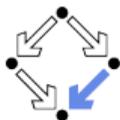


# LOGICAL MODELS OF PROBLEMS AND COMPUTATIONS

## Theory and Software



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# Logical Models of Problems and Computations

What is the purpose of logical modeling?

- Precisely describe the problem to be solved.
  - Clarification of mind, resolution of ambiguities.
  - Specification of program to be developed.
- Software-supported analysis of the problem and its solution.
  - Validation of specification.
  - Validation/verification of solution.
  - Interactive/automatic provers and model checkers.
- Automatic computation of solution respectively simulation of execution.
  - Logical solvers (SMT: Satisfiability Modulo Theories) and theorem provers.
  - Perhaps: rapid prototyping of a later manually written program.

To profit from software, we need computer-understandable models.

## **1. Specifying Problems**

## 2. The RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL)

## 3. Modeling Computations

## Specifying Problems

- A (computational) problem:

**Input:**  $x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n$  where  $I_x$

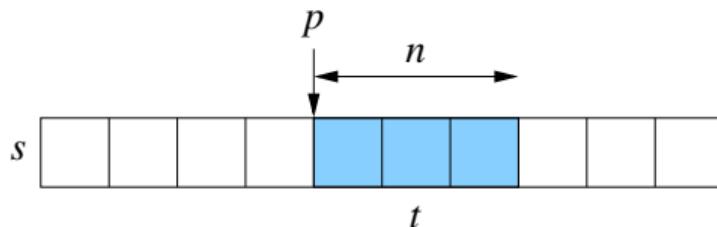
**Output:**  $y_1 \in U_1, \dots, y_m \in U_m$  where  $O_{x,y}$

- **Input variables**  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
  - With types  $T_1, \dots, T_n$ .
- **Input condition (precondition)**  $I_x$ .
  - A formula whose free variables occur in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- **Output variables**  $y_1, \dots, y_m$ .
  - With types  $U_1, \dots, U_m$ .
- **Output condition (postcondition)**  $O_{x,y}$ .
  - A formula whose free variables occur in  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m$ .

Formulas refer to functions and predicates that characterize the problem domain.

## Example

Extract from a finite sequence  $s$  a subsequence of length  $n$  starting at position  $p$ .



**Input:**  $s \in T^*$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  where

$$n + p \leq \text{length}(s)$$

**Output:**  $t \in T^*$  where

$$\text{length}(t) = n \wedge$$

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}. i < n \Rightarrow t[i] = s[i + p]$$

The resulting sequence must have appropriate length and contents.

## Implementing Problem Specifications

- The specification demands a function  $f: T_1 \times \dots \times T_n \rightarrow U_1 \times \dots \times U_m$  such that

$$\forall x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n. I_x \Rightarrow \text{let } (y_1, \dots, y_m) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ in } O_{x,y}$$

- For all arguments  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  that satisfy the input condition,
  - the result  $(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  of  $f$  satisfies the output condition.
- The specification itself already implicitly defines such a function:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \text{choose } y_1 \in U_1, \dots, y_m \in U_m. O_{x,y}$$

- An implicit function definition (whose result is arbitrary, if no values satisfy  $O$ ).
- An actual implementation must provide an explicitly defined function.
    - Right-side of definition is a term that describes a constructive computation.

The ultimate goal of computer science/mathematics is to provide explicit definitions of functions (i.e., programs) that implement problem specifications.

# Function Definitions

- An (explicit) function definition

$$f : T_1 \times \dots \times T_n \rightarrow T$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := t_x$$

- Special case  $n = 0$ : a constant definition  $c : T, c := t$ .
- **Function constant**  $f$  of arity  $n$ .
- **Type signature**  $T_1 \times \dots \times T_n \rightarrow T$ .
- **Parameters**  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  (variables).
- **Body**  $t_x$  (a term whose free variables occur in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ).

We thus know  $\forall x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n. f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t_x$ .

## Examples

- **Definition:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be natural numbers. Then the square sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is the sum of the squares of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{squaresum} &: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \text{squaresum}(x, y) &:= x^2 + y^2\end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be natural numbers. Then the squared sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is the square of  $z$  where  $z$  is the sum of  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sumsquared} &: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \text{sumsquared}(x, y) &:= \text{let } z = x + y \text{ in } z^2\end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** Let  $n$  be a natural number. Then the square sum set of  $n$  is the set of the square sums of all numbers  $x$  and  $y$  from 1 to  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{squaresumset} &: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \\ \text{squaresumset}(n) &:= \{\text{squaresum}(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{N} \wedge 1 \leq x \leq n \wedge 1 \leq y \leq n\}\end{aligned}$$

# Predicate Definitions

- An (explicit) predicate definition

$$p \subseteq T_1 \times \dots \times T_n$$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) :\Leftrightarrow F_x$$

- Predicate constant  $p$  of arity  $n$ .
- Type signature  $T_1 \times \dots \times T_n$ .
- Parameters  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  (variables).
- Body  $F_x$  (a formula whose free variables occur in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ).

We thus know  $\forall x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n. p(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow F_x$ .

## Examples

- **Definition:** Let  $x, y$  be natural numbers. Then  $x$  divides  $y$  (written as  $x|y$ ) if  $x \cdot z = y$  for some natural number  $z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sqcup| \sqcup &\subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \\ x|y &:\Leftrightarrow \exists z \in \mathbb{N}. x \cdot z = y \end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** Let  $x$  be a natural number. Then  $x$  is prime if  $x$  is at least two and the only divisors of  $x$  are one and  $x$  itself.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{isprime} &\subseteq \mathbb{N} \\ \text{isprime}(x) &:\Leftrightarrow x \geq 2 \wedge \forall y \in \mathbb{N}. y|x \Rightarrow y = 1 \vee y = x \end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** Let  $p, n$  be a natural numbers. Then  $p$  is a prime factor of  $n$ , if  $p$  is prime and divides  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{isprimefactor} &\subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \\ \text{isprimefactor}(p, n) &:\Leftrightarrow \text{isprime}(p) \wedge p|n \end{aligned}$$

# Implicit Definitions

- An implicit function definition

$$f: T_1 \times \dots \times T_n \rightarrow T$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \text{choose } y \in T. F_{x,y}$$

- Function constant  $f$  of arity  $n$ .
- Type signature  $T_1 \times \dots \times T_n \rightarrow T$ .
- Parameters  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  (variables).
- Result variable  $y$ .
- Result condition  $F_{x,y}$  (a formula whose free variables occur in  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y$ ).

We thus know  $\forall x_1 \in T_1, \dots, x_n \in T_n. (\exists y \in T. F_{x,y}) \Rightarrow \text{let } y = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ in } F_{x,y}$ .

## Examples

- **Definition:** A root of  $x$  is some  $y$  such that  $y$  squared is  $x$  (if such a  $y$  exists).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{aRoot} &: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{aRoot}(x) &:= \text{choose } y \in \mathbb{R}. y^2 = x \end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** The root of  $x \geq 0$  is that  $y$  such that the square of  $y$  is  $x$  and  $y \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{theRoot} &: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \\ \text{theRoot}(x) &:= \text{choose } y \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}. y^2 = x \wedge y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** The quotient  $q$  of  $m$  and  $n \neq 0$  is such that  $m = n \cdot q + r$  for some  $r < n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{quotient} &: \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \text{quotient}(m, n) &:= \text{choose } q \in \mathbb{N}. \exists r \in \mathbb{N}. m = n \cdot q + r \wedge r < n \end{aligned}$$

- **Definition:** The  $\text{gcd}(x, y)$  of  $x, y$  (not both 0), is the greatest number dividing  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gcd} &: (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \text{gcd}(x, y) &:= \text{choose } z \in \mathbb{N}. z|x \wedge z|y \wedge \forall z' \in \mathbb{N}. z'|x \wedge z'|y \Rightarrow z' \leq z \end{aligned}$$

Function result need not be uniquely defined (may be even arbitrary).

## Predicates versus Functions

A predicate gives rise to functions in two ways.

- A **predicate**:

$\text{isprimefactor} \subseteq \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$

$\text{isprimefactor}(p, n) :\Leftrightarrow \text{isprime}(p) \wedge p|n$

- An **implicitly defined function**:

$\text{someprimefactor} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$\text{someprimefactor}(n) := \text{choose } p \in \mathbb{N}. \text{isprimefactor}(p, n)$

- An **explicitly defined function** whose result is a set:

$\text{allprimefactors} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$

$\text{allprimefactors}(n) := \{p \mid p \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \text{isprimefactor}(p, n)\}$

The preferred style of definition is a matter of taste and purpose.

# The Adequacy of Specifications

Given a specification

**Input:**  $x$  where  $P_x$  **Output:**  $y$  where  $Q_{x,y}$

we may ask the following questions:

- **Is precondition satisfiable?**  $(\exists x. P_x)$ 
  - Otherwise no input is allowed.
- **Is precondition not trivial?**  $(\exists x. \neg P_x)$ 
  - Otherwise every input is allowed, why then the precondition?
- **Is postcondition always satisfiable?**  $(\forall x. P_x \Rightarrow \exists y. Q_{x,y})$ 
  - Otherwise no implementation is legal.
- **Is postcondition not always trivial?**  $(\exists x, y. P_x \wedge \neg Q_{x,y})$ 
  - Otherwise every implementation is legal.
- **Is result unique?**  $(\forall x, y_1, y_2. P_x \wedge Q_{x,y_1} \wedge Q_{x,y_2} \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2)$ 
  - Whether this is required, depends on our expectations.

## Example: The Problem of Integer Division

**Input:**  $m \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}$     **Output:**  $q \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $m = n \cdot q + r$

- The postcondition is always satisfiable but not trivial.
  - For  $m = 13, n = 5$ , e.g.,  $q = 2, r = 3$  is legal but  $q = 2, r = 4$  is not.
- But the result is not unique.
  - For  $m = 13, n = 5$ , both  $q = 2, r = 3$  and  $q = 1, r = 8$  are legal.

**Input:**  $m \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}$     **Output:**  $q \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $m = n \cdot q + r \wedge r < n$

- Now the postcondition is not always satisfiable.
  - For  $m = 13, n = 0$ , no output is legal.

**Input:**  $m \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $n \neq 0$     **Output:**  $q \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $m = n \cdot q + r \wedge r < n$

- The precondition is not trivial but satisfiable.
  - $m = 13, n = 0$  is not legal but  $m = 13, n = 5$  is.
- The postcondition is always satisfiable and result is unique.
  - For  $m = 13, n = 5$ , only  $q = 2, r = 3$  is legal.

## Example: The Problem of Linear Search

Given a finite integer sequence  $a$  and an integer  $x$ , determine the smallest position  $p$  at which  $x$  occurs in  $a$  ( $p = -1$ , if  $x$  does not occur in  $a$ ).

Example:  $a = [2, 3, 5, 7, 5, 11], x = 5 \rightsquigarrow p = 2$

**Input:**  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^*, x \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Output:**  $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{-1\}$  where

let  $n = \text{length}(a)$  in

if  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}. \underline{p < n \wedge a[p] = x}$

then  $\underline{p < n \wedge a[p] = x} \wedge (\forall q \in \mathbb{N}. \underline{q < n \wedge a[q] = x} \Rightarrow p \leq q)$

else  $p = -1$

All inputs are legal; a result with the specified property always exists and is uniquely determined.

## Example: The Problem of Binary Search

Given a finite integer sequence  $a$  sorted in ascending order and an integer  $x$ , determine some position  $p$  at which  $x$  occurs in  $a$  ( $p = -1$ , if  $x$  does not occur in  $a$ ).

Example:  $a = [2, 3, 5, 5, 5, 7, 11], x = 5 \rightsquigarrow p \in \{2, 3, 4\}$

**Input:**  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^*, x \in \mathbb{Z}$  where

let  $n = \text{length}(a)$  in  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. k < n - 1 \Rightarrow a[k] \leq a[k + 1]$

**Output:**  $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{-1\}$  where

if  $\exists p \in \mathbb{N}. \underline{p < n \wedge a[p] = x}$

then  $\underline{p < n \wedge a[p] = x}$

else  $p = -1$

Not all inputs are legal; for every legal input, a result with the specified property exists but may not be unique.

## Example: The Problem of Sorting

Given a finite integer sequence  $a$ , determine that permutation  $b$  of  $a$  that is sorted in ascending order.

Example:  $a = [5, 3, 7, 2, 3] \rightsquigarrow b = [2, 3, 3, 5, 7]$

**Input:**  $a \in \mathbb{Z}^*$

**Output:**  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^*$  where

let  $n = \text{length}(a)$  in

$\text{length}(b) = n \wedge (\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. k < n - 1 \Rightarrow b[k] \leq b[k + 1]) \wedge$

$\exists p \in \mathbb{N}^*. \text{length}(p) = n \wedge$

$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. k < n \Rightarrow p[k] < n) \wedge$

$(\forall k_1 \in \mathbb{N}, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}. k_1 < n \wedge k_2 < n \wedge k_1 \neq k_2 \Rightarrow p[k_1] \neq p[k_2]) \wedge$

$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}. k < n \Rightarrow a[k] = b[p[k]])$

All inputs are legal; the specified result exists and is uniquely determined.

1. Specifying Problems

**2. The RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL)**

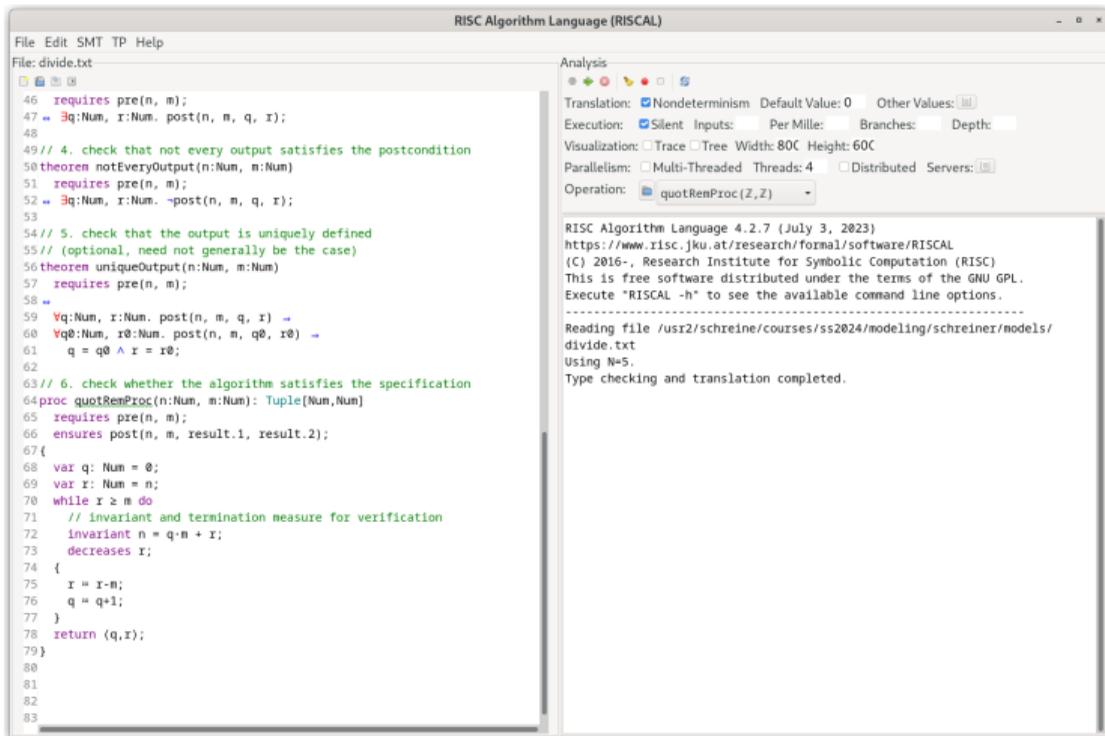
3. Modeling Computations

# The RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL)

- **A system for formally modeling mathematical theories and algorithms.**
  - Research Institute for Symbolic Computation (RISC), 2016–.
    - <http://www.risc.jku.at/research/formal/software/RISCAL>
  - Implemented in Java with SWT library for the GUI.
    - Tested under Linux only; freely available as open source (GPL3).
- **A language for the defining mathematical theories and algorithms.**
  - A static type system with only finite types (of parameterized sizes).
  - Predicates, explicitly (also recursively) and implicitly def.d functions.
  - Theorems (universally quantified predicates expected to be true).
  - Procedures (also recursively defined).
  - Pre- and post-conditions, invariants, termination measures.
- **A framework for evaluating/executing all definitions.**
  - Model checking: predicates, functions, theorems, procedures, annotations may be evaluated/executed for all possible inputs.
  - All paths of a non-deterministic execution may be elaborated.
  - The execution/evaluation may be visualized.

# The RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL)

RISCAL divide.txt &



The screenshot shows the RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL) IDE. The left pane displays the source code for 'divide.txt', and the right pane shows the analysis results.

```
File Edit SMT TP Help
File: divide.txt
46 requires pre(n, m);
47  $\exists q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}. \text{post}(n, m, q, r);$ 
48
49 // 4. check that not every output satisfies the postcondition
50 theorem notEveryOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
51 requires pre(n, m);
52  $\exists q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}. \neg \text{post}(n, m, q, r);$ 
53
54 // 5. check that the output is uniquely defined
55 // (optional, need not generally be the case)
56 theorem uniqueOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
57 requires pre(n, m);
58  $\forall q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}. \text{post}(n, m, q, r) \rightarrow$ 
59  $\forall q\emptyset:\text{Num}, r\emptyset:\text{Num}. \text{post}(n, m, q\emptyset, r\emptyset) \rightarrow$ 
60  $q = q\emptyset \wedge r = r\emptyset;$ 
61
62
63 // 6. check whether the algorithm satisfies the specification
64 proc quotRemProc(n:Num, m:Num): Tuple[Num,Num]
65 requires pre(n, m);
66 ensures post(n, m, result.1, result.2);
67 {
68   var q: Num = 0;
69   var r: Num = n;
70   while r  $\geq$  m do
71     // invariant and termination measure for verification
72     invariant n = q * m + r;
73     decreases r;
74   {
75     r = r - m;
76     q = q + 1;
77   }
78   return {q, r};
79 }
80
81
82
83
```

Analysis

Translation:  Nondeterminism Default Value: 0 Other Values:

Execution:  Silent Inputs:  Per Mill:  Branches:  Depth:

Visualization:  Trace  Tree Width: 80C Height: 60C

Parallelism:  Multi-Threaded Threads: 4  Distributed Servers:

Operation:  quotRemProc(Z, Z)

RISC Algorithm Language 4.2.7 (July 3, 2023)  
<https://www.risc.jku.at/research/formal/software/RISCAL>  
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This is free software distributed under the terms of the GNU GPL.  
Execute "RISCAL -h" to see the available command line options.

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Reading file /usr2/schreine/courses/ss2024/modeling/schreiner/models/  
divide.txt  
Using N=5.  
Type checking and translation completed.

## Using RISCAL

See also the (printed/online) “Tutorial and Reference Manual”.

- Press button  (or <Ctrl>-s) to save specification.
  - Automatically processes (parses and type-checks) specification.
  - Press button  to re-process specification.
- Choose values for undefined constants in specification.
  - Natural number for `val const: N`.
  - Default Value: used if no other value is specified.
  - Other Values: specific values for individual constants.
- Select Operation from menu and then press button  .
  - Executes operation for chosen constant values and all possible inputs.
  - Option Silent: result of operation is not printed.
  - Option Nondeterminism: all execution paths are taken.
  - Option Multi-threaded: multiple threads execute different inputs.
  - Press button  to abort execution.

During evaluation all annotations (pre/postconditions, etc.) are checked.

# Typing Mathematical Symbols

ASCII String	Unicode Character
Int	$\mathbb{Z}$
Nat	$\mathbb{N}$
:=	:=
true	$\top$
false	$\perp$
~	$\neg$
/\	$\wedge$
\	$\vee$
=>	$\Rightarrow$
<=>	$\Leftrightarrow$
forall	$\forall$
exists	$\exists$
sum	$\sum$
product	$\prod$

ASCII String	Unicode Character
~=	$\neq$
<=	$\leq$
>=	$\geq$
*	$\cdot$
times	$\times$
{}	$\emptyset$
intersect	$\cap$
union	$\cup$
Intersect	$\cap$
Union	$\cup$
isin	$\in$
subseteq	$\subseteq$
<<	$\langle$
>>	$\rangle$

Type the ASCII string and press <Ctrl>-# to get the Unicode character.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Given naturals  $n$  and  $m$ , compute the quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$  of  $n$  divided by  $m$ .

```
// the type of natural numbers less than equal N
val N: N;
type Num = N[N];
```

```
// the precondition of the computation
pred pre(n:Num, m:Num)  $\Leftrightarrow$  m  $\neq$  0;
```

```
// the postcondition, first formulation
pred post1(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num)  $\Leftrightarrow$ 
  n = m·q + r  $\wedge$ 
   $\forall$ q0:Num, r0:Num.
    n = m·q0 + r0  $\Rightarrow$  r  $\leq$  r0;
```

```
// the postcondition, second formulation
pred post2(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num)  $\Leftrightarrow$ 
  n = m·q + r  $\wedge$  r < m;
```

We will investigate this specification.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
// for all inputs that satisfy the precondition
// both formulations are equivalent:
//  $\forall n:\text{Num}, m:\text{Num}, q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}.$ 
//  $\text{pre}(n, m) \Rightarrow (\text{post1}(n, m, q, r) \Leftrightarrow \text{post2}(n, m, q, r));$ 
theorem postEquiv(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num)
  requires pre(n, m);
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{post1}(n, m, q, r) \Leftrightarrow \text{post2}(n, m, q, r);$ 

// we will thus use the simpler formulation from now on
pred post(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num)  $\Leftrightarrow \text{post2}(n, m, q, r);$ 
```

Check equivalence for all values that satisfy the precondition.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Choose e.g.  $N = 5$ .

### ■ Switch option Silent off:

Executing `postEquiv( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ )` with all 1296 inputs.

Ignoring inadmissible inputs...

Run 6 of deterministic function `postEquiv(0,1,0,0)`:

Result (0 ms): true

Run 7 of deterministic function `postEquiv(1,1,0,0)`:

Result (0 ms): true

...

Run 1295 of deterministic function `postEquiv(5,5,5,5)`:

Result (0 ms): true

Execution completed for ALL inputs (6314 ms, 1080 checked, 216 inadmissible).

### ■ Switch option Silent on:

Executing `postEquiv( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ )` with all 1296 inputs.

Execution completed for ALL inputs (244 ms, 1080 checked, 216 inadmissible).

If theorem is false for some input, an error message is displayed.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Drop precondition from theorem.

```
theorem postEquiv(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num) ⇔  
  // requires pre(n, m);  
  post1(n, m, q, r) ⇔ post2(n, m, q, r);
```

Executing `postEquiv(Z,Z,Z,Z)` with all 1296 inputs.

Run 0 of deterministic function `postEquiv(0,0,0,0)`:

ERROR in execution of `postEquiv(0,0,0,0)`: evaluation of

`postEquiv`

at line 25 in file `divide.txt`:

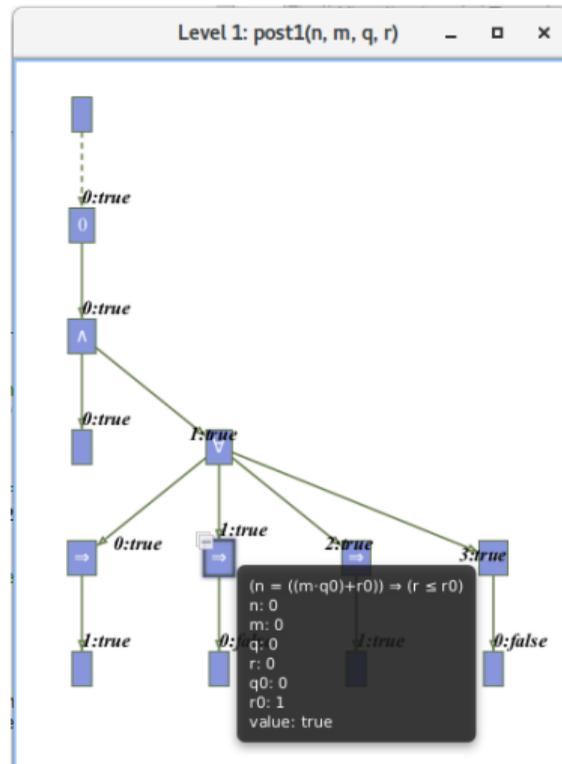
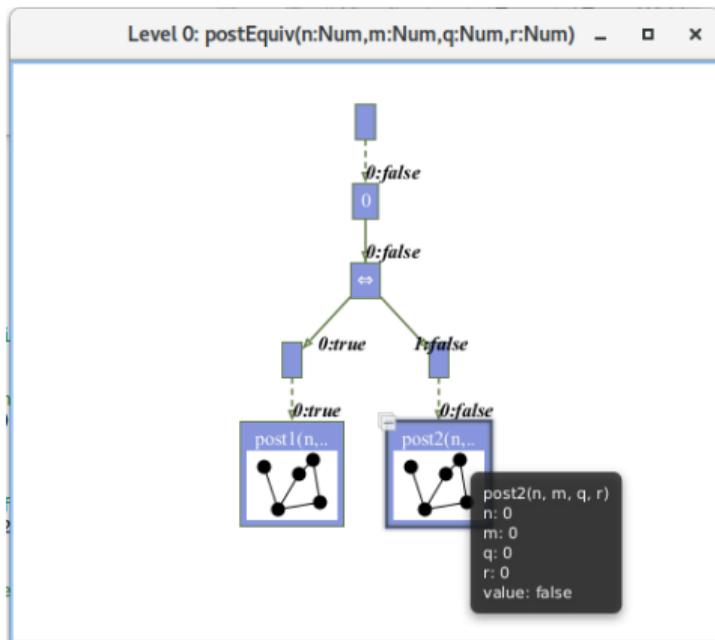
`theorem is not true`

ERROR encountered in execution.

For  $n = 0, m = 0, q = 0, r = 0$ , the modified theorem is not true.

# Visualizing the Formula Evaluation

Select  $N = 1$  and visualization option “Tree”.



Investigate the (pruned) evaluation tree to determine how the truth value of a formula was derived (double click to zoom into/out of predicates).

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Switch option “Nondeterminism” on.

```
// 1. investigate whether the specified input/output combinations are as desired
fun quotremFun(n:Num, m:Num): Tuple[Num,Num]
  requires pre(n, m);
  ensures post(n, m, result.1, result.2);
= choose q:Num, r:Num with post(n, m, q, r);
```

Executing quotremFun( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ ) with all 36 inputs.

Ignoring inadmissible inputs...

Branch 0:6 of nondeterministic function quotremFun(0,1):

Result (0 ms): [0,0]

...

Branch 1:35 of nondeterministic function quotremFun(5,5):

No more results (14 ms).

Execution completed for ALL inputs (413 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

First validation by inspecting the values determined by output condition  
(nondeterminism may produce for some inputs multiple outputs).

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
// 2. check that some but not all inputs are allowed
theorem someInput()  $\Leftrightarrow \exists n:\text{Num}, m:\text{Num}. \text{pre}(n, m)$ ;
theorem notEveryInput()  $\Leftrightarrow \exists n:\text{Num}, m:\text{Num}. \neg \text{pre}(n, m)$ ;
```

Executing someInput().

Execution completed (0 ms).

Executing notEveryInput().

Execution completed (0 ms).

A very rough validation of the input condition.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
// 3. check whether for all inputs that satisfy the precondition
// there are some outputs that satisfy the postcondition
theorem someOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
  requires pre(n, m);
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}. \text{post}(n, m, q, r);$ 

// 4. check that not every output satisfies the postcondition
theorem notEveryOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
  requires pre(n, m);
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists q:\text{Num}, r:\text{Num}. \neg \text{post}(n, m, q, r);$ 
```

Executing someOutput( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ ) with all 36 inputs.

Execution completed for ALL inputs (5 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

Executing notEveryOutput( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ ) with all 36 inputs.

Execution completed for ALL inputs (5 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

A very rough validation of the output condition.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
// 5. check that the output is uniquely defined
// (optional, need not generally be the case)
theorem uniqueOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
  requires pre(n, m);
  ⇔
  ∀q:Num, r:Num. post(n, m, q, r) ⇒
  ∀q0:Num, r0:Num. post(n, m, q0, r0) ⇒
  q = q0 ∧ r = r0;
```

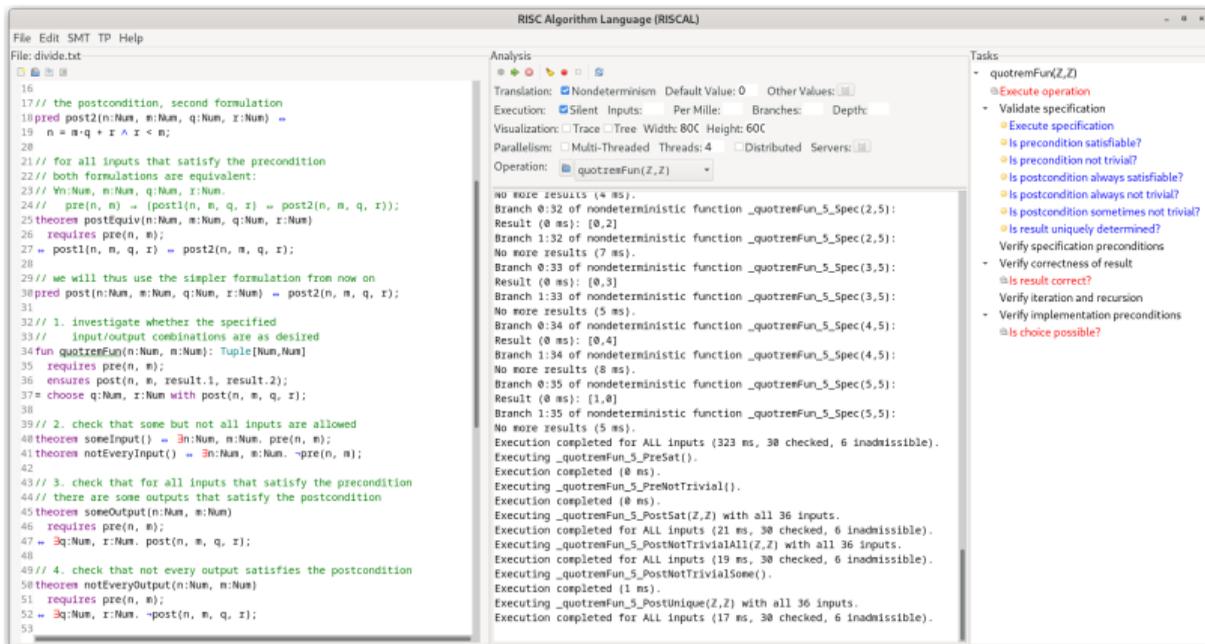
Executing `uniqueOutput(Z,Z)` with all 36 inputs.

Execution completed for ALL inputs (18 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

The output condition indeed determines the outputs uniquely.

# Validating the Specification of an Operation

Select operation `quotRemFun` and press the button  “Show/Hide Tasks”.



The screenshot displays the RISCAL Algorithm Language (RISCAL) IDE. The main window shows the source code for a theorem prover, including a precondition, a function definition, and several theorems. The analysis window on the right shows the execution results for the operation `quotremFun(Z,Z)`, including the number of results, execution time, and the number of inputs checked. The task list on the far right shows the tasks being executed, such as `Execute operation`, `Validate specification`, and `Verify iteration and recursion`.

```
File Edit SMT TP Help
File: divide.txt
16
17 // the postcondition, second formulation
18 pred post2(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num) =
19   n = m * q + r ^ r < m;
20
21 // for all inputs that satisfy the precondition
22 // both formulations are equivalent:
23 Vn:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num.
24 pre(n, m) = (post1(n, m, q, r) = post2(n, m, q, r));
25 theorem postEquiv(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num)
26   requires pre(n, m);
27   post1(n, m, q, r) = post2(n, m, q, r);
28
29 // we will thus use the simpler formulation from now on
30 pred post(n:Num, m:Num, q:Num, r:Num) = post2(n, m, q, r);
31
32 // 1. investigate whether the specified
33 //   input/output combinations are as desired
34 fun quotremFun(n:Num, m:Num): Tuple[Num,Num]
35   requires pre(n, m);
36   ensures post(n, m, result.1, result.2);
37   choose q:Num, r:Num with post(n, m, q, r);
38
39 // 2. check that some but not all inputs are allowed
40 theorem someInput() = ∃n:Num, m:Num. pre(n, m);
41 theorem notEveryInput() = ∃n:Num, m:Num. ¬pre(n, m);
42
43 // 3. check that for all inputs that satisfy the precondition
44 //   there are some outputs that satisfy the postcondition
45 theorem someOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
46   requires pre(n, m);
47   = ∃q:Num, r:Num. post(n, m, q, r);
48
49 // 4. check that not every output satisfies the postcondition
50 theorem notEveryOutput(n:Num, m:Num)
51   requires pre(n, m);
52   = ∃q:Num, r:Num. ¬post(n, m, q, r);
53
```

Analysis

Translation:  Nondeterminism Default Value: 0 Other Values:

Execution:  Silent Inputs:  Per Mill:  Branches:  Depth:

Visualization:  Trace - Tree Width: 80C Height: 60C

Parallelism:  Multi-Threaded Threads: 4  Distributed Servers:

Operation:  quotremFun(Z,Z)

no more results (4 ms).  
Branch 0:32 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(2,5):  
Result (0 ms): [0,2]  
Branch 1:32 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(2,5):  
No more results (7 ms).  
Branch 0:33 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(3,5):  
Result (0 ms): [0,3]  
Branch 1:33 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(3,5):  
No more results (5 ms).  
Branch 0:34 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(4,5):  
Result (0 ms): [0,4]  
Branch 1:34 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(4,5):  
No more results (8 ms).  
Branch 0:35 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(5,5):  
Result (0 ms): [1,0]  
Branch 1:35 of nondeterministic function \_quotremFun\_5\_Spec(5,5):  
No more results (5 ms).  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (323 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PreSat().  
Execution completed (0 ms).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PreNotTrivial().  
Execution completed (0 ms).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PostSat(Z,Z) with all 36 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (21 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PostNotTrivialAll(Z,Z) with all 36 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (19 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PostNotTrivialSome().  
Execution completed (1 ms).  
Executing \_quotremFun\_5\_PostUnique(Z,Z) with all 36 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (17 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

Tasks

- quotremFun(Z,Z)
  - ⊗ Execute operation
- Validate specification
  - ⊗ Execute specification
  - ⊗ Is precondition satisfiable?
  - ⊗ Is precondition not trivial?
  - ⊗ Is postcondition always satisfiable?
  - ⊗ Is postcondition always not trivial?
  - ⊗ Is postcondition sometimes not trivial?
  - ⊗ Is result uniquely determined?
- Verify specification preconditions
  - Verify correctness of result
    - ⊗ Is result correct?
  - Verify iteration and recursion
- Verify implementation preconditions
  - ⊗ Is choice possible?

Automatic generation of those formulas that validate a specification.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Right-click to print definition of a formula, double-click to check it.

For every input, is postcondition true for only one output?

```
theorem _quotremFun_5_PostUnique(n:Num, m:Num)
requires pre(n, m);
⇔ ∀result:Tuple[Num,Num] with post(n, m, result.1, result.2).
  (∀_result:Tuple[Num,Num] with let result = _result in
    post(n, m, result.1, result.2). (result = _result));
```

Using N=5.

Type checking and translation completed.

Executing `_quotremFun_5_PostUnique( $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ )` with all 36 inputs.

Execution completed for ALL inputs (7 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

The output is indeed uniquely defined by the output condition.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
// 6. check whether the algorithm satisfies the specification
proc quotRemProc(n:Num, m:Num): Tuple[Num,Num]
  requires pre(n, m);
  ensures let q=result.1, r=result.2 in post(n, m, q, r);
{
  var q: Num = 0;
  var r: Num = n;
  while r ≥ m do
  {
    r := r-m;
    q := q+1;
  }
  return ⟨q,r⟩;
}
```

Check whether the algorithm satisfies the specification.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

Executing `quotRemProc( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ )` with all 36 inputs.

Ignoring inadmissible inputs...

Run 6 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(0,1)`:

Result (0 ms): [0,0]

Run 7 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(1,1)`:

Result (0 ms): [1,0]

...

Run 32 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(2,5)`:

Result (0 ms): [0,2]

Run 33 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(3,5)`:

Result (0 ms): [0,3]

Run 34 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(4,5)`:

Result (0 ms): [0,4]

Run 35 of deterministic function `quotRemProc(5,5)`:

Result (1 ms): [1,0]

Execution completed for ALL inputs (161 ms, 30 checked, 6 inadmissible).

A verification of the algorithm by checking all possible executions.

## Example: Quotient and Remainder

```
proc quotRemProc(n:Num, m:Num): Tuple[Num,Num]
  requires pre(n, m);
  ensures post(n, m, result.1, result.2);
{
  var q: Num = 0; var r: Num = n;
  while r > m do // error!
  {
    r := r-m; q := q+1;
  }
  return ⟨q,r⟩;
}
```

Executing `quotRemProc( $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}$ )` with all 36 inputs.

```
ERROR in execution of quotRemProc(1,1): evaluation of
  ensures let q = result.1, r = result.2 in post(n, m, q, r);
at line 65 in file divide.txt:
  postcondition is violated by result [0,1]
ERROR encountered in execution.
```

A falsification of an incorrect algorithm.

## Example: Sorting an Array

```
val N:Nat; val M:Nat;
type nat = Nat[M]; type array = Array[N,nat]; type index = Nat[N-1];

proc sort(a:array): array
  ensures  $\forall i:\text{nat}. i < N-1 \Rightarrow \text{result}[i] \leq \text{result}[i+1]$ ;
  ensures  $\exists p:\text{Array}[N,\text{index}]. (\forall i:\text{index},j:\text{index}. i \neq j \Rightarrow p[i] \neq p[j]) \wedge$ 
     $(\forall i:\text{index}. a[i] = \text{result}[p[i]])$ ;
{
  var b:array = a;
  for var i:Nat[N]:=1; i<N; i:=i+1 do {
    var x:nat := b[i];
    var j:Int[-1,N] := i-1;
    while j  $\geq$  0  $\wedge$  b[j] > x do {
      b[j+1] := b[j];
      j := j-1;
    }
    b[j+1] := x;
  }
  return b;
}
```

## Example: Sorting an Array

Using N=5.

Using M=5.

Type checking and translation completed.

Executing `sort(Array[Z])` with all 7776 inputs.

1223 inputs (1223 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

2026 inputs (2026 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

...

5792 inputs (5792 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

6118 inputs (6118 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

6500 inputs (6500 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

6788 inputs (6788 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

7070 inputs (7070 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

7354 inputs (7354 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

7634 inputs (7634 checked, 0 inadmissible, 0 ignored)...

Execution completed for ALL inputs (32606 ms, 7776 checked, 0 inadmissible).

Not all nondeterministic branches may have been considered.

Also this algorithm can be automatically checked.

# Model Checking versus Proving

Two fundamental techniques for validation/verification.

- **Model checking:** processing a semantic model.
  - Fully automatic, no human interaction is required.
  - Completely possible only if the model is finite.
  - State space explosion: “finite” actually means “not too big”.
- **Proving:** constructing a logical deduction.
  - Assumes a sound deduction calculus.
  - Also possible if the model is infinite.
  - Complexity of deduction is independent of size of model.
  - Many properties can be automatically proved (automated reasoners); in general, however, interaction with a human is required (proof assistants).

While verifying the validity of a conjecture generally requires deduction, its invalidity can be often quickly established by checking.

1. Specifying Problems

2. The RISC Algorithm Language (RISCAL)

**3. Modeling Computations**

# Computational Systems

Programs are just special cases of “(computational) systems”.

## ■ Computational System

- One or more active components.
- Deterministic or nondeterministic behavior.
- May or may not terminate.

## ■ Safety

- “Nothing bad will ever happen.”
- Partial correctness of programs: for every admissible input, if the program terminates, its output does not violate the output condition.

## ■ Liveness

- “Something good will eventually happen.”
- Termination of programs: for every input, the program eventually terminates.

General goal is to establish the safety and liveness of computational systems.

# Transition Systems

Any computational system can be modelled as a **transition system**  $T = (S, I, R)$ .

- **State space**  $S = S_1 \times \dots \times S_n$ : the set of all possible system states.
  - Determined by the possible values of system variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with values from (finite or infinite) domains  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ .
- **Initial states**  $I \subseteq S$ : the possible starts of the execution of the system.
  - Typically defined by an a predicate  $I_x$  on the system variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .
- **Transition relation**  $R \subseteq S \times S$ : the possible execution steps.
  - Typically defined by a predicate  $R_{x,x'}$  between the **prestate** values  $x$  and the **poststate** values  $x'$  of the program variables.

**Nondeterminism**: for some prestate  $x$  there may be multiple poststates  $x'$ .

## Example

System  $C = (S, I, R)$  with counters  $x$  and  $y$  which may be independently incremented.

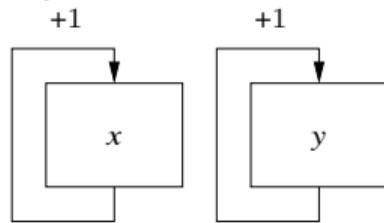
$$S := \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

$$I(x, y) := \Leftrightarrow x = y \wedge y \geq 0$$

$$R(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle) := \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y) \vee$$

$$(x' = x \wedge y' = y + 1)$$



- Infinitely many starting states.

$$[x = 0, y = 0], [x = 1, y = 1], [x = 2, y = 2], \dots$$

- In each state two possibilities.

$$[x = 2, y = 3] \rightarrow [x = 3, y = 3]$$

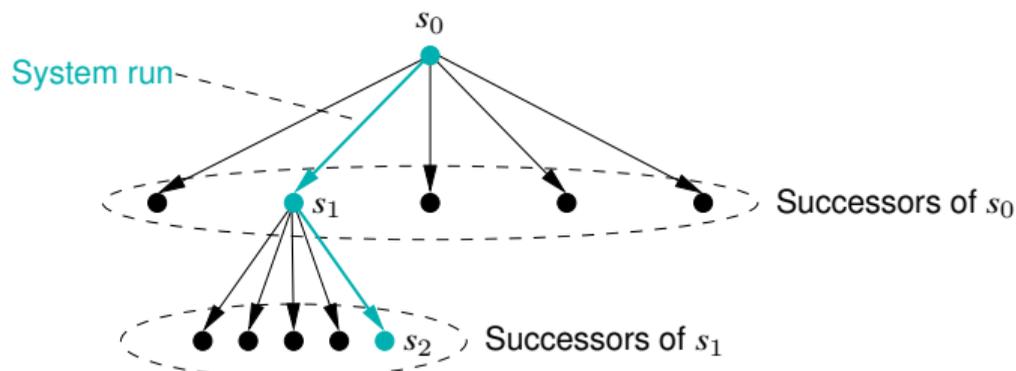
$$\rightarrow [x = 2, y = 4]$$

A nondeterministic system.

# System Runs

Transition system  $T = (S, I, R)$ .

- **System run:** (finite or infinite) sequence  $s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  of states in  $S$ .
  - $s_0$  is initial:  $I(s_0)$ .
  - $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$  ist a transition:  $R(s_i, s_{i+1})$ .
  - If run stops in  $s_n$ , then  $s_n$  has no successor:  $\neg R(s_n, s')$ , for all  $s' \in S$ .



System runs can be understood as paths in a directed graph.

## Example

System  $C = (S, I, R)$ .

$$S := \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

$$I(x, y) :\Leftrightarrow x = y \wedge y \geq 0$$

$$R(\langle x, y \rangle, \langle x', y' \rangle) :\Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y) \vee$$

$$(x' = x \wedge y' = y + 1)$$

- **Safety:**  $\square(x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0)$ 
  - Both  $x$  and  $y$  never become negative.
  - True, because every system run has this property.
- **Liveness:**  $\diamond x \geq 1$ .
  - Variable  $x$  eventually becomes greater equal 1.
  - False, because this system run does not have this property.

$$[x = 0, y = 0] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 1] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 2] \rightarrow [x = 0, y = 3] \rightarrow \dots$$

For establishing liveness properties, “unfair” system runs must be ruled out. 45/48

# Verifying Safety

- $M \models \Box F$ .
  - Verify that formula  $F$  is an **invariant** of system  $M$ .
- $M = (S, I, R)$ .
  - $I(s) : \Leftrightarrow \dots$
  - $R(s, s') : \Leftrightarrow R_0(s, s') \vee R_1(s, s') \vee \dots \vee R_{n-1}(s, s')$ .
- **Proof by induction.**
  - $\forall s. I(s) \Rightarrow F(s)$ .
    - $F$  holds in every initial state.
  - $\forall s, s'. F(s) \wedge R(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$ .
    - Each transition preserves  $F$ .
    - Reduces to a number of subproofs:
      - $F(s) \wedge R_0(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$
      - $\dots$
      - $F(s) \wedge R_{n-1}(s, s') \Rightarrow F(s')$

The verification of a safety property by an induction proof.

# Transition Systems in RISCAL

```
val N:N;
type int =  $\mathbb{Z}[-1,N]$ ;

shared system Counter
{
  var x:int = 0; var y:int = 0;
  invariant  $0 \leq x \wedge x < N \wedge 0 \leq y \wedge y < N$ ;

  ltl  $\square \llbracket 0 \leq x \wedge x < N \wedge 0 \leq y \wedge y < N \rrbracket$ ;
  ltl[fairness]  $(\diamond \llbracket x \geq 1 \rrbracket) \wedge (\diamond \llbracket y \geq 1 \rrbracket)$ ;

  action incX() fairness weak;
  { x = if x < N-1 then x+1 else 0; }
  action incY() fairness weak;
  { y = if y < N-1 then y+1 else 0; }
}
```

Fairness constraints also ensure liveness properties.

# Transition Systems in RISCAL

The screenshot displays the RISCAL Algorithm Language (RISCAL) IDE. The main window shows the source code for a counter system. The code defines a shared system named 'Counter' with variables 'x' and 'y' ranging from 0 to N-1. It includes an invariant, two fairness conditions (l1 and l2), and two actions: 'incX()' and 'incY()'. The IDE also shows the analysis results for the system, including the execution of the counter, the verification of the invariant, and the verification of the fairness conditions. The analysis results are displayed in the 'Analysis' pane, and the 'Tasks' pane shows a list of tasks related to the system counter.

```
File Edit SMT TP Help
File: counter.txt
1 val N:N;
2 type int = Z[-1,N];
3
4 shared system Counter
5 {
6   var x:int = 0; var y:int = 0;
7   invariant 0 ≤ x ∧ x < N ∧ 0 ≤ y ∧ y < N;
8   l1 □ [ 0 ≤ x ∧ x < N ∧ 0 ≤ y ∧ y < N ];
9   l1[fairness] (◇ [ x ≥ 1 ] ∧ (◇ [ y ≥ 1 ]));
10  action incX() fairness weak;
11  { x = if x < N-1 then x+1 else 0; }
12  action incY() fairness weak;
13  { y = if y < N-1 then y+1 else 0; }
14 }
15
```

Analysis

Translation:  Nondeterminism Default Value: 0 Other Values:

Execution:  Silent Inputs:  Per Mille:  Branches:  Depth:

Visualization:  Trace  Tree Width: 80C Height: 60C

Parallelism:  Multi-Threaded Threads: 4  Distributed Servers:

Operation:  system Counter ▾

Executing system Counter.  
25 system states found with search depth 25.  
Execution completed (4 ms).  
Executing \_l11().  
Checking LTL formula  $\square [ ((0 \leq x) \wedge (x < N)) \wedge ((0 \leq y) \wedge (y < N)) ] \dots$   
Formula automaton with 3 states generated.  
25 system states and 51 product automaton states investigated.  
LTL formula is satisfied (model checking time: 14 ms).  
Execution completed (16 ms).  
Executing \_l12().  
Checking LTL formula  $(\diamond [ x \geq 1 ]) \wedge (\diamond [ y \geq 1 ])$ ...  
Formula automaton with 4 states generated.  
9 system states and 12 product automaton states investigated.  
LTL formula is satisfied (model checking time: 2 ms).  
Execution completed (13 ms).  
Executing \_counter\_0\_initPre\_cverify\_0(Z,Z) with all 49 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (1 ms, 1 checked, 48 inadmissible).  
Executing \_counter\_0\_actionPre\_0\_cverify\_0(Z,Z) with all 49 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (1 ms, 25 checked, 24 inadmissible).  
Executing \_counter\_0\_actionPre\_1\_cverify\_0(Z,Z) with all 49 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (12 ms, 25 checked, 24 inadmissible).  
Executing \_counter\_0\_actionPre\_0\_cpree\_0(Z,Z) with all 49 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (0 ms, 25 checked, 24 inadmissible).  
Executing \_counter\_0\_actionPre\_1\_cpree\_0(Z,Z) with all 49 inputs.  
Execution completed for ALL inputs (1 ms, 25 checked, 24 inadmissible).

Tasks

- system Counter
  - Execute operation
    - Verify specification preconditions
  - Verify temporal properties
    - Is temporal property satisfied?
    - Is temporal property satisfied?
  - Verify specification
    - Does system invariant initially hold?
  - action incX
    - Is system invariant preserved?
  - action incY
    - Is system invariant preserved?
  - Verify initialization preconditions
  - action incX
    - Is assigned value legal?
  - action incY
    - Is assigned value legal?

Verification by state space exploration and/or induction proofs.