

# A Gentle Introduction to CASL

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# Introduction

## CoFI

- *CoFI is an initiative to provide a common framework for algebraic specification and development.*

## CASL

- *CASL has been designed by CoFI as a general-purpose algebraic specification language, subsuming many existing languages.*

## About This Tutorial

- *This tutorial illustrates and discusses how to write CASL specifications.*

# Underlying Concepts

- *CASL is based on standard concepts of algebraic specification.*

# Total, Many-Sorted Specifications

- *Total, many-sorted specifications in CASL may be written essentially as in many other algebraic specification languages.*
- *CASL provides also useful abbreviations.*
- *CASL allows loose, generated and free specifications.*

# Loose Specifications



- CASL *syntax for declarations and axioms involves familiar notation, and is mostly self-explanatory.*
- 

```
spec STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER =  
  sort   Elem;  
  pred   $-- < -- : Elem \times Elem$ ;  
  vars   $x, y, z : Elem$ ;  
  axioms  
     $\neg(x < x)$ ;  
     $x < y \Rightarrow \neg(y < x)$ ;  
     $x < y \wedge y < z \Rightarrow x < z$ ;  
    %% Note that there may exist  $x, y$  such that  
    %% neither  $x < y$  nor  $y < x$ .  
end
```

➤ Specifications can easily be extended by new declarations and axioms.

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```
spec TOTAL_ORDER =  
  STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER  
then vars  $x, y : Elem$ ;  
  axiom  $x < y \vee y < x \vee x = y$ ;  
  ops  $min(x, y : Elem) = x$  when  $x < y$  else  $y$ ;  
       $max(x, y : Elem) = y$  when  $min(x, y) = x$  else  $x$ ;  
end  
  
spec PARTIAL_ORDER =  
  STRICT_PARTIAL_ORDER  
then pred  $-- \leq --(x, y : Elem) \Leftrightarrow (x < y \vee x = y)$ ;  
end
```

- The **%implies** annotation is used to indicate that some axioms are supposed to be consequences of others.
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```
spec PARTIAL_ORDER_2 =  
  PARTIAL_ORDER  
then %implies  
  axiom  $\forall x, y, z : Elem \bullet x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq z$ ;  
end
```

- *Attributes may be used to abbreviate axioms for associativity, commutativity, idempotence, and unit properties.*
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```
spec MONOID =  
  sort Monoid;  
  ops 1 : Monoid;  
       -- * -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, assoc, unit 1;  
end
```

➤ *Genericity of specifications can be made explicit using parameters.*

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```
spec GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem] =  
  sort Monoid;  
  ops inj : Elem → Monoid;  
      1 : Monoid;  
      -- * -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, assoc, unit 1;  
  axiom  $\forall x, y : Elem \bullet inj(x) = inj(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ ;  
end
```

➤ *References to generic specifications always instantiate the parameters.*

---

```
spec COM_GENERIC_MONOID_1 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem]
```

```
then axiom  $\forall x, y : Monoid \bullet x * y = y * x;$ 
```

```
end
```

```
spec COM_GENERIC_MONOID_2 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERIC_MONOID [sort Elem]
```

```
then op  $-- * -- : Monoid \times Monoid \rightarrow Monoid, comm;$ 
```

```
end
```

- *Datatype declarations may be used to abbreviate declarations of sorts and constructors.*
- 

```
spec CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  type Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; Container);  
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × Container;  
  vars e, e' : Elem; C : Container;  
  axioms  
     $\neg(e \text{ is\_in } \textit{empty});$   
     $e \text{ is\_in } \textit{insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \text{ is\_in } C);$   
end
```

- *Loose datatype declarations are appropriate when further constructors may be added in extensions.*
- 

```
spec CONTAINER_2 [sort Elem] =  
  CONTAINER [sort Elem]  
then type Container ::= mark_insert(Elem; Container);  
pred  __is_marked_in__ : Elem × Container;  
vars  e, e' : Elem; C : Container;  
axioms  
  e is_in mark_insert(e', C) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in C);  
  ¬(e is_marked_in empty);  
  e is_marked_in insert(e', C) ⇔ e is_marked_in C;  
  e is_marked_in mark_insert(e', C) ⇔  
    (e = e' ∨ e is_marked_in C);  
end
```



# Generated Specifications

➤ *Sorts may be specified as generated by their constructors.*

---

```
spec GENERATED_CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  generated type Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; Container);  
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × Container;  
  vars e, e' : Elem; C : Container;  
  axioms  
     $\neg(e \text{ is\_in } \textit{empty});$   
     $e \text{ is\_in } \textit{insert}(e', C) \Leftrightarrow (e = e' \vee e \text{ is\_in } C);$   
end
```

➤ *Generated specifications are in general loose.*

---

```
spec GENERATED_CONTAINER_2 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERATED_CONTAINER [sort Elem]  
then op   __merge__ : Container × Container → Container;  
vars   e : Elem; C, C' : Container;  
axiom e is_in (C merge C') ⇔ (e is_in C ∨ e is_in C');  
end
```

➤ *Generated specifications need not be loose.*

```
spec GENERATED_SET [sort Elem] =
  generated type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set);
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × Set;
  ops {__}(e : Elem) : Set = insert(e, empty);
     __ ∪ __ : Set × Set → Set;
     remove : Elem × Set → Set;
  vars e, e' : Elem; S, S' : Set
  • ¬(e is_in empty)
  • e is_in insert(e', S) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in S)
  • S = S' ⇔ (∀ x : Elem • x is_in S ⇔ x is_in S')
  • e is_in (S ∪ S') ⇔ (e is_in S ∨ e is_in S')
  • e is_in remove(e', S) ⇔ (¬(e = e') ∧ e is_in S)
  then %implies
  generated type Set ::= empty | {__}(Elem) | __ ∪ __ (Set; Set);
  op __ ∪ __ : Set × Set → Set, assoc, comm, idem, unit empty;
  vars e, e' : Elem; S : Set
  • insert(e, insert(e, S)) = insert(e, S)
  • insert(e, insert(e', S)) = insert(e', insert(e, S))
end
```

➤ *Generated types may need to be declared together.*

---

**sort** *Node*;

**generated type** *Tree* ::= *mktree(Node; Forest)*;

**generated type** *Forest* ::= *empty* | *add(Tree; Forest)*;

is both *incorrect* (linear visibility) and *wrong* (the corresponding semantics is not the “expected” one). One must write instead:

**sort** *Node*;

**generated types** *Tree* ::= *mktree(Node; Forest)*;

*Forest* ::= *empty* | *add(Tree; Forest)*;

# Free Specifications

- *Free specifications provide initial semantics and avoid the need for explicit negation.*
- 

**spec** NATURAL = **free type** *Nat ::= 0 | suc(Nat)* **end**

- *Free datatype declarations are particularly convenient for defining enumerated datatypes.*
- 

```
spec COLOR =  
  free type RGB ::= Red | Green | Blue;  
  free type Printer_Color ::= Cyan | Magenta | Yellow | Black;  
end
```



- *Free specifications can also be used when the constructors are related by some axioms.*
- 

```
spec INTEGER =  
  free { type Int ::= 0 | suc(Int) | pre(Int);  
        vars x, y : Int  
          • suc(pre(x)) = x  
          • pre(suc(x)) = x }  
end
```

➤ *Predicates hold minimally in models of free specifications.*

---

```
spec NATURAL_2 =  
  NATURAL  
then free { pred -- < -- : Nat × Nat;  
  vars x, y : Nat  
  • 0 < suc(x)  
  • x < y ⇒ suc(x) < suc(y) }  
end
```

- *Operations may be safely defined by induction on the constructors of a free datatype declaration.*
- 

**spec** NATURAL\_3 =

NATURAL\_2

**then ops**  $1 : \text{Nat} = \text{suc}(0);$

$\_ + \_ : \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}, \text{assoc}, \text{comm}, \text{unit } 0;$

$\_ * \_ : \text{Nat} \times \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}, \text{assoc}, \text{comm}, \text{unit } 1;$

**vars**  $x, y : \text{Nat};$

**axioms**

$x + \text{suc}(y) = \text{suc}(x + y);$

$x * 0 = 0;$

$x * \text{suc}(y) = x + (x * y);$

**end**

➤ *More care may be needed when defining operations on free datatypes with axioms relating the constructors.*

---

```
spec  INTEGER_2 =  
      INTEGER  
then  ops    1 : Int = suc(0);  
          -- + -- : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 0;  
          -- - -- : Int × Int → Int;  
          -- * -- : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 1;  
      vars  x, y : Int;  
      axioms  
          x + suc(y) = suc(x + y);  
          x + pre(y) = pre(x + y);  
          x - 0 = x;  
          x - suc(y) = pre(x - y);  
          x - pre(y) = suc(x - y);  
          x * 0 = 0;  
          x * suc(y) = (x * y) + x;  
          x * pre(y) = (x * y) - x;  
end
```

```

spec INTEGER_3 =
  INTEGER_2
then preds -- ≤ --, -- ≥ -- : Int × Int;
vars x, y : Int;
axioms
   $0 \leq 0$ ;
   $\neg(0 \leq \text{pre}(0))$ ;
   $0 \leq x \Rightarrow 0 \leq \text{suc}(x)$ ;
   $\neg(0 \leq x) \Rightarrow \neg(0 \leq \text{pre}(x))$ ;
   $\text{suc}(x) \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq \text{pre}(y)$ ;
   $\text{pre}(x) \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq \text{suc}(y)$ ;
   $x \geq y \Leftrightarrow y \leq x$ ;
end

```

- *Generic specifications often involve free extensions of (loose) parameters.*
- 

```
spec LIST [sort Elem] =  
  free type List ::= empty | cons(Elem; List);  
end
```

```

spec SET [sort Elem] =
  free { type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set);
        pred --is_in-- : Elem × Set;
        vars e, e' : Elem; S : Set;
        axioms
          insert(e, insert(e, S)) = insert(e, S);
          insert(e, insert(e', S)) = insert(e', insert(e, S));
          ¬(e is_in empty);
          e is_in insert(e, S);
          e is_in insert(e', S) if e is_in S; }
end

```

```

spec TRANSITIVE_CLOSURE [sort Elem; pred --R-- : Elem × Elem] =
free { pred --R+-- : Elem × Elem;
      vars x, y, z : Elem
      •  $x R y \Rightarrow x R^+ y$ 
      •  $x R^+ y \wedge y R^+ z \Rightarrow x R^+ z$  }
end

```



➤ *Loose extensions of free specifications can avoid overspecification.*

---

**spec** NATURAL\_4 =

NATURAL\_3

**then op** *max\_size* : *Nat*; **axiom**  $0 < \text{max\_size}$  **end**

**spec** SET\_WITH\_CHOOSE [**sort** *Elem*] =

SET [**sort** *Elem*]

**then op** *choose* : *Set* → *Elem*;

**axiom**  $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$ ;

**end**

- *Datatypes with observer operations can be specified as generated instead of free.*
- 

```
spec SET_G [sort Elem] =  
  generated type Set ::= empty | insert(Elem; Set);  
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × Set;  
  vars e, e' : Elem; S, S' : Set;  
  axioms  
    ¬(e is_in empty);  
    e is_in insert(e', S) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in S);  
    S = S' ⇔ (∀ x : Elem • x is_in S ⇔ x is_in S');  
end
```

➤ The **%define** annotation is useful to indicate that some operations or predicates are uniquely defined.

---

**spec** SET\_IND [sort *Elem*] =  
SET [sort *Elem*]

**then %define**

**ops**  $-- \cup -- : Set \times Set \rightarrow Set$ , *assoc*, *comm*, *idem*, *unit empty*;  
*remove* : *Elem*  $\times$  *Set*  $\rightarrow$  *Set*;

**vars** *e*, *e'* : *Elem*; *S*, *S'* : *Set*;

**axioms**

$S \cup insert(e', S') = insert(e', S \cup S')$ ;

$remove(e, empty) = empty$ ;

$remove(e, insert(e, S)) = remove(e, S)$ ;

$remove(e, insert(e', S)) =$   
 $insert(e', remove(e, S))$  if  $\neg(e = e')$ ;

**end**

- *Operations can be defined by axioms involving observer operations, instead of inductively on constructors.*
- 

**spec** SET\_OBS [sort *Elem*] =

SET\_G [sort *Elem*]

**then** %define

**ops**  $-- \cup -- : Set \times Set \rightarrow Set$ , *assoc*, *comm*, *idem*, *unit empty*;  
*remove* : *Elem*  $\times$  *Set*  $\rightarrow$  *Set*;

**vars** *e, e'* : *Elem*; *S, S'* : *Set*;

**axioms**

$e \text{ is\_in } (S \cup S') \Leftrightarrow (e \text{ is\_in } S \vee e \text{ is\_in } S')$ ;

$e \text{ is\_in } \text{remove}(e', S) \Leftrightarrow (\neg(e = e') \wedge e \text{ is\_in } S)$ ;

**end**

- *Sorts declared in free specifications are not necessarily generated by their constructors.*
- 

```
spec NUMBER =  
  free { type Number ::= 0 | suc(Number);  
        op  -- + -- : Number × Number → Number,  
            assoc, comm, unit 0;  
        vars x, y : Number;  
        axioms  
            x + suc(y) = suc(x + y);  
            ∀ x : Number • ∃ y : Number • x + y = 0; }  
end
```

# Partial Functions

- *Partial functions arise naturally. They are declared differently from total functions.*
- 

```
spec SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE [sort Elem] =  
    GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]  
then op choose : Set →? Elem  
end
```

- *Terms containing partial functions may be undefined, i.e., they may not denote any value.*
- 

E.g., the term *choose(empty)* may be undefined.



➤ *Functions, even total ones, propagate undefinedness.*

---

If the term  $choose(S)$  is undefined, then the term  $insert(choose(S), S')$  is undefined as well, although  $insert$  is a total function.

➤ *Predicates applied to an undefined term yield false.*

---

If the term  $choose(S)$  is undefined, then  $choose(S) \text{ is\_in } S$  yields false.

➤ *Equations hold also when both terms are undefined.*

---

The ordinary equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty})) \\ & = \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty}) \end{aligned}$$

holds also when the term  $\textit{choose}(S)$  is undefined.

➤ *Special care is needed in specifications involving partial functions.*

---

Asserting  $\textit{choose}(S) \textit{ is\_in } S$  as an axiom implies that  $\textit{choose}(S)$  is defined, for any  $S$ .

Asserting  $\textit{remove}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), \textit{empty})) = \textit{empty}$  as an axiom implies that  $\textit{choose}(S)$  is defined for any  $S$ , since the term  $\textit{empty}$  is always defined.

Asserting  $\textit{insert}(\textit{choose}(S), S) = S$  as an axiom implies that  $\textit{choose}(S)$  is defined for any  $S$ , since a variable always denotes a defined value.

➤ *The definedness of a term can be checked or asserted.*

---

```
spec SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE_1 [sort Elem] =  
      SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then axioms  $\neg(\text{def choose}(\text{empty}))$ ;  
               $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \text{def choose}(S) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$ ;  
end
```

We know that *choose* is undefined on *empty*, but we don't know exactly when *choose*(*S*) is defined (it may be undefined on other values than *empty*).

If we would have specified *choose* by:

$$\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S;$$

then we could conclude that *choose*(*S*) is defined when *S* is not equal to *empty*, but nothing about the undefinedness of *choose*(*empty*).

➤ *The domains of definition of partial functions can be specified exactly.*

---

```
spec SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE_2 [sort Elem] =  
  SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then axioms  $\forall S : Set \bullet def\ choose(S) \Leftrightarrow \neg(S = empty);$   
              $\forall S : Set \bullet def\ choose(S) \Rightarrow choose(S)\ is\_in\ S;$   
end
```

➤ *Loosely specified domains of definition may be useful.*

---

```
spec NATURAL_WITH_BOUNDS =  
  NATURAL_4  
then op  $--+?-- : Nat \times Nat \rightarrow? Nat;$   
vars  $x, y : Nat$   
  •  $def(x +? y)$  if  $x + y < max\_size$   
    %%  $x + y < max\_size$  implies both  
    %%  $x < max\_size$  and  $y < max\_size$   
  •  $def(x +? y) \Rightarrow x +? y = x + y$   
end
```

➤ *Domains of definition can be specified more or less explicitly.*

---

```
spec SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE_3 [sort Elem] =  
  SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE [sort Elem]  
then axioms  $\neg(\text{def choose}(\text{empty}))$ ;  
   $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \text{ is\_in } S$ ;  
end
```

We can conclude after some reasoning that  $\text{def choose}(S) \Leftrightarrow \neg(S = \text{empty})$ , but this is not so prominent.



```
spec NATURAL_5 =  
  NATURAL_3  
then op   pre : Nat →? Nat;  
vars   x, y : Nat  
  •    $\neg \text{def } \textit{pre}(0)$   
  •    $\textit{pre}(\textit{suc}(x)) = x$   
end
```

is explicit enough.

```

spec NATURAL_6 =
  NATURAL_5
then op  -- - -- : Nat × Nat →? Nat;
vars  x, y : Nat
  •     $x - 0 = x$ 
  •     $x - \text{suc}(y) = \text{pre}(x - y)$ 
end

```

is correct, but clearly not explicit enough, and better specified as follows:

```

spec NATURAL_7 =
  NATURAL_5
then op  -- - -- : Nat × Nat →? Nat;
vars  x, y : Nat
  •     $\text{def}(x - y) \Leftrightarrow (y < x \vee y = x)$ 
  •     $x - 0 = x$ 
  •     $x - \text{suc}(y) = \text{pre}(x - y)$ 
end

```

- *Partial functions are minimally defined by default in free specifications.*
- 

```
spec LIST_2 [sort Elem] =  
  LIST [sort Elem]  
then free { ops hd : List →? Elem;  
            tail : List →? List;  
            vars e : Elem; L : List  
            • hd(cons(e, L)) = e  
            • tail(cons(e, L)) = L }  
end
```

```

spec LIST_3 [sort Elem] =
  LIST [sort Elem]
then ops  hd : List →? Elem;
           tail : List →? List;
vars    e : Elem; L : List
  •      ¬ def hd(nil)
  •      ¬ def tail(nil)
  •      hd(cons(e, L)) = e
  •      tail(cons(e, L)) = L
end

```

- *Selectors can be specified concisely in datatype declarations, and are usually partial.*
- 

```
spec LIST_4 [sort Elem] =  
  free type List ::= nil | cons(hd :? Elem; tail :? List);  
end
```

```
spec NATURAL_8 =  
  free type Nat ::= 0 | suc(pre :? Nat);  
  ...  
end
```

➤ *Selectors are usually total when there is only one constructor.*

---

```
spec PAIR [sort Elem1] [sort Elem2] =  
  free type Pair ::= pair(first : Elem1; second : Elem2);  
end
```

➤ *Constructors also may be partial.*

---

```
spec PART_CONTAINER [sort Elem] =  
  generated type  
    P_Container ::= empty | insert(Elem; P_Container)?;  
  pred addable : Elem × P_Container;  
  vars e, e' : Elem; C : P_Container;  
  axiom def insert(e, C) ⇔ addable(e, C);  
  pred __is_in__ : Elem × P_Container;  
  axioms  
    ¬(e is_in empty);  
    (e is_in insert(e', C) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in C)) if addable(e', C);  
end
```

- *Existential equality involves the definedness of both terms as well as their equality.*
- 

**spec** NATURAL\_9 =

NATURAL\_7

**then vars**  $x, y : Nat$

%%  $y - x = z - x \Rightarrow y = z$  would be wrong,

%%  $def(y - x) \wedge def(z - x) \wedge y - x = z - x \Rightarrow y = z$

%% is correct, but can be better abbreviated into:

- $y - x \stackrel{e}{=} z - x \Rightarrow y = z$

**end**



# Subsorting

- *Sorts may denote related domains, which can be expressed using subsorting.*
- 

```
spec GENERIC_MONOID_2 [sort Elem] =  
  sorts Elem < Monoid;  
  ops   1 : Monoid;  
        -- * -- : Monoid × Monoid → Monoid, assoc, unit 1;  
end
```

➤ *A sort may be essentially the union of its subsorts.*

---

```
spec VEHICLE =  
  NATURAL  
then sorts Car, Bicycle < Vehicle;  
ops   max_speed : Vehicle → Nat;  
      weight : Vehicle → Nat;  
      engine_capacity : Car → Nat;  
end
```

- *Operations declared on some sort are automatically inherited by its subsorts, even those declared later on.*
- 

**spec** MORE\_VEHICLE = VEHICLE **then sorts** *Boat* < *Vehicle* **end**

➤ *Subsort membership can be checked or asserted.*

---

```
spec SPEED_REGULATION =  
  VEHICLE  
then op   speed_limit : Vehicle → Nat;  
var   v : Vehicle  
  •    $v \in \text{Car} \Rightarrow \text{speed\_limit}(v) = 130$   
  •    $v \in \text{Bicycle} \Rightarrow \text{speed\_limit}(v) = 30$   
end
```

➤ *Datatype declarations can involve subsort declarations.*

---

**type** *Vehicle ::= sort Car | sort Bicycle | sort Boat;*

leaves the way open to further kinds of vehicles (e.g., planes).

**generated type** *Vehicle ::= sort Car | sort Bicycle | sort Boat;*

prevents the definition of further subsorts, e.g., for planes.

**free type** *Vehicle ::= sort Car | sort Bicycle | sort Boat;*

prevents the definition of further subsorts, and moreover the definition of a common subsort of both *Car* and *Boat* (e.g., *sorts Amphibious < Car, Boat*).

- *Subsorts may also arise as classifications of previously specified values, and their values can be explicitly defined.*
- 

```
spec NAT_WITH_EVEN_AND_PRIME =  
  NATURAL_3  
then pred even : Nat;  
var n : Nat;  
axioms  
  even(0);  
  ¬ even(1);  
  even(suc(suc(n))) ⇔ even(n);  
sort Even = {x : Nat • even(x)};  
sort Prime = {x : Nat • ∀ y, z : Nat • x = y * z ⇒ y = 1 ∨ z = 1};  
end  
  
spec Pos = NATURAL_5 then sort Pos = {x : Nat • ¬(x = 0)} end
```

- *It may be useful to redeclare previously defined operations, using the new subsorts introduced.*
- 

```
spec Pos_2 =  
  Pos  
then ops  1 : Pos;  
          suc : Nat → Pos;  
          -- + --, -- * -- : Pos × Pos → Pos;  
          -- + -- : Pos × Nat → Pos;  
          -- + -- : Nat × Pos → Pos;  
end
```



- *A subsort may correspond to the definition domain of a partial function.*
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**spec** Pos\_3 = Pos\_2 **then op** *pre* : Pos → Nat **end**

➤ *Using subsorts may avoid the need for partial functions.*

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```
spec POS_AND_NAT =  
  free types Nat ::= 0 | sort Pos;  
           Pos ::= suc(pre : Nat);  
  ops     1 : Pos = suc(0);  
         -- + -- : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 0;  
         -- * -- : Nat × Nat → Nat, assoc, comm, unit 1;  
         -- + --, -- * -- : Pos × Pos → Pos;  
         -- + -- : Pos × Nat → Pos;  
         -- + -- : Nat × Pos → Pos;  
  vars   x, y : Nat;  
  axioms  
         x + suc(y) = suc(x + y);  
         x * 0 = 0;  
         x * suc(y) = x + (x * y);  
end
```

- *Casting a term from a supersort to a subsort is explicit and may be undefined.*
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*pre( pre(suc(1)) as Pos )*

*def pre( pre(suc(1)) as Pos )*

*¬ def( pre( pre(suc(1)) as Pos ) as Pos )*

➤ *Supersorts may be useful when generalizing previously specified sorts.*

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```
spec  INTEGER_4 =
      POS_AND_NAT
then  free type Int ::= sort Nat | -_(Pos);
      ops    -- + -- : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 0;
            -- - -- : Int × Int → Int;
            -- * -- : Int × Int → Int, assoc, comm, unit 1;
            |__| : Int → Nat;
      vars  x, y : Int; n : Nat; p, q : Pos
      •    suc(n) + (-1) = n
      •    suc(n) + (-suc(q)) = n + (-q)
      •    (-p) + (-q) = -(p + q)
      •    x - 0 = x
      •    x - p = x + (-p)
      •    x - (-q) = x + q
      •    n * (-q) = -(n * q)
      •    (-p) * (-q) = p * q
      •    |n| = n
      •    |-p| = p
end
```

➤ *Supersorts may also be used for extending the intended values by new values representing errors or exceptions.*

---

```
spec SET_WITH_ERROR_CHOOSE_1 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]  
then sorts Elem < ElemError;  
      op    choose : Set → ElemError;  
      pred  __is_in__ : ElemError × Set;  
      axiom  $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \in \text{Elem} \wedge$   
                                                    choose(S) is_in S;  
end  
  
spec SET_WITH_ERROR_CHOOSE_2 [sort Elem] =  
  GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]  
then sorts Elem < ElemError;  
      op    choose : Set → ElemError;  
      axiom  $\forall S : \text{Set} \bullet \neg(S = \text{empty}) \Rightarrow \text{choose}(S) \in \text{Elem} \wedge$   
                                                    (choose(S) as Elem) is_in S;  
end
```

# Structuring Specifications

➤ *Union and extension can be used to structure specifications.*

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```
spec LIST_TO_SET [sort Elem] =  
  LIST_4 [sort Elem] and GENERATED_SET [sort Elem]  
then op   elements_of _ : List → Set;  
vars   e : Elem; L : List;  
axioms  
  elements_of nil = empty;  
  elements_of cons(e, L) = {e} ∪ elements_of L;  
end
```

➤ Arbitrary parts of specifications can have initial semantics.

---

```
spec CHOOSE_IN_LIST [sort Elem] =
  LIST_4 [sort Elem] and SET_WITH_P_CHOOSE_2 [sort Elem]
then ops
  elements_of_ : List → Set;
  choose : List →? Elem;
  vars
    e : Elem; L : List
  • elements_of nil = empty
  • elements_of cons(e, L) = {e} ∪ elements_of L
  • def choose(L) ⇔ ¬(L = nil)
  • choose(L) = choose(elements_of L)
end

spec SET_TO_LIST [sort Elem] =
  LIST_TO_SET [sort Elem]
then op
  list_of_ : Set → List;
  axiom ∀ S : Set • elements_of(list_of S) = S;
end
```



- *Renaming may be used to avoid unintended name clashes, or to adjust names of sorts and change notations for operations and predicates.*
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```
spec STACK [sort Elem] =  
  LIST_4 [sort Elem] with sort List ↦ Stack,  
  ops cons ↦ push__onto__,  
      hd   ↦ top,  
      tail ↦ pop  
end
```

➤ *When combining specifications, origins of symbols can be indicated.*

---

```
spec LIST_TO_SET_2 [sort Elem] =  
  LIST_4 [sort Elem] with nil, cons  
and GENERATED_SET [sort Elem] with empty, {--}, -- ∪ --  
then op elements_of -- : List → Set;  
vars e : Elem; L : List  
  • elements_of nil = empty  
  • elements_of cons(e, L) = {e} ∪ elements_of L  
end
```

➤ *Auxiliary symbols used in structured specifications can be hidden.*

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```
spec NATURAL_10 = NATURAL_7 hide suc, pre end
```

```
spec NATURAL_11 =  
  NATURAL_7 reveal Nat, 0, 1, -- + --, -- - --, -- * --, -- < --  
end
```

➤ *Auxiliary symbols can be made local when they do not need to be exported.*

---

```
spec LIST_WITH_ORDER [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred  $-- \leq --$ ] =  
  LIST_4 [sort Elem]  
then local op   insert : Elem × List → List;  
           vars e, e' : Elem; L : List  
           •   insert(e, nil) = cons(e, nil)  
           •   insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e, cons(e', L)) when  $e \leq e'$   
                                           else cons(e', insert(e, L))  
           within op   order : List → List;  
           vars   e : Elem; L : List  
           •   order(nil) = nil  
           •   order(cons(e, L)) = insert(e, order(L))  
end
```

```

spec LIST_WITH_ORDER_2 [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred -- ≤ --] =
  LIST_4 [sort Elem]
then local preds  __is_sorted : List;
           __is_in__ : Elem × List;
           same_elements : List × List;
  vars  e, e' : Elem; L, L' : List
  • nil is_sorted
  • cons(e, nil) is_sorted
  • cons(e, cons(e', L)) is_sorted ⇔
      (e ≤ e' ∧ cons(e', L) is_sorted)
  • ¬(e is_in nil)
  • e is_in cons(e', L) ⇔ (e = e' ∨ e is_in L)
  • same_elements(L, L') ⇔
      (∀ e : Elem • e is_in L ⇔ e is_in L')
  within op  order : List → List;
  axiom  ∀ L : List • order(L) is_sorted ∧
           same_elements(L, order(L));
end

```

# Generic Specifications

➤ *Explicit parameters show the intended genericity of a specification.*

➤ *Parameters are arbitrary specifications.*

**spec** LIST\_4 [sort *Elem*] = ...

**spec** LIST\_WITH\_ORDER [PARTIAL\_ORDER with sort *Elem*, pred  $-- \leq --$ ] = ...

➤ *A generic specification may have more than one parameter.*

**spec** PAIR [sort *Elem1*] [sort *Elem2*] = ...

```

spec  INDEX =
      TOTAL_ORDER with Elem ↦ Index hide min, max
then  ops   first, last : Index; axiom ¬(last < first); end
spec  ARRAY [INDEX] [sort Elem] =
      type  Array ::= Init | --[--]:=--(Array; Index; Elem)?;
      op    --[--] : Array × Index →? Elem;
      then
      local pred  __is_valid : Index;
            var   i : Index
            •     i is_valid ⇔ ¬(i < first) ∧ ¬(last < i)
      within vars T : Array; i, j : Index; e, e' : Elem
            •     def T[i]:=e ⇔ i is_valid
            •     def T[i] ⇔ (i is_valid ∧
                               ∃ T' : Array; e : Elem • T = T'[i]:=e)
            •     def T[i]:=e ⇒ (T[i]:=e)[i] = e
            •     ¬(i = j) ∧ def T[i]:=e ∧ def T[j] ⇒
                   (T[i]:=e)[j] = T[j]
            •     def T[i]:=e ⇒ (T[i]:=e)[i]:=e' = T[i]:=e'
            •     ¬(i = j) ∧ def T[i]:=e ∧ def T[j]:=e' ⇒
                   (T[i]:=e)[j]:=e' = (T[j]:=e')[i]:=e
      end

```



- *In instantiations, the intended fitting of the parameter symbols to the argument symbols has to be uniquely determined.*
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```
spec LIST_OF_INT = LIST_4 [INTEGER_3 fit Elem ↦ Int] end
```

```
spec PAIR_OF_NAT =  
  PAIR [NATURAL_4 fit Elem1 ↦ Nat] [NATURAL_4 fit Elem2 ↦ Nat]  
end
```

Trivial instantiations can be concisely described by omitting the fitting symbol map.

Note that an alternative to PAIR\_OF\_NAT is to write:

```
spec PAIR_OF_NAT_2 = PAIR [sort Nat] [sort Nat] and NATURAL_4 end
```

➤ *Implied and identity mappings can be omitted.*

---

```
spec  ARRAY_INDEXED_BY_NAT [sort Elem] =  
      ARRAY [NATURAL_4 fit Index ↦ Nat, first ↦ 0, last ↦ max_size]  
          [sort Elem]  
end
```

Note that there is no need to explicitly map  $-- < -- \dots$

➤ *Composition of generic specifications is expressed using instantiation.*

---

```
spec SET_OF_LIST [sort Elem] =  
    GENERATED_SET [LIST_4 [sort Elem] fit Elem ↦ List]  
end
```

- *Compound sorts introduced by a generic specification get automatically renamed when it is instantiated, which avoids name clashes.*
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```
spec LIST_5 [sort Elem] =  
  free type List[Elem] ::= nil | cons(hd :? Elem; tail :? List[Elem]);  
  ops    -- ++ -- : List[Elem] × List[Elem] → List[Elem], assoc, unit nil;  
         reverse : List[Elem] → List[Elem];  
  vars  e : Elem; L, L1, L2 : List[Elem];  
  axioms  
    cons(e, L1) ++ L2 = cons(e, L1 ++ L2);  
    reverse(nil) = nil;  
    reverse(cons(e, L)) = reverse(L) ++ cons(e, nil);  
end
```

```
spec TWO_LISTS =  
    LIST_5 [NATURAL_3 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Nat] %% Provides sort List[Nat]  
and LIST_5 [INTEGER_3 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int] %% Provides sort List[Int]  
end
```

```
spec TWO_LISTS_2 =  
    LIST_5 [INTEGER_4 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Nat]  
and LIST_5 [INTEGER_4 fit Elem  $\mapsto$  Int]  
end
```

➤ *Compound symbols can also be used for operations and predicates.*

---

```
spec LIST_WITH_ORDER_3 [PARTIAL_ORDER with sort Elem, pred -- ≤ --] =
  LIST_5 [sort Elem]
then local op   insert : Elem × List[Elem] → List[Elem];
  vars         e, e' : Elem; L : List[Elem]
  •           insert(e, nil) = cons(e, nil)
  •           insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e, cons(e', L)) when e ≤ e'
  •           insert(e, cons(e', L)) = cons(e, insert(e, L))
  •           else cons(e', insert(e, L))
  within op   order[-- ≤ --] : List[Elem] → List[Elem];
  vars         e : Elem; L : List[Elem]
  •           order[-- ≤ --](nil) = nil
  •           order[-- ≤ --](cons(e, L)) = insert(e, order[-- ≤ --](L))
end
spec REVERSE_ORDERS =
  LIST_WITH_ORDER_3 [INTEGER_3 fit Elem ↦ Int, -- ≤ -- ↦ -- ≤ --]
and LIST_WITH_ORDER_3 [INTEGER_3 fit Elem ↦ Int, -- ≤ -- ↦ -- ≥ --]
then %implies
  axiom ∀ L : List[Int] • order[-- ≤ --](L) = reverse(order[-- ≥ --](L));
end
```

➤ *Parameters should be distinguished from references to fixed specifications that are not intended to be instantiated.*

---

```
spec LIST_WITH_LENGTH [sort Elem] given NATURAL_3 =  
  LIST_5 [sort Elem]  
then op   length : List[Elem] → Nat;  
  vars   e : Elem; L : List[Elem]  
  •     length(nil) = 0  
  •     length(cons(e, L)) = length(L) + 1  
then %implies  
  axiom  ∀ L : List[Elem] • length(reverse(L)) = length(L);  
end  
  
spec LIST_OF_NAT = LIST_WITH_LENGTH [NATURAL_3 fit Elem ↦ Nat]  
  
spec WRONG_LIST_WITH_LENGTH [sort Elem] =  
  NATURAL_3 and LIST_5 [sort Elem]  
then   ...   end
```

would be inadequate since instantiation by NATURAL\_3 would be ill-formed.

- Views are named fitting maps, and can be defined along with specifications.
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**view** INTEGER\_AS\_PARTIAL\_ORDER\_1 : PARTIAL\_ORDER **to** INTEGER\_3 =  
*Elem*  $\mapsto$  *Int*,  $-- \leq -- \mapsto -- \leq --$

**view** INTEGER\_AS\_PARTIAL\_ORDER\_2 : PARTIAL\_ORDER **to** INTEGER\_3 =  
*Elem*  $\mapsto$  *Int*,  $-- \leq -- \mapsto -- \geq --$

**spec** REVERSE\_ORDERS\_2 =

LIST\_WITH\_ORDER\_3 [**view** INTEGER\_AS\_PARTIAL\_ORDER\_1]

**and** LIST\_WITH\_ORDER\_3 [**view** INTEGER\_AS\_PARTIAL\_ORDER\_2]

**then** %implies

**axiom**  $\forall L : List[Int] \bullet order[-- \leq --](L) = reverse(order[-- \geq --](L));$

**end**



➤ *Views can also be generic.*

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# Specifying Architectural Structure

# Libraries