
Formal Specification and Verification of Software

The Z Specification Language

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Invented/developed by

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International standard

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22

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Tools

- **L^AT_EX style**
- **Type checker**
- **Z/Eves deduction system**

But

No tools for simulation/execution/testing

Built-in Operators

Logical operators

\neg negation

\wedge conjunction

\vee disjunction

\Rightarrow implication (note: not \rightarrow)

\Leftrightarrow equivalence (note: not \leftrightarrow)

Equality

$=$ equality

On all types (but not predicates)

Built-in Operators

Quantification

$$Q \ x_1 : S_1; \dots; x_n : S_n \mid p \bullet q$$

where Q is one of $\forall \ \exists \ \exists_1$

Meaning

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall x_1 : S_1; \dots; x_n : S_n (p \Rightarrow q) \\ \exists x_1 : S_1; \dots; x_n : S_n (p \wedge q) \end{array} \quad \text{resp.}$$

Abbreviation

$$\forall x : T \bullet q \quad \text{for} \quad \forall x : T \mid \text{true} \bullet q$$

Notation for Sets

Enumeration

$$\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$$

The set of type-compatible elements e_1, \dots, e_n

Example

$$\{3, 5, 8, 4\}$$

Notation for Sets

Set comprehension

$$\{x : T \mid \text{pred}(x) \bullet \text{expr}(x)\}$$

The set of all elements that result from evaluating $\text{expr}(x)$ for all x of type T for which $\text{pred}(x)$ holds

Example

$$\{x : \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{prime}(x) \bullet x * x\}$$

The set of all squares of prime numbers

Notation for Sets

Abbreviation

$\{x : T \mid \text{pred}(x)\}$ **for** $\{x : T \mid \text{pred}(x) \bullet x\}$

Example

$$\mathbb{N} = \{x : \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 0\}$$

The empty set

$$\emptyset = \{x : T \mid \text{false}\}$$

Note:

$\emptyset = \emptyset[T]$ **is typed**

Set Operations

∈ **element-of relation**

⊆ **subset relation**

S_1 and S_2 must have the same type

$$S_1 \subseteq S_2 \Leftrightarrow (\forall x : S_1 \bullet x \in S_2)$$

ℙ **power set operator**

$$S' \in \mathbb{P}S \Leftrightarrow S' \subseteq S$$

× **cartesian product**

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in S_1 \times \dots \times S_n \Leftrightarrow (x_1 \in S_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \in S_n)$$

Set Operations

\cup, \bigcup **union**

Involved sets must have the same type T

$$x \in S_1 \cup S_2 \Leftrightarrow (x \in S_1 \vee x \in S_2)$$

$$x \in \bigcup S \Leftrightarrow (\exists s' : T \bullet s' \in S \wedge x \in s')$$

\cap, \bigcap **intersection**

\setminus **set difference**

Types

Pre-defined types

\mathbb{Z} **with constants:** 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...
 functions: +, -, *, /
 predicates: <, ≤, >, ≥

Sets

Every set can be used as a type

Basic types (given sets)

Example

[*Person*]

Free Type Definitions

Example

$weekDay ::= mon \mid tue \mid wed \mid thu \mid fri \mid sat \mid sun$

Example

$Tree ::= leaf \langle\langle \mathbb{Z} \rangle\rangle \mid node \langle\langle Tree \times Tree \rangle\rangle$

Meaning

$[Tree]$ **generated by** $leaf, node$

$\forall x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2 : Tree \mid$
 $node(x_1, y_1) = node(x_2, y_2) \bullet (x_1 = x_2 \wedge y_1 = y_2)$
 $\forall x_1, x_2 : \mathbb{Z} \mid leaf(x_1) = leaf(x_2) \bullet x_1 = x_2$
 $\forall x : \mathbb{Z}; y, z : Tree \bullet leaf(x) \neq node(y, z)$

Compound Types

Set type: $\mathbb{P}T$

The type of sets of elements of type T

Cartesian product type: $T_1 \times \cdots \times T_n$

The type of tuples (t_1, \dots, t_n) with $t_i \in T_i$

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Note

All types are disjoint (not for sets that are used as types)

All terms have a unique type

Variables

Variable declarations

Example

$x : \mathbb{Z}$

$sold : \mathbb{P} \textit{Seat}$

Variables can range over types and over sets

Syntactical Abbreviations

Abbreviations

- must not be recursive
- can be generic

Examples

numberPairs == $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$

pairWithNumber[*S*] == $\mathbb{Z} \times S$

Note

Type variables are “meta-variables” (cannot be quantified)

Abbreviations vs. Generated Types

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vs.

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Not the same

Type definition implies elements to be different

Axiomatic Definitions

Form of an axiomatic definition

$$\left| \frac{\textit{SymbolDeclarations}}{\textit{ConstrainingPredicates}} \right.$$

Example

$$\left| \frac{\mathbb{N}_1 : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}}{\forall z : \mathbb{Z} \bullet (z \in \mathbb{N}_1 \leftrightarrow z \geq 1)} \right.$$

Relations

Relation types/sets

$S \leftrightarrow T$ is the type/set of relations between types/sets S and T

$$S \leftrightarrow T = \mathbb{P}(S \times T)$$

Notation

$a \mapsto b$ **for** (a, b) **if** $(a, b) \in S \times T$

Operations on Relations

Domain $\text{dom } R$

$$\text{dom } R = \{a : S, b : T \mid a \mapsto b \in R \bullet a\}$$

Range $\text{ran } R$

$$\text{ran } R = \{a : S; b : T \mid a \mapsto b \in R \bullet b\}$$

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Restrictions of relations

$$S' \triangleleft R = \{a : S; b : T \mid a \mapsto b \in R \wedge a \in S' \bullet a \mapsto b\}$$

$$R \triangleright T' = \{a : S; b : T \mid a \mapsto b \in R \wedge b \in T' \bullet a \mapsto b\}$$

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Closures $R : S \leftrightarrow S$

iteration	$R^n = R \circ R^{n-1}$
identity	$R^0 = \{a : S \mid \mathbf{true} \bullet a \mapsto a\}$
refl./trans.	$R^* = \bigcup \{n : \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbf{true} \bullet R^n\}$
transitive	$R^+ = \bigcup \{n : \mathbb{N} \mid n \geq 1 \bullet R^n\}$
symetric	$R^s = R \cup R^{-1}$
reflexive	$R^r = R \cup R^0$

Functions

Special relations

Functions are special relations

Notation

Instead of \leftrightarrow

\rightarrow **total function**

\mapsto **partial function**

Functions

Partial functions

$$\begin{aligned} f \in S \mapsto T &\Leftrightarrow \\ f \in S \leftrightarrow T &\wedge \\ \forall a : S, b : T, b' : T & \mid (a \mapsto b \in f \wedge a \mapsto b' \in f) \bullet b = b' \end{aligned}$$

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Total functions

$$\begin{aligned} f \in S \rightarrow T &\Leftrightarrow \\ f \in S \mapsto T &\wedge \\ \forall a : S \bullet \exists b : T \bullet &a \mapsto b \in f \end{aligned}$$

λ Notation for Functions

General form

$$\lambda a : S \mid p \bullet e$$

Example

$$\frac{\text{double} : \mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}}{\text{double} = \lambda n : \mathbb{Z} \mid n \geq 0 \bullet n + n}$$

Equivalent to

$$\frac{\text{double} : \mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}}{\text{double} = \{n : \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbf{true} \bullet n \mapsto n + n\}}$$

Prefix and Infix Notation

Notation

Relations and functions can be declared prefix and infix

Parameter positions are indicated with “_”

Example

$$\left| \frac{\text{even } _ : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}}{\forall x : \mathbb{Z} \bullet (\text{even } x \Leftrightarrow (\exists y : \mathbb{Z} \bullet x = y + y))} \right.$$

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More Notation for Functions

Notation

- $\rhd\!\!\rightarrow$ **partial injective function**
- $\rhd\!\!\rightarrow$ **total injective function**
- \dashrightarrow **partial surjective function**
- \dashrightarrow **total surjective function**
- $\rhd\!\!\dashrightarrow$ **total bijective function**

Three Definitions of *abs*

Relation (in infix notation)

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} _ abs _ : \mathbb{Z} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \hline \forall m : \mathbb{Z}, n : \mathbb{N} \bullet (m \text{ abs } n) \leftrightarrow \\ ((m = n \wedge m \geq 0) \vee (-m = n \wedge m \leq 0)) \end{array} \right.$$

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$$\frac{abs _ : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}}{\forall x : \mathbb{Z} \mid x \leq 0 \bullet x = -(abs \ x) \\ \forall x : \mathbb{Z} \mid x \geq 0 \bullet x = abs \ x}$$

Finite Constructs

Finite subsets of \mathbb{Z}

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Finite sets

$\mathbb{F}T$ consists of the finite sets in $\mathbb{P}T$

$$\begin{array}{|l} \hline [S] \\ \hline \mathbb{F} : \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}S) \\ \hline \mathbb{F} = \{s : \mathbb{P}S \mid (\exists n : \mathbb{N} \bullet (\exists f : 1..n \mapsto s \bullet \mathbf{true}))\} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Finite Sets: Cardinality

Cardinality operator

$[S]$
$\# : \mathbb{F} S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
$\forall s : \mathbb{F} S; n : \mathbb{N} \bullet (n = \#s \leftrightarrow (\exists f : 1..n \twoheadrightarrow s \bullet \mathbf{true}))$

Finite Functions

Notation

$\dashv\rightarrow$ **finite (partial) functions** (e.g. arrays)

$$S \dashv\rightarrow T = \{f : S \dashv\rightarrow T \mid \text{dom } f \in \mathbb{F} S\}$$

$\succdashv\rightarrow$ **finite (partial) injective functions** (e.g. duplicate-free arrays)

$$S \succdashv\rightarrow T = \{f : S \succdashv\rightarrow T \mid \text{dom } f \in \mathbb{F} S\}$$

Sequences

Definition

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Notation

The sequence $\{1 \mapsto x_1, 2 \mapsto x_2, \dots, n \mapsto x_n\}$

is written as $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$

Example: Concatenation of Sequences

$$s \hat{\ } t == \\ s \cup \\ (\lambda n : \mathbb{Z} \mid n \in \#s + 1.. \#s + \#t \bullet n - \#s) \circ t$$

Schemata

General form

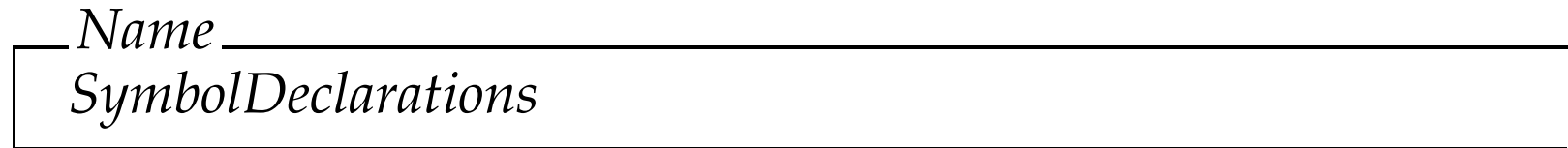


Linear notation

$Name \hat{=} [SymbolDeclarations \mid ConstrainingPredicates]$

Schemata

With empty predicate part



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Schemata: Example

Theater tickets

[*Seat*]
[*Person*]

TicketsForPerformance0

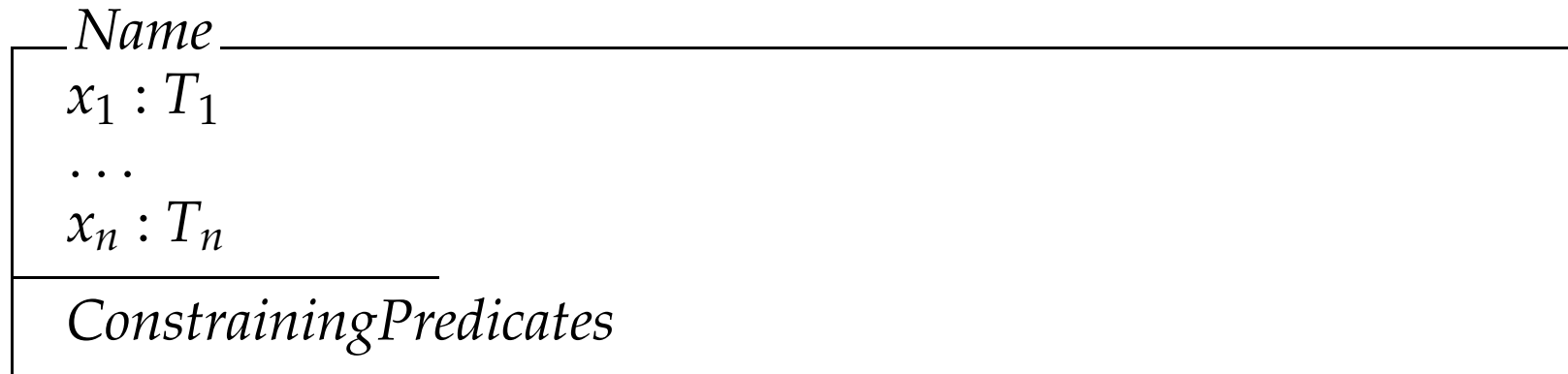
seating : \mathbb{P} *Seat*

sold : *Seat* \leftrightarrow *Person*

dom *sold* \subseteq *seating*

Schemata as Sets/Types

Schema



can be seen as the following set (type) of tuples:

$$\text{Name} = \{x_1 : T_1; \dots; x_n : T_n \mid \text{ConstrainingPredicates} \bullet (x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$$

Schema Inclusion

Inclusion

Schemata can be used (included) in

- schema
- set comprehension
- quantification

by adding the schema name to the declaration part

Meaning

- declarations
- constraining predicates

are added to the corresponding parts of the including schema / set comprehension / quantification

Note: Matching names merge and must be type compatible

Schema Inclusion

Example

<i>NumberInSet</i>
$a : \mathbb{Z}$ $c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}$
$a \in c$

$$\{NumberInSet \mid a = 0 \bullet c\}$$

is the same as

$$\{a : \mathbb{Z}, c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z} \mid a \in c \wedge a = 0 \bullet c\}$$

(the set of all integer sets containing 0)

Schemata as Predicates

Schemata can be used as predicates in

- schema**
- set comprehension**
- quantification**

**by adding the schema name to the predicate part
(occurring variables must already be declared)**

Meaning

**The constraining predicates (not: the declaration part)
are added to the corresponding part of the
schema / set comprehension / quantification**

Schemata as Predicates

Example

$NumberIn01$
$a : \mathbb{Z}$ $c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}$
$a \in c$ $c \subseteq \{0, 1\}$

$$\forall a : \mathbb{Z}; c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z} \mid NumberIn01 \bullet NumberInSet$$

is the same as

$$\forall a : \mathbb{Z}; c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z} \mid a \in c \wedge c \subseteq \{0, 1\} \bullet a \in c$$

Generic Schemata

Type/set variables can be used in schema definitions

Example

$NumberInSetGeneric[X]$
$a : X$ $c : \mathbb{P} X$
$a \in c$

Then

$$NumberInSetGeneric[\mathbb{Z}] = NumberInSet$$

Variable Renaming in Schemata

Variables in schemata can be renamed

Example

$NumberInSet[a/q, c/s]$

is equal to

$q : \mathbb{Z}$
$s : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}$
$q \in s$

Conjunctions of Schemata

Schemata can be composed conjunctively

Example

Given

$ConDis1$
$a : A; b : B$
P

$ConDis2$
$b : B; c : C$
Q

Then the following are equivalent

$ConDis1 \wedge ConDis2$

$a : A; b : B; c : C$
P
Q

Disjunctions of Schemata

Schemata can be composed disjunctively

Example

Given

$$\frac{\text{ConDis1} \quad \hline a : A; b : B}{P}$$

$$\frac{\text{ConDis2} \quad \hline b : B; c : C}{Q}$$

Then the following are equivalent

$$\text{ConDis1} \vee \text{ConDis2}$$

$$\frac{\hline a : A; b : B; c : C}{P \vee Q}$$

Example

Informal specification

Theater: Tickets for first night are only sold to friends

Specification in Z

$Status ::= standard \mid firstNight$

Friends

$friends : \mathbb{P} Person$

$status : Status$

$sold : Seat \leftrightarrow Person$

$status = firstNight \Rightarrow \mathbf{ran} sold \subseteq friends$

Example

$TicketsForPerformance1 \hat{=} TicketsForPerformance0 \wedge Friends$

and

$TicketsForPerformance1$
$Friends$
$TicketsForPerformance0$

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$Friends$
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$friends : \mathbb{P} Person; status : Status$
$sold : Seat \leftrightarrow Person; seating : \mathbb{P} Seat$

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$\mathbf{dom} sold \subseteq seating$

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The normalisation of

$x : \mathbb{N}$
P

is

$x : \mathbb{Z}$
$x \geq 0$
P

Negation of Schemata

A schema is negated by negating the predicate part in its normalised form

Example

The negation of

$x : \mathbb{N}$
P

is the negation of

$x : \mathbb{Z}$
$x \in \mathbb{N}$
P

which is

$x : \mathbb{Z}$
$\neg (x \in \mathbb{N} \wedge P)$

Schemata as Operations

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Notation

Variables are decorated with ' to refer to their value in the post state

Whole schemata can be decorated

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Further decorations

- input variables are decorated with “?”
- output variables are decorated with “!”

Example

Theater: Selling tickets

Purchase0

TicketsForPerformance0

TicketsForPerformance0'

s? : Seat

p? : Person

$s? \in \text{seating} \setminus \mathbf{dom} \text{ sold}$

$\text{sold}' = \text{sold} \cup \{s? \mapsto p?\}$

$\text{seating}' = \text{seating}$

(no output variables in this schema)

Example

$Response ::= okay \mid sorry$

$Success$
$r! : Response$
$r! = okay$

Then

$Purchase0 \wedge Success$

is a schema that reports successful ticket sale

Schemata as Operations

General Form

$$\frac{\text{StateSpace}}{x_1 : T_1; \dots; x_n : T_n}$$

$$\text{inv}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\frac{\text{Operation}}{\text{StateSpace}}$$

$$\text{StateSpace'}$$
$$i_1? : U_1; \dots; i_m? : U_m$$
$$o_1! : V_1; \dots; o_p! : V_p$$

$$\text{pre}(i_1?, \dots, i_m?, x_1, \dots, x_n)$$
$$\text{op}(i_1?, \dots, i_m?, x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1, \dots, x'_n, o_1!, \dots, o_p!)$$

The Δ Operator

Definition

$\Delta Schema$ **abbreviates** $Schema \wedge Schema'$

General form of operation schema using Δ

Operation

$\Delta StateSpace$

$i_1? : U_1; \dots; i_m? : U_m$

$o_1! : V_1; \dots; o_p! : V_p$

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$op(i_1?, \dots, i_m?, x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1, \dots, x'_n, o_1!, \dots, o_p!)$

The Ξ Operator

Definition

Ξ Schema abbreviates Δ Schema $\wedge (x_1 = x'_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = x'_n)$

where x_1, \dots, x_n are the variables declared in *Schema*

General form of operation schema using Ξ

<i>Operation</i>
Ξ StateSpace
$i_1? : U_1; \dots; i_m? : U_m$
$o_1! : V_1; \dots; o_p! : V_p$
$pre(i_1?, \dots, i_m?, x_1, \dots, x_n)$
$op(i_1?, \dots, i_m?, x_1, \dots, x_n, o_1!, \dots, o_p!)$

Using Ξ indicates that the operation does not change the state

The Operators Δ and Ξ : Example

The following schemata are equivalent

Ξ *NumberInSet*

Δ <i>NumberInSet</i>
$a = a'$ $c = c'$

<i>NumberInSet</i> <i>NumberInSet'</i>
$a = a'$ $c = c'$

Example

Theater: Selling tickets, but only to friends if first night performance

Purchase1

$\Delta TicketsForPerformance1$

$s? : Seat$

$p? : Person$

$s? \in seating \setminus \mathbf{dom} sold$

$status = firstNight \Rightarrow (p? \in friends)$

$sold' = sold \cup \{s? \mapsto p?\}$

$seating' = seating$

$status' = status$

$friends' = friends$

Example

NotAvailable

$\exists \text{TicketsForPerformance1}$

$s? : \text{Seat}$

$p? : \text{Person}$

$s? \in \mathbf{dom\ sold} \vee (\text{status} = \text{firstNight} \wedge \neg p? \in \text{friends})$

Failure

$r! : \text{Response}$

$r! = \text{sorry}$

$\text{TicketServiceForPerformance} \hat{=} (\text{Purchase1} \wedge \text{Success}) \vee (\text{NotAvailable} \wedge \text{Failure})$

Quantifying Variables in Schemata

Schema quantification

$\forall x : S \bullet \textit{Schema}$ **resp.**

$\exists x : S \bullet \textit{Schema}$

(existential quantification is also called “variable hiding”)

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Example

$$\exists a : \mathbb{Z} \bullet \textit{NumberInSet}$$

is the same as

$c : \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Z}$
$\exists a : \mathbb{Z} \bullet a \in c$

Composition of Operation Schemata

Definition

Operation schemata can be composed using \circ , where

- every variable with $'$ in the first schema must occur without $'$ in the second schema
- these variables are identified and
- hidden from the outside

Composition: General form

Op1

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 : T_1; \dots; x_p : T_p \\ z_1 : V_1; \dots; z_n : V_n \\ z'_1 : V_1; \dots; z'_n : V_n \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{op1}(x_1, \dots, x_p, \\ z_1, \dots, z_n, z'_1, \dots, z'_n) \end{array}$$

Op2

$$\begin{array}{l} y_1 : U_1; \dots; y_q : U_q \\ z_1 : V_1; \dots; z_n : V_n \\ z'_1 : V_1; \dots; z'_n : V_n \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{op2}(y_1, \dots, y_q, \\ z_1, \dots, z_n, z'_1, \dots, z'_n) \end{array}$$

Op1 ; *Op2*

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 : T_1; \dots; x_p : T_p \\ y_1 : U_1; \dots; y_q : U_q \\ z_1 : V_1; \dots; z_n : V_n \\ z'_1 : V_1; \dots; z'_n : V_n \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \exists z''_1 : V_1; \dots; z''_n : V_n \bullet \\ \text{op1}(x_1, \dots, x_p, z_1, \dots, z_n, z''_1, \dots, z''_n) \\ \text{op2}(y_1, \dots, y_q, z''_1, \dots, z_n, z'_1, \dots, z'_n) \end{array}$$

Example

$Purchase1 \text{ ; } Purchase1[s?/s2?]$

is equivalent to

$\Delta TicketsForPerformance1$
 $s? : Seat; s2? : Seat; p? : Person$

$s? \in seating \setminus \mathbf{dom} sold$
 $s2? \in seating \setminus \mathbf{dom}(sold \cup \{s? \mapsto p?\})$
 $status = firstNight \Rightarrow (p? \in friends)$
 $sold' = sold \cup \{s? \mapsto p?, s2? \mapsto p?\}$
 $seating' = seating$
 $status' = status$
 $friends' = friends$