

# UCE: MFES-10/11

## CSI Module — Exercise list

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**NB:** Equation numbers of the form ([2]:n) are taken from [2].

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*Exercise 1.* (adapted from exercise 5.1.4 in C.B. Jones's *Systematic Software Development Using VDM* [1]):

Hotel room numbers are pairs  $(l, r)$  where  $l$  indicates a floor and  $r$  a door number in floor  $l$ . Write the invariant on room numbers which captures the following rules valid in a particular hotel with 25 floors, 60 rooms per floor:

1. there is no floor number 13; (guess why)
  2. level 1 is an open area and has no rooms;
  3. the top five floors consist of large suites and these are numbered with even integers.
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*Exercise 2.* Check rule

$$\langle \exists i : R : T \rangle = \langle \exists i : T : R \rangle \quad (1)$$

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*Exercise 3.* Check **carefully** which rules of the quantifier calculus need to be applied to prove that predicate

$$\langle \forall b, a : \langle \exists c : b = f c : r(c, a) \rangle : s(b, a) \rangle \quad (2)$$

is the same as

$$\langle \forall c, a : r(c, a) : s(f c, a) \rangle \quad (3)$$

where  $f$  is a function and  $r, s$  are binary predicates.

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*Exercise 4.* Define relations  $C \xleftarrow{R} A$ ,  $A \xleftarrow{S} B$  such that  $cRa = r(c, a)$  and  $bSa = s(b, a)$ . Then PF-transform (2) and (3), showing that the equivalence proved above is nothing but the rule

$$f \cdot R \subseteq S \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq f^\circ \cdot S \quad (4)$$

which is number ([2]:67) in the tutorial. □

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*Exercise 5.* Given a function  $B \xleftarrow{f} A$ , show that  $\text{img } f$  is the coreflexive  $\Phi_p$  of predicate  $p \ x \triangleq \langle \exists a \ :: \ x = f \ a \rangle$ .  
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*Exercise 6.* Justify the following PF calculation of ([2]:67), where the equivalence is proved by cyclic implication (“ping-pong”):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f \cdot R \subseteq S \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & f^\circ \cdot f \cdot R \subseteq f^\circ \cdot S \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & R \subseteq f^\circ \cdot S \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & f \cdot R \subseteq f \cdot f^\circ \cdot S \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & f \cdot R \subseteq S \\
 & \square
 \end{aligned}$$


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*Exercise 7.* So, for  $f$  entire and simple ( $\Leftrightarrow$  a function) rule ([2]:67) holds. Now, suppose that rule ([2]:67) holds for  $f$  replaced by an arbitrary relation  $X$ :

$$X \cdot R \subseteq S \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq X^\circ \cdot S \tag{5}$$

Check what you can infer about this rule for the particular instantiations:

- $R, S := id, X$  (left-cancellation)
- $S, R := id, X^\circ$  (right-cancellation)

Conclude that (5) holds **if and only if**  $X$  is a function.

$\square$

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*Exercise 8.* Complete the following calculation about functions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f \subseteq g \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & f \cdot id \subseteq g \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots\dots\dots \} \\
 & id \subseteq f^\circ \cdot g
 \end{aligned}$$



*Exercise 11.* Given  $A \in B$ , build their *disjoint union* by defining  $A + B \triangleq \{i_1 a \mid a \in A\} \cup \{i_2 b \mid b \in B\}$ , where  $i_1 a \triangleq (1, a)$  and  $i_2 b \triangleq (2, b)$  are the *injections* associated to this construction, which are mutually orthogonal:

$$i_2^\circ \cdot i_1 = \perp \quad (15)$$

Over this construction build the “junc” (ou “either”) relational combinator, as follows:

$$[R, S] \triangleq R \cdot i_1^\circ \cup S \cdot i_2^\circ \quad (16)$$

It can be shown that (16) enjoys *universal* property

$$[R, S] \subseteq X \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq X \cdot i_1 \wedge S \subseteq X \cdot i_2 \quad (17)$$

which strengthens to equality:

$$X = [R, S] \Leftrightarrow X \cdot i_1 = R \wedge X \cdot i_2 = S \quad (18)$$

and a number of other properties, namely

$$[i_1, i_2] = id \quad (19)$$

$$X \cdot [R, S] = [X \cdot R, X \cdot S] \quad (20)$$

$$[R, S] \subseteq [X, Y] \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} R \subseteq X \\ S \subseteq Y \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

$$[R, S] \cdot [T, U]^\circ = (R \cdot T^\circ) \cup (S \cdot U^\circ) \quad (22)$$

$$[R, S] \cdot i_1 = R \wedge [R, S] \cdot i_2 = S \quad (23)$$

$$[R, S] \cdot (P + Q) = [R \cdot P, S \cdot Q] \quad (24)$$

Prove that (19), (23) and (21) hold.

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*Exercise 12.* Consider the relational definition of the McCarthy’s conditional combinator

$$p \rightarrow f, g \triangleq f \cdot \Phi_p \cup g \cdot \Phi_{\neg p} \quad (25)$$

and the definition of function  $A + A \xleftarrow{p?} A$  (known as the “guard” associated to predicate  $p$ ) which follows:

$$p? \triangleq i_1 \cdot \Phi_p \cup i_2 \cdot \Phi_{\neg p} \quad (26)$$

Show that

$$p \rightarrow f, g = [f, g] \cdot p? \quad (27)$$

holds.

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*Exercise 13.* See below the diagram of function  $in = [\underline{0}, succ]$  which expresses the way natural numbers are built as a Peano-algebra,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & \xrightarrow{i_1} & 1 + \mathbb{N}_0 & \xleftarrow{i_2} & \mathbb{N}_0 \\ & \searrow \underline{0} & \downarrow in = [\underline{0}, succ] & \swarrow succ & \\ & & \mathbb{N}_0 & & \end{array} \quad (28)$$

where  $\underline{0}$  denotes the everywhere-0 constant function  $\underline{0} x \triangleq 0$ , and  $succ n \triangleq n + 1$ . (Type 1 is inhabited by a single, fixed element, which we don’t need to denote explicitly for the moment).

1. Add justifications to the calculation below which, assuming the orthogonality condition

$$\text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} = \perp \tag{29}$$

shows that  $\text{in}$  is injective:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{in}^\circ \cdot \text{in} \subseteq \text{id} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & [\text{in}^\circ \cdot \underline{0}, \text{in}^\circ \cdot \text{succ}] \subseteq [i_1, i_2] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} \text{in}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_1 \\ \text{in}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq i_2 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} i_1 \cdot \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \cup i_2 \cdot \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_1 \\ i_1 \cdot \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \cup i_2 \cdot \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq i_2 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} i_1 \cdot \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_1 \\ i_2 \cdot \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_1 \\ i_1 \cdot \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq i_2 \\ i_2 \cdot \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq i_2 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq \ker i_1 \\ \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_2^\circ \cdot i_1 \\ \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq i_1^\circ \cdot i_2 \\ \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq \ker i_2 \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} \underline{0}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq \text{id} \\ \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} \subseteq i_2^\circ \cdot i_1 \\ \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \text{succ} \subseteq \text{id} \end{cases} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \begin{cases} \text{succ}^\circ \cdot \underline{0} = \perp \\ \text{succ is injective} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2. Fact

$$\text{img } \underline{0} \cup \text{img } \text{succ} = \text{id} \tag{30}$$

records that  $\text{in}$  is a surjection. Why?

Exercise 14. The following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{N}_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{in}^\circ} & 1 + \mathbb{N}_0 \\ \downarrow \geq & (=) & \downarrow \text{id} + \geq \\ \mathbb{N}_0 & \xleftarrow{[\top, \text{succ}]} & 1 + \mathbb{N}_0 \end{array}$$

displays the relational equality

$$\geq = [\top, succ] \cdot (id + \geq) \cdot in^\circ \quad (31)$$

which defines (inductively) the *at least* ordering on natural numbers. Show that (31) means the same as

$$n \geq m \Leftrightarrow m = 0 \vee \langle \exists y, x : n = y + 1 \wedge m = x + 1 : y \geq x \rangle \quad (32)$$

Further show that (32) could have been written as the pair of clauses

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \forall n :: n \geq 0 \rangle \\ &n \geq (m + 1) \Leftrightarrow \langle \exists x : n = x + 1 : x \geq m \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Don't provide a pointwise argument: just rely on relation algebra results studied thus far.

*Exercise 15.* Let  $A^* \triangleq \bigcup_{i \geq 0} A^i$  be the set of all finite sequences on a set  $A$ , and define functions  $in, nil$  and  $cons$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} in &= [nil, cons] \\ nil \ x &= [] \\ cons(a, x) &= a : x \end{aligned}$$

where  $[]$  denotes the empty sequence and notation  $a : x$  means the insertion of  $a$  at the front of sequence  $x$ . Given some relation  $B \xleftarrow{R} A$ , let  $R^*$  be the relation described in the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^* & \xleftarrow{in} & 1 + A \times A^* \\ \downarrow R^* & (=) & \downarrow id + id \times R^* \\ B^* & \xleftarrow{[nil, cons \cdot (R \times id)]} & 1 + A \times B^* \end{array}$$

1. Infer from the diagram the following pointwise definition of  $R^*$ , made of two clauses:

$$\begin{aligned} y R^* [] &\Leftrightarrow y = [] \\ y R^* (a : x) &\Leftrightarrow \langle \exists b, z : y = (b : z) : b R a \wedge z R^* x \rangle \end{aligned}$$

**NB:** rely on the following property of relational product

$$(R \times Q) \cdot (S \times P) = (R \cdot S) \times (Q \cdot P) \quad (33)$$

2. Check which of the following facts hold:

$$[0] \leq^* [1] \quad (34)$$

$$[] \leq^* [0] \quad (35)$$

3. Calculate  $f^*$ . (Special case for functions.)

Exercise 16. From the free theorem of  $1 \xleftarrow{!} A$  and fact  $ker! = \top$  infer

$$f \cdot R \subseteq \top \cdot S \Leftrightarrow R \subseteq \top \cdot S \quad (36)$$

Exercise 17. Calculating with Alloy sequences, cf. eg. `sequence.als`:

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sig Seq {
  seqElems: SeqIdx → lone elem
}
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that is, sequences are  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $A$  simple relations ( $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} Seq A &= \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow A \\ \mathbf{inv} \ L &\triangleq noHoles L \end{aligned}$$

where

$$noHoles L \triangleq L \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot L \quad (37)$$

Operators:

$$tail L \triangleq L \cdot succ \quad (38)$$

$$head L \triangleq L \cdot img \perp \quad (39)$$

$$c : L \triangleq c \cdot \perp^\circ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ \quad (40)$$

1. Transform (37) to PW-notation and check which of the following sequences represent sequence  $[a, b, a]$ :

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A|\mathbb{N} & A|\mathbb{N} & A|\mathbb{N} \\ \hline a|2 & a|2 & a|3 \\ a|3 & a|4 & a|1 \\ b|1 & b|3 & b|2 \end{array}$$

2. Knowing that

$$img \perp \cup img succ = id \quad (41)$$

show that  $L = head L \cup (tail L) \cdot succ^\circ$ .

**NB:** add variables to (41) beforehand just to see what it means.

Exercise 18. Show that  $\Phi_{noHoles} \xleftarrow{tail} \Phi_{noHoles}$  holds, that is,  $tail L$  preserves invariant  $noHoles$ , that is, complete:

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 $\Phi_{noHoles} \xleftarrow{tail} \Phi_{noHoles}$ 
⇔ { go pointwise (tail is a function) }
  ⟨ $\forall L : noHoles L : noHoles(tail L)$ ⟩
⇔ { inline (37) ; trading (48) ; assume quantifier }
   $L \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot L \Rightarrow \dots$ 
⋮ { ..... }
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Exercise 19. Complete the proof below so as to show that  $\Phi_{noHoles} \stackrel{(c:)}{\longleftarrow} \Phi_{noHoles}$  holds:

$$L \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot L \Rightarrow (c : L) \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L)$$

We show that consequent  $(c : L) \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L)$  is entailed by antecedent  $L \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot L$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& (c : L) \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& (\underline{c} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ) \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \underline{c} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cdot succ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} \underline{1}^\circ \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \\ L \cdot succ^\circ \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \end{cases} \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} \underline{1} \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \\ L \cdot (img \underline{1} \cup img succ) \subseteq \top \cdot (c : L) \end{cases} \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} L \cdot img \underline{1} \subseteq \top \cdot (\underline{c} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ) \\ L \cdot (img succ) \subseteq \top \cdot (\underline{c} \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \cup L \cdot succ^\circ) \end{cases} \\
\Leftarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} L \cdot img \underline{1} \subseteq \top \cdot \underline{1}^\circ \\ L \cdot (img succ) \subseteq \top \cdot L \cdot succ^\circ \end{cases} \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} L \cdot \underline{1} \cdot \subseteq \top \cdot \top \\ L \cdot (\rho succ) \subseteq \top \cdot L \cdot succ^\circ \end{cases} \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& \begin{cases} L \cdot \underline{1} \cdot \subseteq \top \\ L \cdot (\delta (succ^\circ)) \subseteq \top \cdot L \cdot succ^\circ \end{cases} \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{ \dots \} \\
& L \cdot succ \subseteq \top \cdot L
\end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 20. Consider the definition of a new relation operator

$$shrink(R, S) \triangleq R \cap S / R^\circ \tag{42}$$

1. Add variables to this definition and check the following encoding of this combinator in Alloy:



**fun** shrink[r: K → A, s: A → A] : K → A {  
 { a : r-dom, b : a·r | (all b' : a·r | b' in s·b) }  
 }

2. Check the outcome of  $shrink(R, \leq)$  for  $R$  the relation

$\mathbb{N}$	$A$
10	John
11	Mary
12	John
15	Arthur

**NB:** The aim of the *shrink* combinator is to convert a given relation  $R$  into a simple relation by looking at particular (eg. maximal) elements of its range relative to some ordering (eg.  $\leq$ ).

3. Use indirect equality to show that definition (42) is equivalent to the universal property (Galois connection)

$$X \subseteq shrink(R, S) \Leftrightarrow X \subseteq R \wedge X \cdot R^\circ \subseteq S \quad (43)$$

4. Resort to (43) in showing that

- (a)  $shrink(R, \top) = R$  for all  $R$ .
- (b)  $shrink(R, id) = R$  if  $R$  is simple.

*Exercise 21.* Suppose you want to adapt *shrink* so as to work over lists of pairs:

shrink            :: [ (b, a) ] -> ( (b, b) -> Bool ) -> [ (b, a) ]

Calculate the FT of *shrink*.

*Exercise 22.* Consider the definition which follows,

$$f \dot{\leq} g \triangleq f \subseteq (\leq) \cdot g \quad (44)$$

where  $\leq$  is a partial order.

- Convert this definition to pointwise notation and check its meaning.
- Show that  $f \dot{\leq} g$  means the same as  $f(\leq \longleftarrow id)g$

□

*Exercise 23.* Consider the following requirements for a  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$  function:

*Given a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{reindex\ S} \mathbb{N}$  is the least function, in the sense of (44), which maps all numbers in  $S$  to an initial segment of  $\mathbb{N}$ .*

Consider the following specification of *reindex S* (universal property): for all  $k, S$

$$k \text{ monotone} \wedge k \cdot \Phi_S \text{ injective} \Leftrightarrow reindex\ S \dot{\leq} k \quad (45)$$

1. Spell out “ $k$  monotone” and “ $k \cdot \Phi_S$  injective” using relational algebra notation.
  2. From (45) show that, for all  $S$ , function  $reindex\ S$  is a subrelation of the  $\leq$  ordering on  $\mathbb{N}$ , that is, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(reindex\ S)n \leq n$ .
  3. Using an informal drawing, sketch function  $reindex\{2, 3, 6\}$ .
  4. Show that  $reindex\ \emptyset = reindex\{i\} = \underline{1}$ .
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### Nesting:

$$\langle \forall a, b : R \wedge S : T \rangle = \langle \forall a : R : \langle \forall b : S : T \rangle \rangle \quad (46)$$

$$\langle \exists a, b : R \wedge S : T \rangle = \langle \exists a : R : \langle \exists b : S : T \rangle \rangle \quad (47)$$

### Trading:

$$\langle \forall i : R \wedge S : T \rangle = \langle \forall i : R : S \Rightarrow T \rangle \quad (48)$$

$$\langle \exists i : R \wedge S : T \rangle = \langle \exists i : R : S \wedge T \rangle \quad (49)$$

### Splitting:

$$\langle \forall j : R : \langle \forall k : S : T \rangle \rangle = \langle \forall k : \langle \exists j : R : S \rangle : T \rangle \quad (50)$$

$$\langle \exists j : R : \langle \exists k : S : T \rangle \rangle = \langle \exists k : \langle \exists j : R : S \rangle : T \rangle \quad (51)$$

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