Abstract State Machines

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Scenario-based validation

Motivations

- Validation: investigating a model with respect to its user perceptions, in order to ensure that the it really satisfies the user needs
 - detect faults as early as possible
 - possible techniques: scenarios generation, development of prototypes, animation, simulation, and also testing
- Scenario: description of a possible behavior of the system
 - observable interactions between the system and its environment in specific situations

A philosophical view



MODEL

All men are mortal.

VERIFICATION

Socrates is a man **implies** Socrates is mortal. Model checking and similar techniques

Scenariobased VALIDATION Find Socrates, check he is a man, and he is dead

testing

J Gen Philos Sci (2008) 39:85-113 DOI 10.1007/s10838-008-9068-7

DISCUSSIO

Towards a Philosophy of Software Development: 40 Years after the Birth of Software Engineering

Mandy Northover · Derrick G. Kourie · Andrew Boake Stefan Gruner · Alan Northover

"the susceptibility of a formal specification to scenariobased validation demonstrates its **falsifiability**, and thus the scientific nature of software development."

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Related works 1

- From telecommunication systems
 - Message Sequence Charts (MSCs) (graphical)
 - Life Sequence Charts (LSCs)
 - W. Damm and D. Harel. LCSs: Breathing life into message sequence charts: extends the MSCs by providing the "clear and usable syntax and a formal semantics" MSCs lack of.
- UML Use cases
 - black box view graphical notation
- Temporal Logical/ formal methods
 - Albert II formal language and scenarios are represented by MSC

Related works 2

For ASM

- W. Grieskamp, N. Tillmann, and M. Veanes. Instrumenting scenarios in a model-driven development environment, 2004.
- Spec# specifications are instrumented to allow validation
 - E.g. "to describe observations in scenarios, we extend Spec# by the socalled expect statement"

For a survey:

DANIEL AMYOT

An Evaluation of Scenario Notations and Construction Approaches for Telecommunication Systems Development

Our proposal in ASMETA - ABZ08



A Scenario-Based Validation Language for ASMs

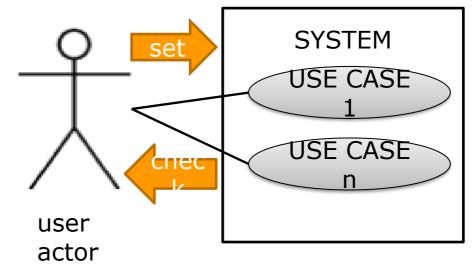
Alessandro Carioni, Angelo Gargantini, Elvinia Riccobene & Patrizia Scandurra

Goals

- Textual notation
 - Similar to programs (as Spec#)
- Clear semantics
 - As LSC (e.g. clear definition of necessary and possible)
 - defined by ASMs ?
- Able to describe internal details
 - Not only black box as UML use cases
- Similar to testing notations?
 - Like Use case maps similar to TTCN
- To validate ASM written in AsmetaL
 - To be integrated within the ASMETA framework

From UML Actor to ASM Actor

- UML USE CASE: actor interacts with the system.
- One or more scenarios may be generated from each use case
- BLACK BOX VIEW



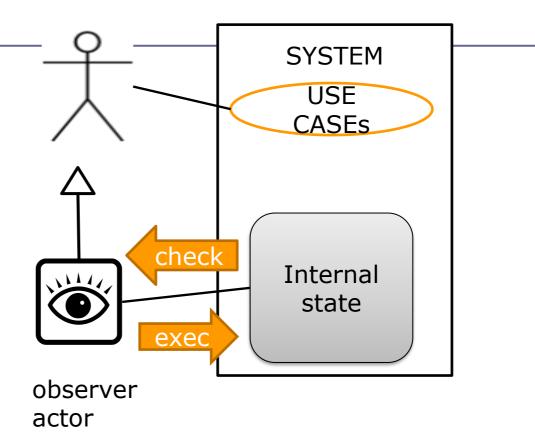
ASM Actor

- sets monitored and shared functions (environment)
- checks out functions (machine reaction)

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ASM observer

- ASM observer
- checks machine internal state and invariants
- requires the
 execution of arbitrary rules
- GRAY BOX VIEW



Twofold use of scenarios

- Two kinds of external actors:
 - user, who has a **black** box view of the system
 - observer, who has a gray box view
- Two goals for scenarios
 - classical validation
 - user actions and machine reactions
 - testing activity
 - observer inspection of the internal state of the machine

ASM scenario

- interaction sequence consisting of actions:
- by observer
 - set the environment (i.e. the values of monitored/shared functions)
 - check for the machine outputs (i.e. the values of out functions),
 - check the machine state and invariants
 - 4. ask for the execution of given transition rules
 - by machine
 - makes one step as reaction of the actor actions
 - written in

Asm Validation Language → AValLa

AValLa primitives

set	A command to set the location of a (monitored) function to a specific value: it simulates the environment
check	To inspect external values and (only for the observer) to inspect internal values in the current state
step	To signal that the environment has finished to update the monitored locations, hence the machine can perform a step
step until	To signal that the machine can perform a step iteratively until a specified condition becomes true
invariant	To state critical specification properties that should always hold for a scenario
exec	To execute transition rule when required by the observer

USING AVALLA

Advanced Clock

- Advanced clock:
 - A clock with seconds, minutes, and hours
 - At every step the second is incremented by 1

Scenario 1

- Check that at the beginning the clock is at midnight (00:00:00);
- Perform a step of the machine
- Check now that the time is 00:00:01;
- Another step
- Check now that the time is 00:00:02;

Scenario 1

asm to validate

Check initially is 00:00:00

Perform a step

Check that now is 00:00:01

Perform a step

check again

scenario advancedClock1

load AdvancedClock.asm

check hours = 0 and minutes = 0 and
seconds = 0;

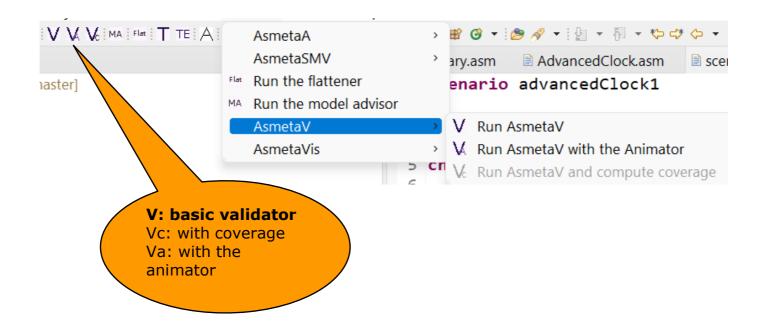
step

check hours = 0 and minutes = 0 and seconds = 1;

step

check hours = 0 and minutes = 0 and
seconds = 2;

How to execute the scenario



Advanced Clock

- Scenario 1 can be very long
- Scenario 2:
 - After one hour
 - exec step by step until the hour is 1
 - Check that now it is 01:00:00
 - Step
 - Check that now it is 01:00:01

Scenario 2

```
// using step until
scenario advancedClock2

load AdvancedClock.asm

check hours = 0 and minutes = 0 and seconds = 0;
step until hours = 1;

check hours = 1 and minutes = 0 and seconds = 0;
```

Scenario 3 - invariants

- Invariants can be used to check
 - Properties generic to the machine are always guaranteed
 - Properties for the scenario are true:
- Scenario 2:
 - Seconds are always lower than 60
 - For every execution
 - Hours are lower of equal 1
 - Specific of the scenario
- Let's execute the scenario
- Let's check that if both invariants are actually checked

Scenario 4 – using exec

- Sometimes we want to change the state of the machine directly
 - against information hiding
 - improve the testability without changing the visibility
- Scenario 4
 - Set with a par rule 02:01:59;
 - Perform a step of the clock
 - Check now that now is 02:02:00;

Introducing monitored functions

- Till now Advanced Clock is a closed system
 - Its behavior does not depend on the environment
 - Closed system

Second version:

The clock is connected to signal and the seconds are incremented only if signal is true

Scenarios

- Scenario 5:
 - Set signal true and check that seconds is incremented
 - Set signal false and check that seconds is NOT incremented
- Scenario 6:
 - Using step until

SEMANTICS

AValLa sematics

- Semantics of a metamodel-based language L can be given by an ASM-based semantic framework
 - some details in the paper

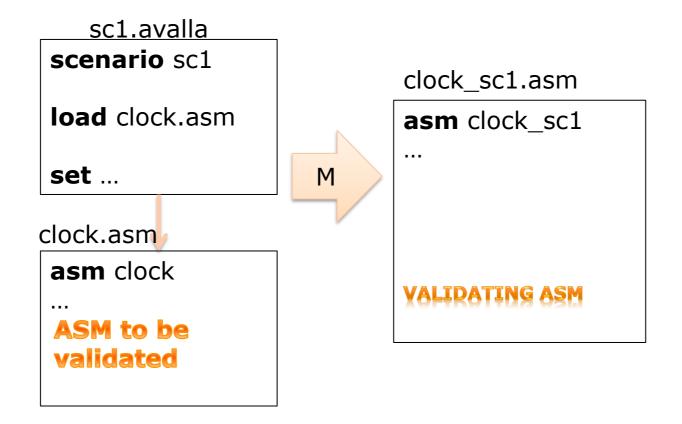
Intuition

- every program written in L becomes an ASM
- definition of a mapping M from the elements of L to elements of ASM
- M can be defined at the metamodel (abstract syntax) level

For AValLa

Given a scenario, obtain an ASM (<u>validating ASM</u>)

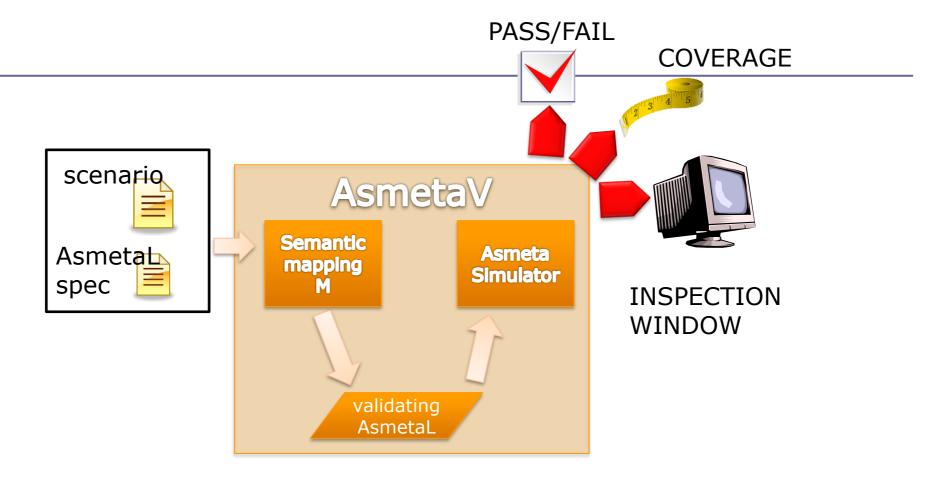
In practice ...



M for AValLa elements

AValLa	AsmM
Set 1:=v	UpdateRule 1:=v
Check expr	ConditionalRule with guard expr and body allChecksOk := false
Invariant expr	Axiom expr
Exec	Rule
Step	MacroDeclaration r_step_i
StepUntil	Two macroDeclations r_step_i and r_step_i_until

AsmetaValidator

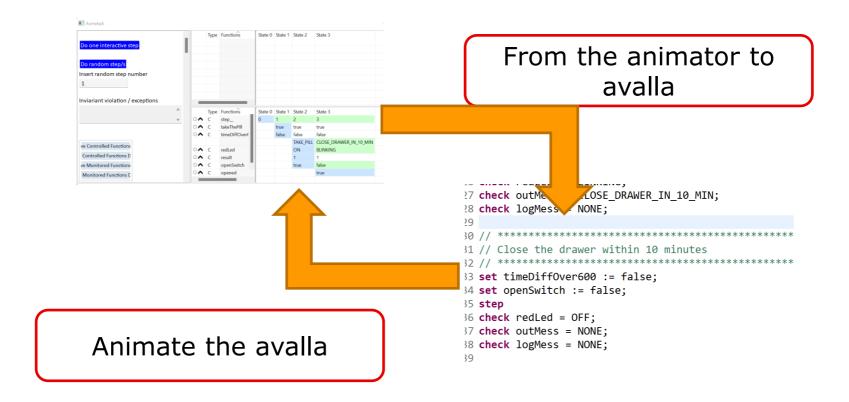


ADVANCED USE

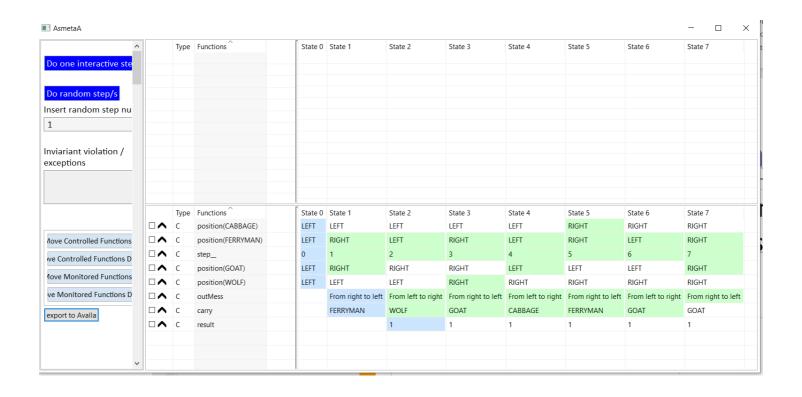
Two extensions

- Coverage
- 2. Animating the scenarios

Simulation <-> scenarios



Building the scenarios from animations



The scenario is printed in the console

```
Running interactively ferrymanSimulator.asm
INITIAL STATE:
Insert a symbol of Actors in [FERRYMAN, GOAT, CABBAGE, WOLF] for carry:
//// starting scenario
scenario SCENARIO NAME
load tempAsmetaV14229261553513561718.asm
check position(CABBAGE) = LEFT;
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT;
check step = 0;
check position(GOAT) = LEFT:
check position(WOLF) = LEFT;
step
check position(CABBAGE) = LEFT;
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT;
check step = 1;
check position(GOAT) = RIGHT;
check position(WOLF) = LEFT;
check outMess = From right to left;
check carry = FERRYMAN;
step
check position(CABBAGE) = LEFT;
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT;
check step__ = 2;
check position(GOAT) = RIGHT;
check position(WOLF) = LEFT;
check outMess = From left to right;
check carry = WOLF;
check result = 1:
check position(CABBAGE) = LEFT;
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT;
check step = 3;
check position(GOAT) = RIGHT;
check position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
check outMess = From right to left;
check carry = GOAT;
check result = 1;
step
check position(CABBAGE) = LEFT;
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT;
check step__ = 4;
check position(GOAT) = LEFT;
check position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
check outMess = From left to right;
check carry = CABBAGE;
```

Using blocks

- It is possible to define a scenario block:
 - Sequence of commands to be reused
- Definition of a block primo scenario.avalla:

```
scenario first_scenario
load ./mioModello.asm
begin blockname
...
end
the block will be executed
```

Calling a block

```
scenario first_scenario
load ./mioModello.asm
execblock primo_scenario:nomeblocco
```

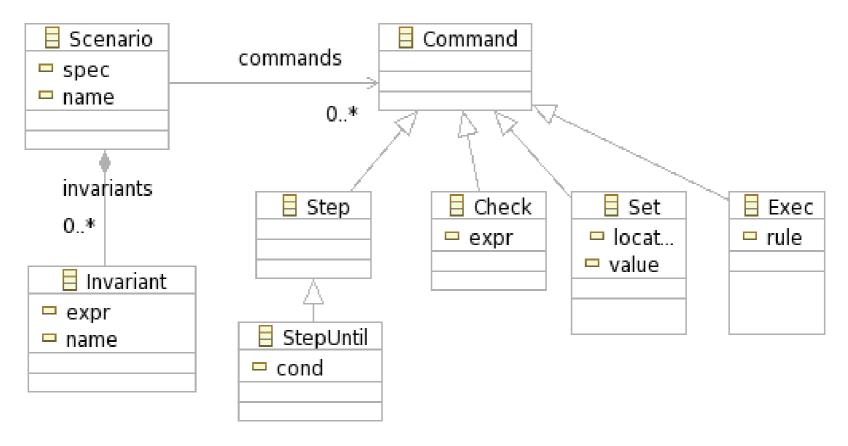
```
1 scenario scenario1
 2 load pillbox 0.asm
 4⊖begin takePill
                                                                     Complex
 6
                                                                     example
       // Setting-up the initial state, where everything is OFF
 9
           set openSwitch := false;
10
           step
           check redLed = OFF;
11
           check outMess = NONE;
12
                                                       1 scenario scenario2
           check logMess = NONE;
13
                                                       2 load pillbox 0.asm
14
       //**************
15
       // Time to take the pill
                                                        5 // Initialization and need to take the pill
16
           set takeThePill := true;
17
                                                       7 execblock pillbox_0_scenario1:takePill;
           set timeDiffOver600 := false;
18
                                                       9 //****************
19
           step
                                                       10 // Open the drawer within 10 minutes
20
           check redLed = ON;
                                                       11 //******************************
           check outMess = TAKE_PILL;
                                                       12 execblock pillbox_0_scenario1:openDrawerIn10Min;
22
           check logMess = NONE;
23
                                                       15 // Do not close the drawer within 10 minutes, and overpass
24 end
                                                       16 //*****************************
25
                                                       17 set timeDiffOver600 := true;
                                                       18 set openSwitch := true;
26 begin openDrawerIn10Min
                                                       19
27
                                                       20 step
28
                                                       22 check redLed = OFF;
29
       // Open the drawer within 10 minutes
                                                       23 check opened = true;
30
                                                       24 check outMess = NONE;
31
       set openSwitch := true;
                                                       25 check logMess = DRAWER_NOT_CLOSED;
       set timeDiffOver600 := false;
32
33
       step
34
       check redLed = BLINKING;
35
       check outMess = CLOSE DRAWER IN 10 MIN;
       check logMess = NONE;
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38 end
```

HOW AVALLA IS DEFINED

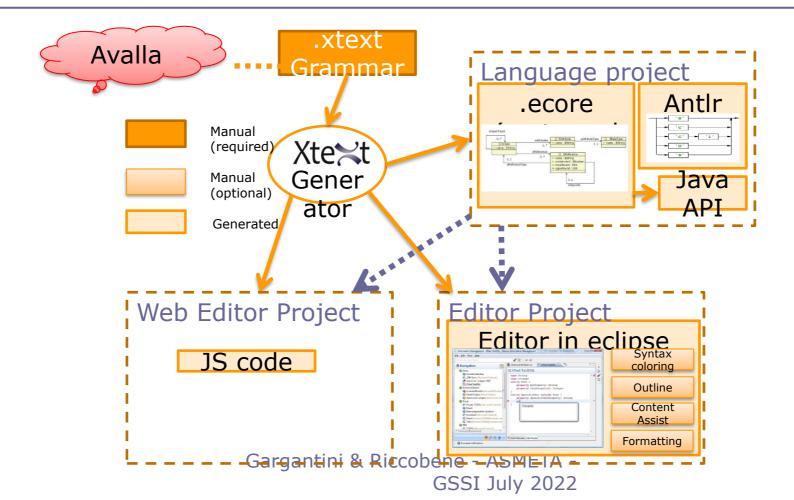
Model-driven language engineering

- AValLa is defined following the Model Driven Engineering for language definition
- MDE for languages:
 - Definition of the abstract syntax by an object-oriented model (metamodel)
 - Derivation of concrete syntaxes from the metamodel
 - Supporting tools and technologies
 - EMF: eclipse modelling framework
 - MOF: OMG Meta Object Facility
 - ...
 - · ...
- As done for the Asmeta Abstract State Machines

AValLa Metamodel



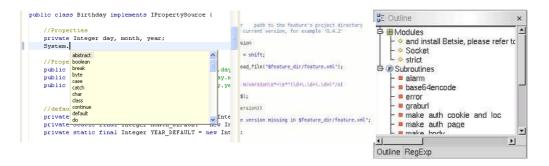
Avalla in XTEXT



Editor features

- Syntax Coloring
- Content Assist
- Template Proposals
- Rich Hover
- Rename Refactoring
- Quick Fixes
- Outline

- Folding
- Hyperlinks for all Cross References
- Find References
- Toggle Comment
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- Formatting



Lift case study

Lift Control: The Problem

Design the logic to move n lifts bw m floors, and prove it to be well functioning, where

- Each lift has for each floor one button which, if pressed, causes the lift to visit (i.e. move to and stop at) that floor.
- Each floor (except ground and top) has two buttons to request an up-lift and a down-lift. They are cancelled when a lift visits the floor and is either travelling in the desired direction, or visits the floor with no requests outstanding. In the latter case, if both floor request buttons are illuminated, only one should be cancelled.
- A lift without requests should remain in its final destination and await further requests.
- Each lift has an emergency button which, if pressed, causes a warning to be sent to the site manager. The lift is then deemed 'out of service'. Each lift has a mechanism to cancel its 'out of service' status. (sikip this part for now)

Lift Example

validate lift2.asm

Set the button at ground floor to off Switch off all the buttons

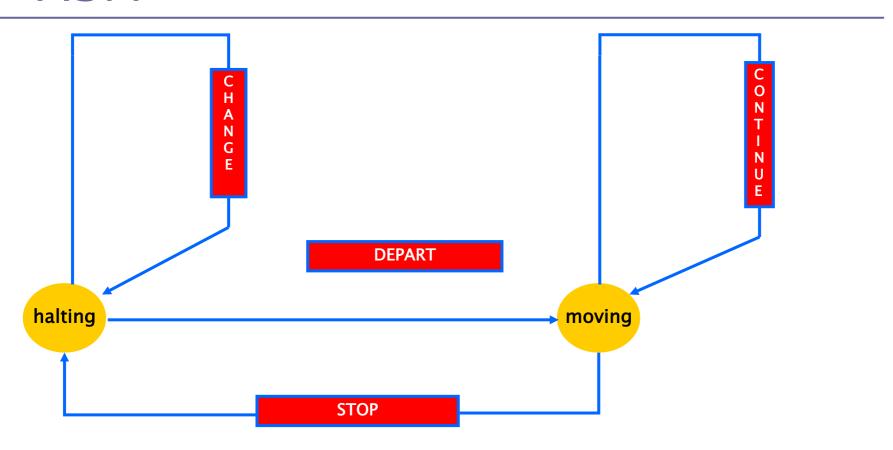
Check that the lift is halted at ground floor, direction UP

Make a step

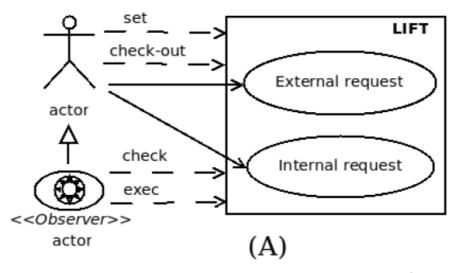
Check again

```
scenario lift2 s0
load ./lift2.asm
// init monitored functions
set hasToDeliverAt(lift1, 0) := false;
set existsCallFromTo(0, UP) := false;
set existsCallFromTo(0, DOWN) := false;
check floor(lift1) = 0;
check ctlState(lift1) = HALTING;
check dir(lift1) = UP;
step
check floor(lift1) = 0;
check ctlState(lift1) = HALTING;
check dir(lift1) = UP;
```

Lift Control: control state ASM



Esempio del Lift



- existsCallFromTo(floor,dir): richiesta esterna di selezione dir (=UP/DOWN) da piano floor
- hasToDeliverAt(lift,floor): richiesta interna al piano floor
 - se consumati, gli eventi diventano false

Lift model

```
import ../LIB/StandardLibrary

signature:
   abstract domain Lift
   domain Floor subsetof Integer
   enum domain Dir = {UP | DOWN}
   enum domain State = {HALTING | MOVING}
```

Lift functions

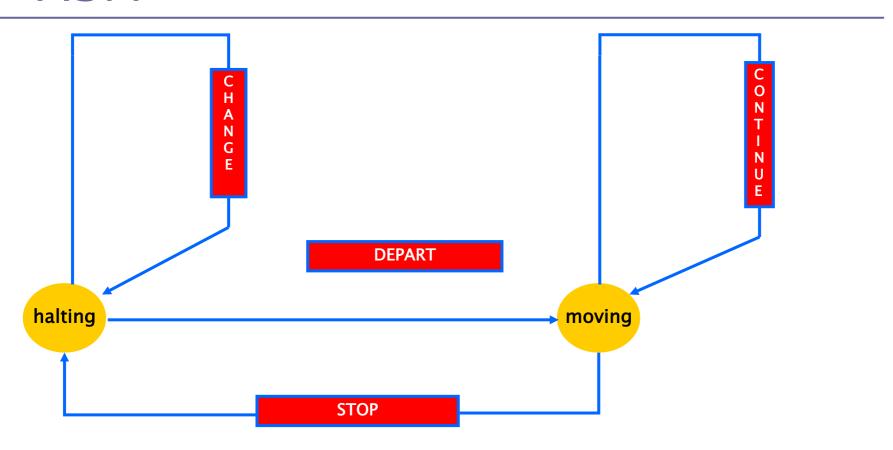
```
// lift direction of travel
dynamic controlled dir: Lift -> Dir
// lift control state
dynamic controlled ctlState: Lift -> State
//lift current floor
dynamic controlled floor: Lift -> Floor
// internal request
dynamic monitored hasToDeliverAt: Prod(Lift, Floor) -> Boolean
// external request
dynamic monitored existsCallFromTo: Prod(Floor, Dir) -> Boolean
derived hasToVisit: Prod(Lift, Floor) -> Boolean
derived attracted: Prod(Dir, Lift) -> Boolean
derived canContinue: Lift -> Boolean
static opposite: Dir -> Dir
```

```
// consts
static ground: Integer
static top: Integer
static lift1: Lift
definitions:
domain Floor = {0..4}
function ground = 0
function top = 4
function opposite ($d in Dir) =
  if ($d = UP) then DOWN else UP endif
```

```
function hasToVisit($1 in Lift, $floor in Floor) =
  hasToDeliverAt($1, $floor)
  or existsCallFromTo($floor, UP)
  or existsCallFromTo($floor, DOWN)
function attracted($dir in Dir, $1 in Lift) =
  $dir = UP and (exist $floor in Floor with $floor > floor($1) and hasToVisit($1,
  $floor))
  or
  $dir = DOWN and (exist $floor2 in Floor with $floor2 < floor($1) and
  hasToVisit($1, $floor2))
function canContinue($1 in Lift) =
  attracted(dir($1), $1)
  and not hasToDeliverAt($1, floor($1))
  and not existsCallFromTo(floor($1), dir($1))
```

```
macro rule r cancelRequest($dir in Dir, $1 in Lift) =
   par
     hasToDeliverAt($1, floor($1)) := false
     existsCallFromTo(floor($1), $dir) := false
   endpar
macro rule r_moveLift($1 in Lift) =
   par
     if dir(\$1) = UP then floor(\$1) := floor(\$1) + 1
     endif
     if dir(\$1) = DOWN then floor(\$1) := floor(\$1) - 1
     endif
   endpar
```

Lift Control: control state ASM



```
macro rule r depart($1 in Lift) =
  if ctlState($1) = HALTING and attracted(dir($1), $1) then
     par
        r moveLift[$1]
        r_cancelRequest[dir($1), $1]
        ctlState($1) := MOVING
     endpar
  endif
macro rule r continue($1 in Lift) =
  if ctlState($1) = MOVING and canContinue($1) then
       r moveLift[$1]
  endif
```

Modello per Lift

```
macro rule r stop($1 in Lift) =
   if ctlState($1) = MOVING and not canContinue($1) then
      par
        r cancelRequest[dir($1), $1]
        ctlState($1) := HALTING
     endpar
   endif
macro rule r change($1 in Lift) =
  let (\$d = dir(\$1), \$d2 = opposite(\$d)) in
     if ctlState($1) = HALTING and not attracted($d, $1) and
      attracted($d2, $1) then
        par
           dir(\$1) := \$d2
           r cancelRequest[$d2, $1]
        endpar
      endif
   endlet
```

```
macro rule r_lift($1 in Lift) =
   par
     r depart[$1]
     r continue[$1]
     r stop[$1]
     r_change[$1]
   endpar
invariant over existsCallFromTo:
not existsCallFromTo(ground, DOWN) and not existsCallFromTo(top,
UP)
main rule r main = r lift[lift1]
default init s0:
function floor($1 in Lift) = ground
function dir($1 in Lift) = UP
function ctlState($1 in Lift)= HALTING
```

First scenario

Description:

- The lift is at ground and there are no requests (internal no external)
- The lift remains in the position

Primo scenario per il Lift

valida lift2.asm

All the requests are off

Check that the elevator is halting

Perform a step

Check again

```
scenario lift2 s1
load ./lift2.asm
// init monitored functions
set hasToDeliverAt(lift1, 0) := false;
set existsCallFromTo(0, UP) := false;
set existsCallFromTo(0, DOWN) := false;
check floor(lift1) = 0;
check ctlState(lift1) = HALTING;
check dir(lift1) = UP;
step
check floor(lift1) = 0;
check ctlState(lift1) = HALTING;
check dir(lift1) = UP;
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```

Scenario 2

Description:

- The list is at ground floor (0). An user calls the elevator from floor 4 and wants to go to floor 2. She enters the elevator and presses floor 2.
- Check that the elevator performs all the required action

Scenario 2 in Avalla

```
scenario lift2 s2
load ./lift2.asm
// ....setting inizial state
// an external request to floor 4
set existsCallFromTo(4, DOWN) := true;
// lift goes to floor 4
step until ctlState(lift1) = HALTING and floor(lift1) = 4;
// request to floor 2
set hasToDeliverAt(lift1, 2) := true;
step
// must go down to floor 2, down dir
check dir(lift1) = DOWN;
// the request at floor 4 is cancelled
check not existsCallFromTo(4, DOWN);
// goes to floor 2
step until ctlState(lift1) = HALTING and floor(lift1) = 2;
// request to floor 2 is cancelled
check not hasToDeliverAt(lift1, 2);
```

Scenario 3

Description:

- Lift at ground and all the external requests are ON (up and down).
- The lift goes UP from floor 0 to the last one (4). All the requests to go UP are cancelled.
- All the requests to go down are not cancelled
- Richiediamo l'invariante: l'ascensore non cambia direzione mentre sale: dir(lift1) != DOWN

Scenario 3 in Avalla

```
scenario lift2 s3
load lift.asm
invariant neverDown: dir(lift1) != DOWN;
exec //set floor requests (all ext. buttons UP and DOWN pushed)
  forall $i in {0..4} do
    par
      hasToDeliverAt(lift1, $i) := false
       if $i != top then existsCallFromTo($i, UP) := true endif
       if $i != ground then existsCallFromTo($i, DOWN) := true endif
     endpar;
//the lift goes up to floor 4, then goes down
step until ctlState(lift1) = HALTING and floor(lift1) = 4;
// check that the UP-external requests have been satisfied, while
the DOWN-requests are still pending
check (forall $i in {0..4} with existsCallFromTo($i, DOWN) = true);
check (forall $i in {0..4} with existsCallFromTo($i, UP) = false);
```

Lift scenarios

		# Commands	Coverage
S0	The lift is halted at ground floor, no request, it should stay	18	6/8
S1	External request at the same floor (ground) and direction, internal request for floor 2. The lift should reach floor 2	24	7/8
S2	External request at floor 4, enters and ask for floor 2	22	8/8
s3	All external (UP and DOWN) buttons have been pushed. The lift reaches the top floor and UP requests are canceled	4 – 1 invariant	8/8

Ferryman: scenario 1/2 (cont.)

```
scenario ferryman1
//passi per trasportare tutti gli attori sulla sponda destra.
load ../../ModelliConInvarianti/ferrymanSimulator.asm
set carry := GOAT;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT and position(GOAT) = RIGHT and
position(CABBAGE) = LEFT and position(WOLF) = LEFT;
set carry := FERRYMAN;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT and position(GOAT) = RIGHT and
position(CABBAGE) = LEFT and position(WOLF) = LEFT;
set carry := WOLF;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT and position(GOAT) = RIGHT and
position(CABBAGE) = LEFT and position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
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```

Ferryman: scenario 2/2

```
set carry := GOAT;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT and position(GOAT) = LEFT and
position(CABBAGE) = LEFT and position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
set carry := CABBAGE;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT and position(GOAT) = LEFT and
position(CABBAGE) = RIGHT and position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
set carry := FERRYMAN;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT and position(GOAT) = LEFT and
position(CABBAGE) = RIGHT and position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
set carry := GOAT;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT and position(GOAT) = RIGHT and
position(CABBAGE) = RIGHT and position(WOLF) = RIGHT;
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```

Ferryman: altro scenario 1/2

```
scenario ferryman2
//All'inizio posiziona il ferryman, la goat e il wolf
sulla sponda destra.
//Poi esegue i passi che restano per portare tutti sulla
sponda destra.
load ../../ModelliConInvarianti/ferrymanSimulator.asm
exec
    par
        position(FERRYMAN) := RIGHT
        position(GOAT) := RIGHT
        position(WOLF) := RIGHT
    endpar;
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```

Ferryman: altro scenario 2/2

```
set carry := GOAT;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT and position(GOAT) =
LEFT and position(CABBAGE) = LEFT and position(WOLF)
= RIGHT;
set carry := CABBAGE;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = RIGHT and position(GOAT) =
LEFT and position(CABBAGE) = RIGHT and position(WOLF)
= RIGHT;
set carry := FERRYMAN;
step
check position(FERRYMAN) = LEFT and position(GOAT) =
LEFT and position (CABBAGE) = ASMEGHESI and position (WOLF)
= RTGHT:
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