endspec

Initial specifications may also use conditional equations.

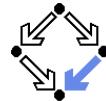


Properties and Proofs

Additional proof techniques for ADTs defined by initial specifications.

- Take initial specification $sp = (\Sigma, \Omega)$.
 - Goal: $\mathcal{M}(sp) \models \forall X.v = w$.
 - Prove: $\Omega \models v\sigma = w\sigma$ for each ground substitution $\sigma : X \rightarrow T_\Sigma$.
 - Proof by induction on the structure of the substitution.
- Example: $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$, $\Sigma = (\{\text{nat}\}, \{0, \text{Succ}, +\})$
 $\Phi = \{(1) n + 0 = n, (2) n + \text{Succ}(m) = \text{Succ}(n + m), (3) (n + m) + p = n + (m + p)\}$.
 - Goal: $\mathcal{M}(sp) \models 0 + n = n$.
 - Prove: $\Phi \models 0 + t = t$, for every ground term $t \in T_\Sigma$.
 - Case $t = 0$: $0 + 0 =_{(1)} 0$.
 - Case $t = \text{Succ}(t')$: $0 + \text{Succ}(t') =_{(2)} \text{Succ}(0 + t') =_{(\text{Ind})} \text{Succ}(t')$.
 - Case $t = (t' + t'')$: $0 + (t' + t'') =_{(3)} (0 + t') + t'' =_{(\text{Ind})} t' + t''$.

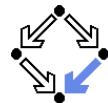
Proof by induction on the structure of substitution terms.



Example

- $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$, $\Sigma = (\{\text{nat}\}, \{0, \text{Succ}, +\})$
 $\Phi = \{(1) n + 0 = n, (2) n + \text{Succ}(m) = \text{Succ}(n + m), (3) (n + m) + p = n + (m + p)\}$.
- Goal: sp adequately specifies classical Σ -algebra A .
 1. Prove A is generated.
 2. Prove $A \models \Phi$.
 3. Take terms $t, u \in T_\Sigma$ with $A(t) = A(u)$ and prove $\Phi \models t = u$.
 - 3.1 Lemma: $A(v) = n$ implies $\Phi \models v = \text{Succ}^n(0)$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}, v \in T_\Sigma$.
 Proof by induction on the structure of v
 - 3.2 Take $n = A(t) = A(u)$. Then, by the lemma, $\Phi \models t = \text{Succ}^n(0)$ and $\Phi \models u = \text{Succ}^n(0)$. Thus $\Phi \models t = u$.

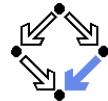
A canonical term representation for carriers simplifies proofs.



Properties and Proofs

Take initial specification (Σ, Φ) and Σ -algebra A .

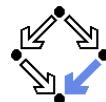
- Goal: (Σ, Φ) adequately specifies A .
 - $A \simeq T(\Sigma, \Phi)$.
- 1. Prove A is a model of Φ .
 Since $T(\Sigma, \Phi)$ is initial in $\text{Mod}_\Sigma(\Phi)$, we have an evaluation homomorphism $h : T(\Sigma, \Phi) \rightarrow A$.
- 2. Prove A is generated.
 Thus for every carrier a there exists a term t with $A(t) = a$ and consequently $h([t]) = a$, i.e. h is surjective.
- 3. Prove h is injective.
 Prove, for arbitrary $t, u \in T_\Sigma$,
 $h([t]) = h([u]) \Rightarrow [t] = [u]$, i.e.
 $A(t) = A(u) \Rightarrow [t] = [u]$, i.e.
 $A(t) = A(u) \Rightarrow T(\Sigma, \Phi)(t) = T(\Sigma, \Phi)(u)$, i.e.
 $A(t) = A(u) \Rightarrow \Phi \models t = u$.



Properties and Proofs

Take initial specifications (Σ, Φ) and (Σ, Ψ) .

- Goal: (Σ, Φ) and (Σ, Ψ) specify the same ADT.
 - $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma, \Phi) = \mathcal{M}(\Sigma, \Psi)$.
- 1. Prove $\Phi \models \Psi$.
 Thus $T(\Sigma, \Psi) \in \text{Mod}_\Sigma(\Phi)$.
- 2. Prove evaluation homomorphism $h : T(\Sigma, \Phi) \rightarrow T(\Sigma, \Psi)$ is injective.
 Prove, for arbitrary $t, u \in T_\Sigma$, $A(t) = A(u) \Rightarrow \Phi \models t = u$.

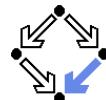


Characteristic Term Algebras

Take signature $\Sigma = (S, \Omega)$ and initial specification $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$.

- A Σ -algebra C with $C(s) \in T_{\Sigma, s}$ for every sort $s \in S$ is called a **characteristic term algebra** for sp , if
 - $C \models \Phi$
 - $\Phi \models C(t) = t$ for each ground term $t \in T_\Sigma$.
 - C maps every ground term to another term with the same value.
- **Theorem:** If C is charact. term alg. for (Σ, Φ) , then $C \simeq T(\Sigma, \Phi)$.
 - C is a term algebra isomorphic to the quotient term algebra.
 - C may serve in proofs as a replacement of the quotient term algebra.

By using characteristic term algebras, proofs can be simplified.



Example (Contd)

C is a characteristic term algebra for (Σ, Φ) :

1. $C \models t + 0 = t : C(t + 0) = C(+)(C(t), C(0)) = C(+)(C(t), 0) = C(t).$
 $C \models t + Succ(u) = Succ(t + u) : C(t + Succ(u)) =$
 $C(+)(C(t), C(Succ)(C(u)))) = C(+)(Succ^p(0), Succ(Succ^q(0))) =$
 $Succ^{p+(1+q)}(0) = Succ(Succ^{p+q}(0)) = Succ(C(+)(Succ^p(0), Succ^q(0))) =$
 $C(Succ)(C(+)(C(t), C(u))) = C(Succ(t + u)).$
2. $\Phi \models C(t) = t$: proof by induction on t .
 $t = 0$: $C(0) = 0$, thus $\Phi \models C(0) = 0$.
 $t = Succ(u)$:
 $C(Succ(u)) = C(Succ)(C(u)) = Succ(C(u)).$ By induction hypothesis, $\Phi \models C(u) = u$, thus $\Phi \models C(Succ(u)) = Succ(u)$.
 $t = u + v$:
 $C(u + v) = C(+)(C(u), C(v)) = C(+)(Succ^p(0), Succ^q(0)) =$
 $Succ^{p+q}(0).$ By the lemma below, $\Phi \models Succ^{p+q}(0) = C(u) + C(v)$.
 $\Phi \models C(u) = u$ and $\Phi \models C(v) = v$, thus
 $\Phi \models Succ^{p+q}(0) = u + v$ and finally $\Phi \models C(u + v) = u + v$.
Lemma: $\Phi \models Succ^{p+q}(0) = Succ^p(0) + Succ^q(0)$, for all $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$.
Proof by induction on q .

Example

- $sp = (\Sigma, \Phi)$, $\Sigma = (\{nat\}, \{0, Succ, +\})$

$$\Phi = \{n + 0 = n, n + Succ(m) = Succ(n + m)\}$$

- Σ -algebra C :

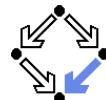
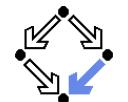
$$C(nat) = \{Succ^n(0) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$C(0) = 0$$

$$C(Succ)(t) = Succ(t), \text{ for all } t \in C(nat)$$

$$C(+)(t, u) = Succ^{p+q}(0) \text{ where } p, q \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } t = Succ^p(0), u = Succ^q(0), \text{ for all } t, u \in C(nat).$$

C maps *nat*-terms to terms involving 0 and *Succ* only.

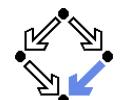


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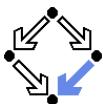
Once it has been proved that C is a characteristic term algebra of sp , proving properties of sp becomes simple.

- Prove that sp adequately specifies classical A with $A(nat) = \mathbb{N}$.
 - Prove that $A \simeq C$.
- Find isomorphism $h : C \rightarrow A$.
 - $h_{nat}(Succ^n(0)) := n$.
 - Clearly h is isomorphic.
 - h is a homomorphism:
 - $h(C(Succ)(Succ^n(0))) = h(Succ^{n+1}(0)) = n + 1 = A(Succ)(n) = A(Succ)(h(Succ^n(0)))$.
 - $h(C(+)(Succ^n(0), Succ^m(0))) = h(Succ^{n+m}(0)) = n + m = A(+)(n, m) = A(+)(h(Succ^n(0)), h(Succ^m(0)))$.

Proof can make use of the structure of characteristic terms.



Example (Contd'3)



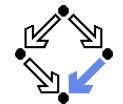
■ Prove that $\mathcal{M}(sp) \models 0 + t = t$.

■ Prove that $C \models 0 + t = t$.

$$C(0 + t) = C(+)(C(0), C(t)) = C(+)(0, Succ^n(0)) = Succ^n(0) = C(t).$$

The work invested in proving that C is characteristic is well spent, since all other proofs become much simpler.

Summary



■ Initial specifications have some **nice properties**:

- The specified ADT is not empty, it is monomorphic, and it only consists of generated algebras.
 - The specification already describes a concrete implementation design.
 - The quotient term algebra is the canonical representative of the ADT.
 - Carriers are classes of terms whose values are considered identical.
 - Only those equalities hold that are explicitly specified.

■ However, there are also **potential pitfalls**:

- Adding “incompatible” equations lets carrier sets collapse.
 - Still necessary to investigate the adequacy of a specification.
- “Undefined” terms represent additional carriers.
 - Carrier sets then contain more elements than intended.
- Rather than undefined terms, one may prefer error values.
 - However, then one has to deal with these values in all computations.
- Only generated algebras can be specified.
 - E.g. no initial specifications of the reals.

The necessity to be concrete had advantages and disadvantages.