

## ALGEBRAIC SPECIFICATION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE SUBSETS

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**REZUMAT.** Specificarea algebrică a subseturilor unui limbaj de programare. În această lucrare autorul încearcă aplicarea unui model algebric de specificare, în definirea subseturilor unui limbaj de programare. Modelul se bazează pe ierarhia algebrelor eterogene. Câteva rezultate teoretice și un exemplu concret de specificare sînt redată amănunțit pe parcursul întregii lucrări.

**1. Introduction.** The algebraic modelling of programming language specification is subjected to an intense research, with significant results. Partial or "relatively total" solutions were found, having the category theory [ADJ73, ADJ77], partial or total heterogeneous universal algebras [BR082, BR087], algebras with operator schemes, or even context-free algebras [RUS72] as algebraic departure point. These solutions concerned many times only certain aspects of the programming language specification.

The ADJ group of authors attempts to develop a concept of programming language within the framework of the category theory. It is interesting as to the mathematical object in its own self, constituting a strong source of inspiration for subsequent results. In [WAG89] the author presents a model of algebraic specification of a language for abstract data type specification. This model of language belongs to the object-oriented language set.

The total or partial heterogeneous algebras seem to be ever

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more used to the complex approach of programming language specification. Lots of papers (e.g. [BR082, BR087]) constitute interesting approaches, from both theoretical and practical viewpoints. They present algebraic models for defining abstract types of partial data and hierarchical data types. Very interesting is the pure algebraic model concerning the specification of programming language semantics, using particular models of abstract data types [BR087].

Both the heterogeneous algebras [BIR70] and those with scheme of operators [HIG63] constituted the main theoretical source for the elaboration of HAS hierarchy [RUS80] and introduction of context-free algebras [RUS72]. It is to be noticed that the HAS hierarchy concept allows a unitary approach of the programming language specification, from both semantic and syntactical viewpoint.

The specification of a programming language implies the existence of a set of data (which constitutes the data base of the language), and a set of operation defined on this data base (which constitutes the instruction set). The data base and the instruction set associated to a language constitute the so-called "computing reality". The concept of program will allow the identification of that subset from the "computing reality" which needs transformations. Within the framework of a specified programming language, a program will constitute a well defined entity from two points of view: semantic and syntactical.

We shall consider a language which gathers together all "computing realities" corresponding to a given set of languages.

This language will be called universal language (UL). Its restriction to a certain "computin reality" will constitute a subset of the universal language. Such an approach allow to consider the programming languages hierarchically as to their specification and implementation.

**2. Example of simple language.** In order to exemplify our model, we shall consider the following simple language. This language includes three data types: numerical, array and record. On the numerical type there are defined the arithmetic operations (+, -, \*, /, \*\*) and the relational operations (<, <=, >, >=, ==, /=). One defines the instruction IF and the assignment instruction. The syntax of data types and arithmetic expressions is given in BNF by:

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<TYPE_DECLARATION> ::= type <TYPE_NUME> is <TYPE_DEFINITION>
<TYPE_DEFINITION> ::= <NUMERICAL_TYPE> / <ARRAY_TYPE> / <RECORD_TYPE>
<CONSTRAINT> ::= range <RANGE>
<RANGE> ::= <SIMPLE_EXPRESSION> .. <SIMPLE_EXPRESSION>
<SIMPLE_EXPRESSION> ::= <FACTOR> { <ARITHMETICAL_OPERATOR> <FACTOR> }
<FACTOR> ::= <VARIABLE> / <CONSTANT>
<VARIABLE> ::= <IDENTIFIER> / <INDEXED_COMPONENT> /
                <SELECTED_COMPONENT>
<RELATION> ::= <SIMPLE_EXPRESSION> <RELATIONAL_OPERATOR>
                <SIMPLE_EXPRESSION>
<ARITHMETICAL_OPERATOR> ::= + / - / * / / **
<RELATIONAL_OPERATOR> ::= < / < = / > / > = / = = / =
<SUBTYPE_DEFINITION> ::= subtype <SUBTYPE_NAME>
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is<TYPE_DESIGNER>[<CONSTRAINT>]

<TYPE_DESIGNER>::=<TYPE_NAME>/<SUBTYPE_NAME>/
    <PREDEFINITION_TYPE>

<NUMERICAL_TYPE>::=<CONSTRAINT>/new<PREDEFINITION_TYPE>
    <CONSTRAINT>

<PREDEFINITION_TYPE>::=<INTEGER>/<FLOAT>

<OBJECT_DECLARATION>::=<IDENTIFIER_LIST>:<TYPE_DESIGNER>
    [:=<SIMPLE_EXPRESSION>];

<IDENTIFIER_LIST>::=<IDENTIFIER>{,<IDENTIFIER>}

<RECORD_TYPE>::=record<COMPONENT_LIST> end record.

<COMPONENT_LIST>::=<OBJECT_DECLARATION>{,<OBJECT_DECLARATION>}

<ARRAY_TYPE>::=array(<INDEX>{,<INDEX>}) of <TYPE_DESIGNER>

<INDEX>::=<RANGE>/<INTEGER>

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The syntax of assignment and IF instructions is given also in BNF by:

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<ASSIGNMENT_STATEMENT>::=<VARIABLE>:=<SIMPLE_EXPRESSION>

<EL_IF>::=<RELATION> then <SEQUENCE>

<IF_LIST>::=<EL_IF>/<IF_LIST>elseif<EL_IF>

<IF>::=if<IF_LIST>endif/if<IF_LIST>else<SEQUENCE>endif

<SEQUENCE>::=<ASSIGNMENT_STATEMENT>{;<ASSIGNMENT_STATEMENT>}

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Remark. The symbols +, -, \*, /, \*\* correspond to the arithmetic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, powering, while the symbols <, <=, >, >=, ==, /= correspond to the relational operations of smaller than, smaller than or equal to, greater than, greater than or equal to, equal to, different from, respectively.

In the above defined language the numerical types <INTEGER>

and <FLOAT> are considered to be predefined. We renounced the definition of the following syntactical categories: <INDEXED-COMPONENT>, <SELECTED-COMPONENT>, <IDENTIFIER>, <CONSTANT>, <TYPE-NAME> and <SUBTYPE-NAME>. Neither the theoretical aspect, nor the examples we shall present will be altered by these restrictions.

A context-free grammar is considered to be a quadruple  $\underline{G} = \langle V_n \cup V_t, V_t, P, V_n \rangle$ , where

$$P = \{ A \rightarrow s_0 A_1 s_1 A_2 s_2 \dots s_{n-1} A_n s_n \mid s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n \in V_t^*, A, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in V_n \}$$

$V_n$  is the nonterminal symbol set, while  $V_t$  is the terminal symbol set. A specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle V_n \cup V_t, \Sigma S \rangle$  is made to correspond to this context-free grammar, where

$$\Sigma S = \{ \delta = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, A_1 A_2 \dots A_n A \rangle \mid A \rightarrow s_0 A_1 s_1 \dots s_{n-1} A_n s_n \in P \}.$$

The context-free algebra [RUS83] specified by  $\underline{B}$  can be written in the form of the triple

$$\underline{A} = \langle (W)_{A \in V_n} = W_A(V_t, \Sigma S)_{A \in V_n}, \Sigma S_{\underline{B}}, F \rangle,$$

where  $W_A(V_t, \Sigma S) = \{ x \in V_t^* \mid A \xrightarrow{*} x \}$ , and for every  $w_k \in W_{A_k}(V_t, \Sigma S)$ ,

$k=1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $\delta = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, A_1 A_2 \dots A_n A \rangle$  we have  $F_\delta(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = s_0 w_1 s_1 \dots s_{n-1} w_n s_n \in W_A(V_t, \Sigma S)$ .

$F$  is the symbol of a function which associates to every operation scheme  $\delta \in \Sigma S$  a heterogeneous operation specific to the context-free algebra  $\underline{A}$ . If  $\delta = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, A_1 A_2 \dots A_n A \rangle$ , then  $F_\delta$  is the function

$$F_0 : W_{A_1} \times W_{A_2} \times \dots \times W_{A_n} \rightarrow W_A.$$

The action law of the function is the above mentioned one. We present further down the operation schemes  $\delta \in \Sigma S$ :

$\sigma_1 = \langle 2, \text{ type is, TYPE\_NAME TYPE\_DEFINITION TYPE\_DECLARATION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_2 = \langle 1, \text{ , NUMERICAL\_TYPE TYPE\_DEFINITION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_3 = \langle 1, \text{ , ARRAY\_TYPE TYPE\_DEFINITION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_4 = \langle 1, \text{ , RECORD\_TYPE TYPE\_DEFINITION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_5 = \langle 1, \text{ range , RANGE CONSTANT} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_6 = \langle 2, \text{ .. , SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION RANGE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_7 = \langle 1, \text{ , FACTOR SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_8 = \langle 3, \text{ , FACTOR ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION$   
 $\text{SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_9 = \langle 1, \text{ , VARIABLE FACTOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{10} = \langle 1, \text{ , CONSTANT FACTOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{11} = \langle 1, \text{ , IDENTIFIER VARIABLE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{12} = \langle 1, \text{ , INDEXED\_COMPONENT VARIABLE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{13} = \langle 1, \text{ , SELECTED\_COMPONENT VARIABLE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{14} = \langle 3, \text{ , SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR$   
 $\text{SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION RELATION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{15} = \langle 0, + \text{ , ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{16} = \langle 0, - \text{ , ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{17} = \langle 0, * \text{ , ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{18} = \langle 0, / \text{ , ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{19} = \langle 0, ** \text{ , ARITHMETICAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{20} = \langle 0, < \text{ , RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{21} = \langle 0, <= \text{ , RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{22} = \langle 0, > \text{ , RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$

$\sigma_{23} = \langle 0, \geq, \text{RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{24} = \langle 0, ==, \text{RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{25} = \langle 0, \neq, \text{RELATIONAL\_OPERATOR} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{26} = \langle 2, \text{subtype is}, \text{SUBTYPE\_NAME TYPE\_DESIGNER SUBTYPE\_DEFINITION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{27} = \langle 3, \text{subtype is}, \text{SUBTYPE\_NAME TYPE\_DESIGNER CONSTRAINT SUBTYPE\_DEFINITION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{28} = \langle 1, \text{TYPE\_NAME TYPE\_DESIGNER} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{29} = \langle 1, \text{SUBTYPE\_NAME TYPE\_DESIGNER} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{30} = \langle 1, \text{PREDEFINITION\_TYPE TYPE\_DESIGNER} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{31} = \langle 1, \text{CONSTRAINT NUMERICAL\_TYPE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{32} = \langle 2, \text{new}, \text{PREDEFINITION\_TYPE CONSTRAINT NUMERICAL\_TYPE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{33} = \langle 1, \text{INTEGER PREDEFINITION\_TYPE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{34} = \langle 1, \text{FLOAT PREDEFINITION\_TYPE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{35} = \langle 2, :, \text{IDENTIFIER\_LIST TYPE\_DESIGNER OBJECT\_DECLARATION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{36} = \langle 3, : :=, \text{IDENTIFIER\_LIST TYPE\_DESIGNER SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION OBJECT\_DECLARATION} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{37} = \langle 1, \text{IDENTIFIER IDENTIFIER\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{38} = \langle 2, , \text{IDENTIFIER\_LIST IDENTIFIER IDENTIFIER\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{39} = \langle 1, \text{record end record}, \text{COMPONENT\_LIST RECORD\_TYPE} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{40} = \langle 1, \text{OBJECT\_DECLARATION COMPONENT\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{41} = \langle 2, , \text{COMPONENT\_LIST OBJECT\_DECLARATION COMPONENT\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{42} = \langle 1, \text{INDEX INDEX\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{43} = \langle 2, , \text{INDEX\_LIST INDEX INDEX\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{44} = \langle 2, \text{array( ) of}, \text{INDEX\_LIST TYPE\_DESIGNER ARRAY\_TYPE} \rangle$

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$\sigma_{45} = \langle 1, \quad , \text{RANGE INDEX} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{46} = \langle 1, \quad , \text{INTEGER INDEX} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{47} = \langle 2, \quad := \quad , \text{VARIABLE SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION ASSIGNMENT\_STATEMENT} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{48} = \langle 2, \text{ then } \quad , \text{RELATION SEQUENCE EL\_IF} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{49} = \langle 1, \quad , \text{EL\_IF IF\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{50} = \langle 2, \text{ elsif } \quad , \text{IF\_LIST EL\_IF IF\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{51} = \langle 1, \text{ if endif, IF\_LIST IF} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{52} = \langle 2, \text{ if else endif, IF\_LIST SEQUENCE IF} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{53} = \langle 1, \quad , \text{ASSIGNMENT\_STATEMENT ASSIGN\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{54} = \langle 2, \quad , \quad , \text{ASSIGN\_LIST ASSIGNMENT\_STATEMENT ASSIGN\_LIST} \rangle$   
 $\sigma_{55} = \langle 1, \quad , \text{ASSIGN\_LIST SEQUENCE} \rangle$

3. **Basic concepts.** Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  be the specification base for an arbitrary programming language.  $\underline{B}$  is organized under the form of a homogeneous algebra.  $I$  is the set of all object names,  $S$  is the reserved word set, such that  $S \cap I = \emptyset$ ;  $\Sigma S$  is the set of operation schemes represented as triples:  $\Sigma S = \{\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle\}$ ;  $\alpha$  is the set of axioms given as couples of words  $(w_1, w_2)$ . These words are generated by the operations specified by the operation schemes  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ . For an operation scheme  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$ , the function

$$F_\sigma : A_{i_1} \times A_{i_2} \times \dots \times A_{i_n} \rightarrow A_i$$

specifies a signature for a heterogeneous operation in the language specified by  $\underline{B}$ . Consider an arbitrary subset  $J \subseteq I$ , to which we shall refer in what follows.

**DEFINITION 1.** The operation scheme  $\sigma' = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n,$



$j_1 j_2 \dots j_n i$ ,  $j_k \in J$ ,  $k=1,2,\dots,n$ , is called restriction of the operation scheme  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$  to the subset  $J$  if there exists the function  $F_{\sigma'} : A_{j_1} \times A_{j_2} \times \dots \times A_{j_n} \rightarrow A_i$  which is a restriction of the function  $F_{\sigma} : A_{i_1} \times A_{i_2} \times \dots \times A_{i_n} \rightarrow A_i$ .

For a given subset  $J$ , an operation scheme  $\sigma$  can have one or several restrictions. We denote by  $\sigma|_J$  the set of all restrictions of  $\sigma$  to  $J$ , namely:

$$\sigma|_J = \{ \sigma' \mid \sigma' \text{ is a restriction of the operation scheme } \sigma \text{ to the subset } J \}.$$

*Remark.* If  $\sigma' = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, j_1 j_2 \dots j_n i \rangle$  is a restriction of the operation scheme  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$  to the subset  $J$ , then  $A_{j_k} \subseteq A_{i_k}$ ,  $\forall j_k$ ,  $k=1,2,\dots,n$ .

**DEFINITION 2.** Let  $\Sigma' = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m\}$  be a set of operation schemes. A restriction of  $\Sigma'$  to the subset  $J$  is defined as follows:

$$\Sigma'|_J = \{ \sigma'_i \mid \sigma'_i \in \sigma_i|_J, i = \overline{1, m} \}$$

**DEFINITION 3.** The restriction of the specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  to the subset  $J$  is the specification base  $\underline{B}|_J = \langle J \cup S, \Sigma S|_J, \alpha|_J \rangle$ , where  $\alpha|_J$  is that subset of the axiom set  $\alpha$  which consists of the axioms satisfied by the operations specified by  $\Sigma S|_J$  (restriction of the operation scheme set  $\Sigma S$  to the subset  $J$ ).

**DEFINITION 4.** An interpretation [RUS83] of the specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  is the triple  $\langle A, \rho, \Psi \rangle$ , where  $A = (A_i)_{i \in I}$  is a family of sets indexed by the set  $I$  of the supports of  $\underline{B}$ ;  $\rho$

is a function  $\varphi : I \rightarrow A$  such that  $\varphi(i)$  is an element of  $A$  for every  $i \in I$ ;  $\Psi$  is the function  $\Psi : \Sigma S \rightarrow OP(A)$ , where  $OP(A)$  is the set of all operations defined on  $A$ .

The interpretation  $\underline{A} = \langle A, \varphi, \Psi \rangle$  of the specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  fulfils the following conditions:

- C1.  $\varphi(i) = A_i$  for every  $i \in I$ ;  $A_i$  is called the support set for the name of the object  $i$ .
- C2. For every  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0, s_1, \dots, s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n \rangle$ ,  $\Psi(\sigma) : \varphi(i_1) \times \varphi(i_2) \times \dots \times \varphi(i_n) \rightarrow \varphi(i)$ , or in other words  $\Psi(\sigma) : A_{i_1} \times A_{i_2} \times \dots \times A_{i_n} \rightarrow A_i$ , such that if  $\sigma = \langle 0, s, i \rangle$  then  $\Psi(\sigma) : \varphi \rightarrow \varphi(i)$  or  $\Psi(\sigma) : \varphi \rightarrow A_i$ , namely  $\Psi(\sigma)$  is in this case the injection of the element  $\Psi(\sigma)$ , which will be denoted by  $s$ , in the set  $A_i$ .
- C3. Every axiom  $(W_1, W_2)$  is considered to be satisfied in the interpretation  $\underline{A} = \langle A, \varphi, \Psi \rangle$ ; this means that it is satisfied by operations from  $OP(A)$ .

We shall hereafter denote by  $I(\underline{B})$  the set of interpretations of a specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$ .

If  $\underline{A} \in I(\underline{B})$ , then it can be denoted  $\underline{A} = \langle A = (A_i)_{i \in I}, \Sigma S, \Psi \rangle$ , where  $\varphi(i) = A_i$  for every  $i \in I$ , and

$$\Psi(\sigma) : \varphi(i_1) \times \varphi(i_2) \times \dots \times \varphi(i_n) \rightarrow \varphi(i) \text{ or } \Psi(\sigma) : A_{i_1} \times A_{i_2} \times \dots \times A_{i_n} \rightarrow$$

for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n \rangle$ . In other words, every interpretation  $\underline{A}$  of the specification base  $\underline{B}$  is a heterogeneous algebra.

DEFINITION 5. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  be a specification base, and let  $\underline{A} = \langle A, \varphi, \psi \rangle$  be an interpretation; then  $\underline{A}|_J = \langle A|_J, \varphi|_J, \psi|_J \rangle$  is called restriction of the interpretation  $\underline{A} \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$  to the subset  $J$ , where:  $A|_J$  is the family of sets  $(A_j)_{j \in J}$ ;  $\varphi|_J$  is the restriction of the function  $\varphi$  to the subset  $J$ ;  $\psi|_J$  is the restriction of the function  $\psi$  to the operation scheme set  $\Sigma S|_J$ .

PROPERTY 1. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  be a specification base, and let  $\underline{A} \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$  an arbitrary interpretation. Then the restriction of  $\underline{A}$  to the subset  $J$ ,  $\underline{A}|_J = \langle A|_J, \varphi|_J, \psi|_J \rangle$ , is an interpretation of the restriction of  $\underline{B}$  to the subset  $J$ ,  $\underline{B}|_J = \langle J \cup S, \Sigma S|_J, \alpha|_J \rangle$ .

Proof. The proof results immediately from Definitions 3, 4 and 5.

For a given specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$ , an important interpretation is the so-called word-algebra or the heterogeneous  $W$ -algebra [RUS83] specified by the base  $\underline{B}$ . This is obtained as follows:

(i) One constructs the family of all words specified by the base  $\underline{B}$  in the form  $W = (W_i)_{i \in I}$ , where every  $W_i$  is defined as follows:

r1. If  $\sigma = \langle 0, s, i \rangle, \sigma \in \Sigma S$ , then  $s \in W_i$ .

r2. If  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$ , and if  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  are words of the types  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$ , respectively, namely  $(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in W_{i_1} \times W_{i_2} \times \dots \times W_{i_n}$ , then

$$w = s_0 w_1 s_1, \dots, s_{n-1} w_n s_n \in W_i.$$

r3. The rules r1 and r2 describe all the words of the type  $i$ , which will sometimes be denoted by  $W(i)$ , too.

(ii) For the given specification base  $\underline{B}$  one constructs the following interpretation:

p1. For every  $i \in I$ ,  $\varphi(i) = W(i)$ .

p2. For every  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$ , the function  $\Upsilon(\sigma): W(i_1) \times W(i_2) \times \dots \times W(i_n) \rightarrow W(i)$  acts according to the law: if  $w_k \in W(i_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $\Upsilon(\sigma)(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = s_0 w_1 s_1 \dots s_n w_n \in W(i)$ .

(iii) Interpreting the specification axioms as formal identities [RUS83], follows that the family  $W = (W(i))_{i \in I}$  together with the above defined functions  $(\varphi, \Upsilon)$  form an interpretation of the considered specification base. This interpretation is written under the form

$$\underline{W}(\underline{B}) = \langle W = (W(i))_{i \in I}, \Sigma S, \Upsilon \rangle$$

Let  $\underline{A}_1 = \langle A = (A_i)_{i \in I}, \Sigma S, \Upsilon_1 \rangle$ ,  $\underline{A}_2 = \langle B = (B_i)_{i \in I}, \Sigma S, \Upsilon_2 \rangle$  be two similar heterogeneous algebras such that  $\underline{A}_1, \underline{A}_2 \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$ .

DEFINITION 6. A family of functions  $f = (f_i)_{i \in I}$ ,  $f_i: A_i \rightarrow B_i$ , indexed by the set  $I$  is called similarity morphism or homomorphism from  $\underline{A}_1$  to  $\underline{A}_2$  if for every operation scheme  $\sigma \in \Sigma S$ ,  $\sigma = \langle n, s_0 s_1 \dots s_n, i_1 i_2 \dots i_n i \rangle$  and for every

$$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in A_{i_1} \times A_{i_2} \times \dots \times A_{i_n}$$

we have

$$f_i(\Upsilon_1(\sigma)(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)) = \Upsilon_2(\sigma)(f_{i_1}(a_1), f_{i_2}(a_2), \dots, f_{i_n}(a_n)).$$

DEFINITION 7. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, \Sigma S, \alpha \rangle$  be a given specification base. A model of  $\underline{B}$  is an interpretation  $\underline{W} \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$  with the

property that for every other interpretation  $\underline{A} \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$  there exists exactly one homomorphism  $f: \underline{W} \rightarrow \underline{A}$ .

In [RUS83] there is shown that for every specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, ES, \alpha \rangle$  there exists a model of this base. This model is the word algebra  $\underline{W}(\underline{B}) = \langle W = (W_i)_{i \in I}, ES, \Psi \rangle$ . If  $\underline{W}_1(\underline{B})$  and  $\underline{W}_2(\underline{B})$  are two models of the base  $\underline{B}$ , then they are isomorphic.

Since the model  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$  belongs to the set of interpretations of  $\underline{B}$ , according to Definition 5 one can consider the restriction of the model  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$  to the subset  $J$ , written as

$$\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J = \langle W|_J = (W(j))_{j \in J}, \Sigma S|_J, \Psi|_J \rangle.$$

Property-1 also holds for the model  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$ , but may be reformulated as follows:

PROPERTY 2. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, ES, \alpha \rangle$  be a specification base. Then the restriction  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J$  of the model is equal to the model of the restriction of  $\underline{B}$ ,  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J$ .

THEOREM 1. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, ES, \alpha \rangle$  be a specification base, and let  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$  be a model of this base. For every  $J \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ ,  $J \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a restriction  $\underline{B}|_J$  of  $\underline{B}$  whose model is  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J$  (here  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  stands for the set of the subsets of  $I$ ).

Proof. Consider  $J \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ ,  $J \neq \emptyset$ , and construct the restriction  $\underline{B}|_J$ . Let  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$  be the model of the specification base  $\underline{B}$ , and let  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J$  be the restriction of the model  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})$  to the subset  $J$ . According to Property 2, follows that  $\underline{W}(\underline{B})|_J = \underline{W}(\underline{B}|_J)$ .

For a given specification base  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, ES, \alpha \rangle$ , the construction of an interpretation  $\underline{A} \in \underline{I}(\underline{B})$  supposes the choice of both the family of sets  $A$  and the operation set  $OP(A)$  defined on this family. The construction of an interpretation for a

specification base corresponds to the construction of the level one ( $HAS_1$ ) from the HAS (heterogeneous algebraic structure) hierarchy [RUS80] of a language specification. According to the principles of construction of a HAS hierarchy, the level one ( $HAS_1$ ) will constitute the specification base for the level two ( $HAS_2$ ). The transit from level one to level two is performed by constructing a new interpretation of the specification base  $HAS_1$ . This process can continue until the specified language satisfies the requests of the specifier. The new theoretical concepts presented in this paper are valid for every level  $HAS_1$  from a language specification. For simplicity reasons we discussed only the level one from the HAS hierarchy.

Let  $LB_1 = \langle A_1, \varphi_1, \psi_1 \rangle$ ,  $LB_2 = \langle A_2, \varphi_2, \psi_2 \rangle$  be two programming languages specified by the same base  $\underline{B}$ .

DEFINITION 8. The language  $LB_1$  is subset of  $LB_2$  if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$ , and, if  $w_1 \in OP(A_1)$ , then either  $w_1 \in OP(A_2)$  or  $w_1$  is a restriction of an operation  $w_2 \in OP(A_2)$ .

COROLLARY. Let  $\underline{B} = \langle I \cup S, ES, \alpha \rangle$  be a specification base. The language  $LB|_J$  specified by the restriction  $\underline{B}|_J$  of the base  $\underline{B}$  is a subset of the language  $LB$  specified by the base  $\underline{B}$ .

Proof. This is evident by virtue of Theorem 1.

One can construct in this way a large specification base  $\underline{B}$  able to generate a subset of the object specified by  $\underline{B}$ , by means of the operation of restriction to a given subset  $J$ . Denoting by  $UL$  the language (object) specified by the base  $\underline{B}$ , a subset of  $UL$  can be obtained as an object specified by a restriction of  $\underline{B}$ .

4. **Examples.** The examples which follow concern the simple language specified from a syntactical point of view in Section 2. The set  $I$  consists of all words written in capitals from the context-free grammar of the language, while the set  $S$  consists of all words written in small letters from the same grammar.

*Example 1.* Consider  $J_1 = I \setminus \{\text{PREDEFINITION\_TYPE}\}$ . Remove from  $ES$  the operation schemes  $\sigma_{33}$ ,  $\sigma_{34}$ , which are  $\text{PREDEFINITION\_TYPE}$ . Replace the operation scheme  $\sigma_{30}$  by a restriction of this one to the subset  $J_1$ , denoted  $\sigma_{30}' = \langle 1, \quad, \text{INTEGER\_TYPE\_DESIGNER} \rangle$ , and replace the operation scheme  $\sigma_{32}$  by a restriction of this one to the same subset  $J_1$ , denoted  $\sigma_{32}' = \langle 2, \text{new} \quad, \text{INTEGER\_CONSTRAINT\_NUMERICAL\_TYPE} \rangle$ . The restriction of the specification base  $\underline{E}$  to the subset  $J_1$  is  $\underline{E}|_{J_1} = \langle J_1 \cup S, ES|_{J_1}, \alpha|_{J_1} \rangle$ , where  $ES|_{J_1} = (ES \setminus \{\sigma_{30}, \sigma_{32}, \sigma_{33}, \sigma_{34}\}) \cup \{\sigma_{30}', \sigma_{32}'\}$ . The following numerical-type declaration

type REAL\_MIC is new FLOAT range -10.0..10.0

is correct in the language  $LB$  specified by  $\underline{E}$ , but not in the language  $LB|_{J_1}$  specified by  $\underline{E}|_{J_1}$ . This last language admits the following numerical-type declaration

type INTEGER\_MIC is new INTEGER range -10 .. 10

which is a restriction of the first declaration admitted by  $LB$ . Neither the operation scheme  $\sigma_{30}$  nor its restriction  $\sigma_{30}'$  contribute directly to the specification of objects of  $LB$  or  $LB|_{J_1}$ , respectively. The objects of the type  $\text{TYPE\_DESIGNER}$  specified by  $\sigma_{30}'$  will contribute to the specification of objects of the type  $\text{ARRAY\_TYPE}$ , as we shall see in the next example. The axiom set  $\alpha|_{J_1}$  remains the same as the axiom set  $\alpha$ . In these

conditions the language  $LB|_{J_1}$  is a subset of the language  $LB$ .

**Example 2.** Consider  $J_2 = J_1 \setminus \{\text{TYPE\_DESIGNER}\}$ . Remove from  $ES|_{J_1}$  the operation schemes  $\sigma_{28}$ ,  $\sigma_{29}$ , which are TYPE\_DESIGNER. We choose the following restrictions for  $\sigma_{26}$

$\sigma_{26}' = \langle 2, \text{subtype is ,subtype\_NAME INTEGER SUBTYPE\_DEFINITION}\rangle$ ,  
and for  $\sigma_{27}$

$\sigma_{27}' = \langle 3, \text{subtype is ,subtype\_NAME INTEGER CONSTRAINT}\rangle$   
SUBTYPE\\_DEFINITION>.

For  $\sigma_{35}$  and  $\sigma_{36}$  we choose respectively the restrictions

$\sigma_{35}' = \langle 2, : , \text{INTEGER\_LIST INTEGER OBJECT\_DECLARATION}\rangle$ ,

$\sigma_{36}' = \langle 3, : := , \text{IDENTIFIER\_LIST INTEGER SIMPLE\_EXPRESSION}\rangle$   
OBJECT\\_DECLARATION>.

Lastly, one chooses only one restriction for  $\sigma_{44}$

$\sigma_{44}' = \langle 2, \text{array( ) of ,INDEX\_LIST INTEGER ARRAY\_TYPE}\rangle$ .

In these conditions,  $B|_{J_1} = \langle J_2 \cup S, \sum S|_{J_1}, \alpha|_{J_1} \rangle$ , where

$$\sum S|_{J_1} = (\sum S|_{J_1} \setminus \{\sigma_{26}, \sigma_{27}, \sigma_{28}, \sigma_{29}, \sigma_{35}, \sigma_{36}, \sigma_{44}\}) \cup \{\sigma_{26}', \sigma_{27}', \sigma_{35}', \sigma_{36}', \sigma_{44}'\}.$$

The following array-type declaration

type ARR\_TY is array (1..10, 1..10) of FLOAT

is correct in the languages  $LB$  and  $LB|_{J_1}$ , but not in  $LB|_{J_2}$ . The language  $LB|_{J_2}$  admits the definition of an array-type restriction (reduced from) whose elements are of integer-type. So, above array-type definition reduces in the language  $LB|_{J_2}$  to

type ARR\_TY is array (1..10, 1..10) of INTEGER.

The following record-type declaration

type COMPLEX is

record



REAL : FLOAT;

IMAG : FLOAT;

end record.

is correct in the languages  $LB$  and  $LB|_{J_1}$ . The language specified by  $J_2$ ,  $LB|_{J_2}$ , admits only a restriction of the object COMPLEX, namely

type COMPLEX is

record

REAL : INTEGER;

IMAG : INTEGER;

end record.

Also in this example the axiom sets  $\alpha|_{J_2}$  and  $\alpha$  coincide. In these conditions the language  $LB|_{J_2}$  is a subset of the language  $LB|_{J_1}$ .

**Example 3.** Consider  $J_3 = J_2 \setminus \{IF\_LIST\}$ . Remove from  $\Sigma S|_{J_2}$  the operation schemes  $\sigma_{49}$  and  $\sigma_{50}$ , which are of the type IF\_LIST. We choose respectively for  $\sigma_{51}$  and  $\sigma_{52}$  the restrictions

$\sigma_{51}' = \langle 1, \text{if endif, EL\_IF IF} \rangle,$

$\sigma_{52}' = \langle 2, \text{if else endif, EL\_IF SEQUENCE IF} \rangle.$

In these conditions  $\mathcal{E}|_{J_3} = \langle J_3 \cup S, \Sigma S|_{J_3}, \alpha|_{J_3} \rangle,$  where

$\Sigma S|_{J_3} = (\Sigma S|_{J_2} \setminus \{ \sigma_{49}, \sigma_{50}, \sigma_{51}, \sigma_{52} \} ) \cup \{ \sigma_{51}', \sigma_{52}' \}.$  An instruction of the

form

if RELATION then

SEQUENCE

{elsif RELATION then

SEQUENCE}

```
[else
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    SEQUENCE]
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```
endif.
```

is admitted in the languages  $LB$ ,  $LB|_{J_1}$ ,  $LB|_{J_2}$ . The language  $LB|_{J_3}$  admits the following reduced forms

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    if RELATION then SEQUENCE endif,
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    if RELATION then SEQUENCE
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```
        else SEQUENCE
```

```
    endif.
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The axiom set  $\alpha|_{J_3}$  coincides with  $\alpha$ , too. In these conditions the language  $LB|_{J_3}$  is a subset of the language  $LB|_{J_2}$ .

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