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# On the Design of a *Periodic* Table of VDM Specifications

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## Motivation

- Formal modelling
  - Reliable software description
    - ❖ But... What is really innovative in new models?
      - Domain-specific terminology
- Algorithmics
  - Difficult to understand → very unstructured
  - Factorization Methods → algorithmic elements
    - ❖ Component-oriented programming and software reuse
- Factorization vs. Calculation
  - Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetics
  - Is there a *fundamental theorem* for software code factorization?

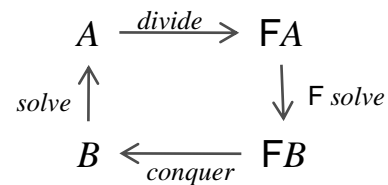


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## Algorithm and Data Specification

- Data precede Algorithms
  - Visible data-structure
  - Invisible data-structure → rôle in algorithm factorization

- Divide-and-conquer



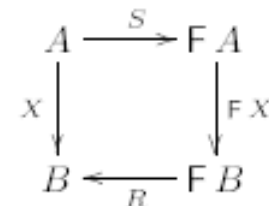
- Binary Relations
  - Total/partial functions
  - Predicates; datatype invariants and loop-invariants
  - Orders and inductive structures
  - Nondeterminism
  - Vagueness or under-specification



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## A relational approach to divide-and-conquer

- The divide-and-conquer scheme



$$\downarrow \\ X = R \cdot (FX) \cdot S$$

- The *hylo equation*

- The meaning of **F**

➤ **F** is a relator

$$F(R \cdot S) = (FR) \cdot (FS)$$

$$F(R^\circ) = (FR)^\circ$$

$$Fid = id$$





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•How to solve the previous hylo-equation?

➤Unique least solution

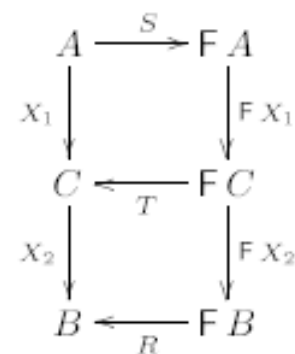
$$\mu X. R \cdot (F X) \cdot S$$

➤Suppose

$$X = X_2 \cdot X_1$$

➤Then

$$C \xleftarrow{T} F C$$





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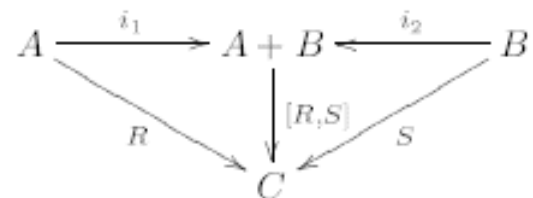
- $S$  must be “well-founded”  $\rightarrow$  sub-problem strictly smaller
- $T$  must be bijective  $\rightarrow C = \mu F$
- And

$$\langle b, d \rangle (R \times S) \langle a, c \rangle \equiv (bRa) \wedge (dSc)$$

$$R + S = [i_1 \cdot R, i_2 \cdot S]$$

$$c[R, S](i_1 a) \equiv cRa$$

$$c[R, S](i_2 b) \equiv cSb$$

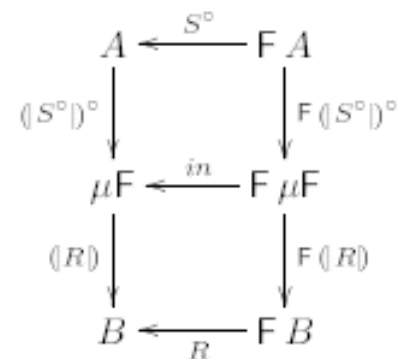




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## A relational approach to divide-and-conquer

- Returning to the divide-and-conquer diagram



- The **hylo-factorization theorem**

$$\mu X.(R \cdot F X \cdot S) = \langle R \rangle \cdot \langle S^\circ \rangle^\circ$$

$$\mu X.(R \cdot F X \cdot S^\circ) = \langle R \rangle \cdot \langle S \rangle^\circ$$



Table1 – Sample of a VDM-SL specification repository

$F X$	$1 + X$	$1 + A \times X$	$A + X^2$	$1 + A \times X^2$	$(B \times A + B \times X)^*$
$\mu F$	<i>nat</i>	<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>	<i>LTree</i>	<i>BTree</i>	<i>HTree</i>
<i>In</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>Out</i>	<b>Specifications</b>				
<i>nat</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>bool</i>	<i>odd</i> <i>even</i>				
<i>nat</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>nat</i>		<i>square</i> <i>factorial</i>	<i>fibonnaci</i> <i>doubleFactorial</i>		
<i>nat</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>nat</i> 1		<i>inseg</i>			
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>insertSort</i> <i>invSeq</i>	<i>mergeSort</i>	<i>quickSort</i>	
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>bool</i>		<i>ordSeq</i>			
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>elems</i>			
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>nat</i> 1		<i>inds</i>			
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>Bag of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>seq2bag</i>			
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>nat</i>		<i>len</i>			
<i>LTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>bool</i>			<i>balLTree</i>		
<i>LTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>nat</i>			<i>depthLTree</i>		
<i>LTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>int</i>			<i>addLTree</i> <i>countLTree</i>		
<i>LTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>			<i>tips</i>		
<i>LTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>LTree</i>			<i>invLTree</i>		
<i>BTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>bool</i>				<i>ordBTree</i> <i>balBTree</i>	
<i>BTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>nat</i>				<i>depthBTree</i>	
<i>BTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>				<i>preOrder</i> <i>inOrder</i> <i>postOrder</i>	
<i>BTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>seq of seq of</b> <i>A</i>				<i>traces</i>	
<i>BTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>BTree</i>				<i>invBTree</i>	
<b>set of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>nat</i>		<i>card</i>			
<b>set of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>Set2seq</i>			
<b>set of</b> <i>bool</i> $\rightarrow$ <i>bool</i>		$\forall$ $\exists$			
<b>set of set of</b> <i>A</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>dunion</i>			
<b>map</b> <i>A</i> <b>to</b> <i>B</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>A</i>		<i>dom</i>			
<b>map</b> <i>A</i> <b>to</b> <i>B</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>set of</b> <i>B</i>		<i>ran</i>			
<b>set of</b> ( <b>map</b> <i>A</i> <b>to</b> <i>B</i> ) $\rightarrow$ <b>map</b> <i>A</i> <b>to</b> <i>B</i>		<i>merge</i>			
<i>PTree</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>Bag of</b> <i>A</i>					<i>explode</i>
<i>FS</i> $\rightarrow$ <b>map</b> <i>String</i> <b>to</b> <i>A</i>					<i>tar</i>
( <i>Other</i> )				<i>hanoi</i>	

A “*periodic*” Table of Algorithms

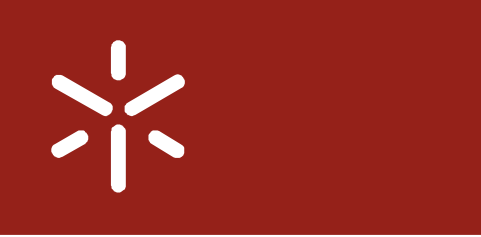




## A “periodic” Table of Algorithms

Table2 – Sample of *Periodic* Table of VDM specifications elements

$F \times X$	$1 + X$	$1 + A \times X$	$A + X^2$	$1 + A \times X^2$	$(B \times A + B \times X)^*$
$\mu F$	<i>nat</i>	<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>	<i>LTree</i>	<i>BTree</i>	<i>HTree</i>
<b>Carrier</b>	<b>F-(co)algebras</b>				
<i>bool</i>	$\begin{matrix} [\underline{F}, \neg] \\ [\underline{T}, \neg] \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [\underline{F}, \vee] \\ [\underline{T}, \wedge] \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [\underline{F}, \vee] \\ [\underline{T}, \wedge] \end{matrix}$		
<i>nat</i>	$[\underline{0}, suc]$	$\begin{matrix} [\underline{0}, +] \\ odds^\circ \\ [\underline{1}, *] \\ nats^\circ \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [id, +] \\ [id, *] \\ [\underline{1}, +] \\ fibd^\circ \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [\underline{1}, bmul] \\ [\underline{0}, badd] \end{matrix}$	
<i>nat * nat</i>			$dfacd^\circ$		
<b>seq of</b> <i>A</i>		$\begin{matrix} [[], cons] \\ [[], rcons] \\ [[], ^\wedge] \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [singl, ^\wedge] \\ [singl, pconc] \\ [singl, lmerge] \end{matrix}$	$\begin{matrix} [[], inord] \\ [[], pinord] \\ [[], prord] \\ [[], psord] \end{matrix}$	
<i>LTree</i>			$\begin{matrix} in \\ in \cdot (id + sw) \end{matrix}$		
<i>BTree</i>				$\begin{matrix} in \\ in \cdot (id + id \times sw) \end{matrix}$	
<i>HTree</i>					<i>in</i>
<b>set of</b> <i>A</i>		$\begin{matrix} ins \\ pins \\ [\underline{0}, \sqcup] \\ ins \cdot (id + \pi_1 \times id) \\ ins \cdot (id + \pi_2 \times id) \end{matrix}$	$[\lambda x. \{x\}, \sqcup]$	$[\underline{0}, bputs]$	
<b>map</b> <i>A</i> <b>to</b> <i>B</i>		$\begin{matrix} ins \\ pins \\ [\{\mapsto\}, munion] \end{matrix}$			
<i>PTree</i>					$exsplit^\circ$
<b>Bag of</b> <i>A</i>					$exjoin$
<i>FileS</i>					$tsplit^\circ$
<b>map</b> <i>String</i> <b>to</b> <i>A</i>					$tjoin$
( <i>Other</i> )				$hsplit^\circ$	



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