

Urban Planning Processes

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Abstract. ² We examine concepts of urban planning. That is, we emphasize, in this research note, the processes of urban planning.³ In so doing we abstract from the information (the ‘data’) that urban planning is based on and results in. We distinguish between two kinds of urban planning processes: the basic, ‘ab initio’ (or base), process of determining “the general layout of the land (!)”, and the derived, ‘follow-up’, processes focused on social and technological infrastructures. Base urban planning applies to descriptions of “the land”: geographic, that is, geodetic, geotechnical, meteorological, and, in general, such information as are based in the given nature. Examples of derived urban plannings are such which are focused on humans and on social and technological artifacts: transport, electricity, water, waste, health care, schools, etc. This incomplete research note also discusses issues of urban planning project management, cf. Sect. 5.2, and urban planning document, cf. Sect. 5.3.

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1. Introduction

Urban planning is a technical and political process concerned with the development and use of land, planning permission, protection and use of the environment, public welfare, and the design of the urban environment,

including air, water, and the infrastructure passing into and out of urban areas, such as transportation, communications, and distribution networks.⁴

In this research note we shall try to understand one of the aspects of the domain underlying urban planning, namely that of some possible urban planning (development) processes. We are trying to understand and describe a domain, not requirements for IT for that domain and certainly not the IT (incl. its software).

1.1. A Triptych of Software Development

Before hardware and software systems can be designed and coded we must have a reasonable grasp of “its” requirements; before requirements can be prescribed we must have a reasonable grasp of “the underlying” domain. To us, therefore, software engineering contains the three sub-disciplines:

- domain engineering,
- requirements engineering and
- software design.

By a domain description we understand a collection of pairs of narrative and commensurate formal texts, where each pair describes either aspects of an enduring (i.e., a data) entity or aspects of a perdurant (i.e., an action, event or behaviour) entity.

1.2. On Domain Modeling

This research note is part of a series of experiments in domain modeling [23, 35, 41, 29, 27, 30, 17, 10, 60, 7, 62, 61, 6, 48, 4] – see Sect. 7.2 on Page 16. The concept of domain modeling is explored in a series of papers and reports [39, 37, 40, 36, 38, 32, 34, 22, 25, 12, 21, 46, 11]. The purpose of the present experiment, besides its hopeful contribution to *urban planning research & development* at TongJi University (Shanghai), is to explore modeling principles, techniques and tools not yet identified in [39, 37].

1.3. On Formality

We consider software programs to be formal, i.e., mathematical, quantities — rather than of social/psychological interest. We wish to be able to reason about software, whether programs, or program specifications, or requirements prescriptions, or domain descriptions. Although we shall only try to understand some facets of the domain of urban planning we shall eventually let such an understanding, in the form of a precise, formal, mathematical, although non-deterministic, i.e., “multiple choice”, description be the basis for subsequent requirements prescriptions for software support, and, again, eventually, “the real software itself”, that is, tools, for urban planners. We do so, so that we can argue, eventually prove formally, that the software **is correct** with respect to the (i.e., its) formally prescribed requirements, and that the software **meets customer**, i.e., domain users’ **expectations** – as expressed in the formal domain description.

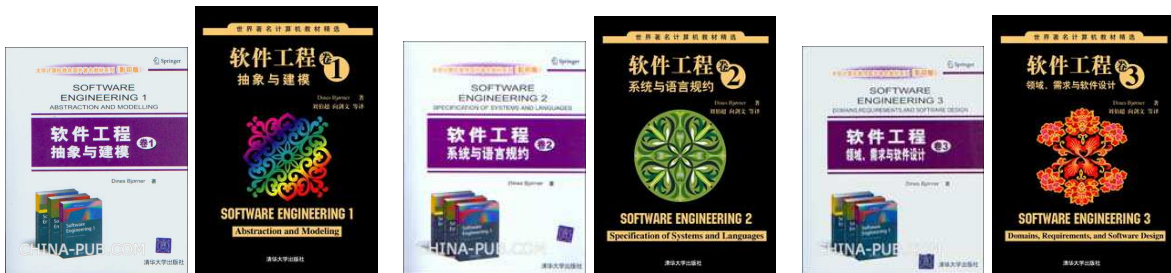
1.4. On Formal Notations

To be able to *prove formal correctness* and *meeting customer expectations* we avail ourselves of some formal notation. In this research note we use the RAISE [54] Specification Language, RSL, [53]. Other formal notations, such as Alloy [56], Event B [1], VDM-SL [49, 50, 52] or Z [63] could be used. We choose RSL since it, to our taste, nicely embodies Hoare’s concept of *Communicating Sequential Processes*, CSP [55]. In general we refer to the following set of textbooks [8]:

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_planning



also published by QingHua University Press:



See [13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20].

1.5. On the Form of This Research Note

The present form of this research note, as of 22 May 2017: 15:32, is that of recording a development. The development is that of *trying to come to grips with what urban planning is*. We have made the decision, from an early start, that urban planning “as a whole” is a collection of one base and an evolving number of (initially zero) derived urban planning behaviours. Here we have made the choice to model the various behaviours of a complex of urban planning functions.

2. An Urban Planning System

We think of urban planning to be “dividable” into **base** urban planning, **base_up_beh**, and derived urban plans, **der_up_beh**, where subindex i indicate that there may be several, i.e., $i \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$, such derived urban plans. We think of **base** urban planning to “convert” physical (geographic, that is, geodetic, geotechnical, meteorological, etc.) information about the land area to be developed into a **base** plan, that is, cartographic, cadastral and other such information (zoning, etc.). And we think of **derived** urban planning to “convert” **base** plans into technological and/or societal plans. Technological and societal urban planning concerns are typical such as transport, electricity, water, waste, health care, schools, etc. Each urban planning *behaviour*, whether ‘base’ or ‘derived’, is seen as a *sequence* of the application of “the same” urban planning *function*, i.e., an urban planning *action*. Each urban planning action takes a number of information *arguments* and yield information *results*. The **base** urban planning behaviour may **start** one or more **derived** urban planning behaviours, **der_up_beh_i**, at the end of “completion” of a base urban planning *action*. Let (indices) $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$ identify a set of separate **derived** urban plans, each concerned with a distinct, reasonably delineated technological and/or societal urban planning concern. During a **base** urban planning development the actions start any of these derived urban plans once. Thus we think of urban planning as a system of a single **base** urban planning process (i.e., behaviour), **base_up_beh**, which “spawns” zero, one or more (but a definite number of) **derived** urban planning processes (i.e., behaviours), **der_up_beh_i**. A **derived** urban planning processes, **der_up_beh_i**, may themselves start other **derived** urban planning processes, **der_up_beh_j**, **der_up_beh_k**, ..., **der_up_beh_l**. Figure 1 on the next page is intended to illustrate the following: At time t_0 a base urban planning is started. At time t_1 the base urban planning initiates a number of **derived** urban development, D_1, \dots, D_i . At time t_2 the base urban planning initiates the D_j **derived** urban planning. At

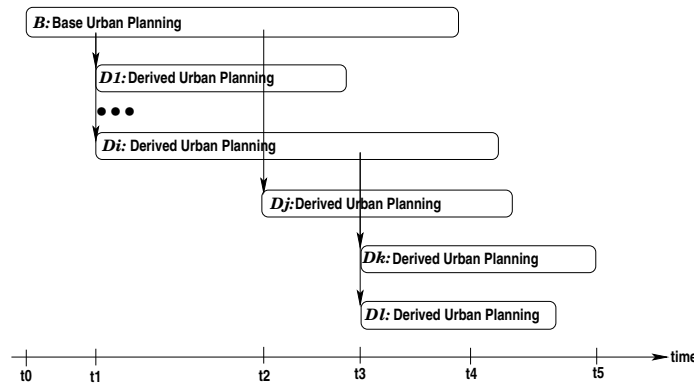


Fig. 1. An Urban Planning Development

time t_3 the derived urban planning D_i initiates two derived urban plannings, D_k and D_l . At time t_4 the base urban planning ends. And at time t_5 all urban plannings have ended. Urban planning actions are provided with “input” in the form of either geographic, geodetic, geotechnical, meteorological, etc., information, $b_geo:bGEO^5$, or auxiliary information, $b_aux:bAUX$, or requirements information, $b_req:bREQ$. The auxiliary (“management”) information is such as *time and date, name (etc.) of information provider, “trustworthiness” of information*, etc. The requirements information serves to direct, to inform, the urban planners towards *what kind of urban plan* is desired.

3. Base Urban Planning

We begin this section with abstractions of the, perhaps, two most important aspects of urban planning, such as it may be seen by its individual practitioners: the information being handled: the “input”, so-to-speak, to urban planning function(s) and these urban planning function(s). In two sections, in-between the information and the function sections (3.1 and 3.4), we very briefly discuss the iterative nature of urban planning, Sect. 3.2 on the following page, and initial values, Sect. 3.3, of the various information values.

3.1. Urban Planning Information Categories

Among the arguments of urban planning are

- 1 information, $bGEO$, about the geographic area subject to planning: its geodetic “make-up”, its geotechnical and meteorological properties, etc.,
- 2 related, but not geographic, information, $bAUX$,
- 3 and some requirements, $bREQ$.

type

- 1 $bGEO$
- 2 $bAUX$
- 3 $bREQ$

Among results of urban planning are

- 4 “the plan” (or “plans”), $bPLA$,
- 5 and possibly some other (ancillary) documents, $bANC$.

⁵ The $b_$ value prefixes and the b type prefixes shall designate base urban planning entities.

type
 4 bPLA
 5 bANC

For this research note we shall leave the bGEO, bAUX, and bREQ argument types and the bPLA, and bANC result types further undefined⁶ Typically bGEO would be be heavily text-annotated graphical documents which would show “the lay of the land”, its geodetic⁷, its geotechnical⁸, and its meteorological⁹, properties. Typically bAUX would then be some mixture of graphical and text documents that would “explain”, in usually informal, casual ways, some of the relations between the geographic documents, when they were recorded, how they were vetted, their accuracy, etc. Typically bREQ would be informal, casual text documents, perhaps including pseudo-technical terms, which expresses expectations as to what the “powers-to-be” might consider suitable urban plans¹⁰ and urban designs¹¹.

3.2. The Iterative Nature of Urban Planning

We take it that urban planning proceeds in “cycles”:

- 6 In each cycle the base urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, is applied to an input argument triple, `(b_geo,b_aux,b_req):(bGEO×bAUX×bREQ):bTRI`, of “fresh” geodetic/geotechnical/meteorological (etc.), auxiliary and requirements information.

type
 6 $bTRI = bGEO \times bAUX \times bREQ$

- 7 Each cycle, that is, each application of `base_up_fct`, results in a “most recent”, not necessarily “final”, plan and ancillary information, `(b_pla,b_anc):bPLA×bANC:bRES`.

type
 7 $bRES = bPLA \times bANC$

- 8 But, to “drive” the urban planning process, `base_up_beh`, towards “final”, that is, an adequately satisfactory plan etc., the urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, need also be provided with the results of the previous iteration’s result — which we take to be a (“quintuplet”) pair of an (i.e., the “previous”) “input” triple and the previous result pair.

type
 8 $bQUI = bTRI \times bRES$

We shall refer to the input argument triple as ‘the triplet’ and the “driver” quintuplet (also) as a **resumption**. The above decisions on triplet arguments and quintuplet resumptions, including the latter’s “feedback” to a next iteration function invocation is motivated as follows. We think of each invocation, i.e., step, of the urban planning function to “apply” itself to a small fragment of urban planning. Each such “small” step is to result in useful contributions to the evolving urban plan. The ancillary information emerging from each step informs about which aspects of urban planning was pursued in that step: where, in the plans, the outcome of those analysis and plan development can be seen. The reason for small step invocations are to allow ongoing reviews (not shown here), to pass on the intermediary results to other urban planning developments, etc. The decision to “feed” back “records” of the entire state of urban planning development motivated by the need for these “small step” invocations to analyse the ongoing, full state.

⁶ Understanding the bGEO, bAUX, bREQ, bPLA and the ANC types is a major urban planning issue.

⁷ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geodesy>

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geotechnical_investigation

⁹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meteorology>

¹⁰ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_planning

¹¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urban_design

3.3. Initialisation

Urban planning proceeds in iterating from initial

9 geographic, auxiliary and requirements information, as well as
10 (usually “empty”) plans and ancillaries.

We extend the notion of initial values to

11 triplet arguments,
12 result pairs, and
13 “quintuplet” argument/result pairs.

towards such results (plans and ancillaries) that are deemed satisfactory.

value

9 `b_geo_init: bGEO, b_aux_init: bAUX, b_req_init: bREQ`
10 `b_pla_init: bPLA, b_anc_init: bANC`
11 `b_tri_init: bTRI = (b_geo_init, b_aux_init, b_req_init) assert: b_tri_fit(b_tri_init, b_tri_init)`
12 `b_res_init: bRES = (b_pla_init, b_anc_init)`
13 `b_qui_init: bQUI = (b_tri_init, b_res_init)`

We refer to Item 23 on the next page for an explanation of the `b_tri_fit` predicate.

3.4. A Simple Functional Form

14 The base urban planning *function*, `base_up_fct`, thus applies to

- (i) a “most recent” triplet of geographic, auxiliary and requirements information, and to
- (ii) a “past quintuplet”, a resumption, that is, pair of geographic, auxiliary and requirements information as well as plan and ancillary information and yields such a resumption “quintuplet” pair of a triplet and a pair.

15 The application of `base_up_fct` to such arguments, i.e., `base_up_fct(b_geo, b_aux, b_req)(b_qui)` yields a “quintuplet” result, a resumption, `((b_geo'', b_aux'', b_req''), (b_pla'', b_anc''))`.

We “explain” the relations between “input” arguments and “output” (as) results:

16 The “input” argument `(geo, aux, req)` is “carried forward”, `(b_geo'', b_aux'', b_req'')`, to be redeposited as part of the result.

17 The main part of the result, `(b_pla'', b_anc'')`, is related, \mathcal{P} , to the input argument including the previous “result”, the resumption.

14 `base_up_fct: bTRI → bQUI → bQUI`
15 `base_up_fct(b_tri)(b_qui) as (b_tri', (b_pla, b_anc))`
16 `b_tri = b_tri' ∧`
17 `$\mathcal{P}_{\text{base}}(b_tri)(b_qui)(b_pla, b_anc)$`

For the time being we shall leave the base urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, that is, $\mathcal{P}_{\text{base}}$, uninterpreted.

3.5. Oracles and Repositories

Oracles are simple behaviours that provide functions (via behaviours) with information. Repositories are simple behaviours that functions (via behaviours) provide with information and which can then “reproduce” this information to continued behaviours (and functions).

3.5.1. The Base 'Input' Oracle

An urban planning oracle, when so requested, will select some information – usually in some non-deterministic fashion, and usually subject to some constraint – and present this information to the requestor, i.e., an urban planning behaviour. In this section, i.e. Sect. 3.5.1, we shall deal with one specific oracle, `b_tri_beh`: one that “assembles” triplets, `b_tri`, of geographic, `b_geo:bGEO`, auxiliary, `b_aux:bAUX`, and requirements, `b_req:bREQ`, information. We introduce a pair of specification components:

- 18 a channel, `b_tri_ch`, over which a base urban planning behaviour, `base_up_beh`, offers to receive triplets, `b_tri:bTRI`, from an oracle, `b_tri_beh`,
 19 and the oracle, `b_tri_beh`, which “remembers” its most recently communicated triplet¹².

channel

18 `b_tri_ch:bTRI`

value

19 `b_tri_beh: (bGEO × bAUX × bREQ) → out b_tri_ch Unit`

20 The oracle assembles (`b_geo:bGEO`, `b_aux:bAUX`, `b_req:bREQ`) a base triplet which satisfies a predicate `b_tri_fit(tri,(b_geo,b_aux,b_req))` – see Item 23.

21 That triplet is offered, `b_tri_ch ! (b_geo,b_aux,b_req)`, to the base urban behaviour –

22 whereupon the oracle resumes being the oracle, now, however, with the recently assembled base triplet as its resumption.

19 `b_tri_beh(tri) ≡`

20 `let b_geo:bGEO, b_aux:bAUX, b_req:bREQ • b_tri_fit(tri,(b_geo,b_aux,b_req)) in`

21 `b_tri_ch ! (b_geo,b_aux,b_req) ;`

22 `b_tri_beh(b_geo,b_aux,b_req)`

19 `end`

24 `pre: b_tri_fit(tri,tri)`

23 The fitness predicate, `b_tri_fit(tri,tri')`, checks whether a “newly” assembled base triplet, `tri`, stands in the relation $\mathcal{P}(tri,tri')$ to a similar base triplet, `tri'`.

24 The fitness predicate holds for `b_tri_fit(tri,tri)`.

25 The oracle, `b_tri_beh`, is initialised with the initial triplet value `b_tri_init`, cf. formula Item 11 on the previous page.

23 `b_tri_fit: bTRI × bTRI → Bool`

23 `b_tri_fit(tri,tri') ≡ P(tri,tri')`

23 `b_tri_beh(b_tri_init): assert: b_tri_fit(b_tri_init,b_tri_init)`

3.5.2. The Base Resumption Repository

The “quintuplet” pair of an (i.e., the “previous”) “input” triple and the previous result pair, (`(b_geo:bGEO,-b_aux:bAUX,-b_req:bREQ)`), (`(b_pla:bPLA,b_anc:bANC)`) — a “quintuplet” which is also the result of each urban planning action — is thought of as residing in a *repository* behaviour, `qui_beh`, which “receives” (`b_qui_ch?`) “quintuplets” from the urban planning behaviour, or “offers” (`b_qui_ch!(b_qui)`) such to the urban planning behaviour.

26 There is therefore a channel, `quin_ch`, between the urban planning behaviour and the “quintuplet” behaviour,

27 `quin_beh`.

28 It either

¹² The oracle is initialised with `b_tri_beh(geo_init,b_aux_init,b_req_init)`.

29 accepts or
 30 offers quintuplets.

channel

```
26 b_qui_ch:bQUI
value
27 b_qui_beh: bQUI → in,out b_qui_ch Unit
27 b_qui_beh(b_qui) ≡
29   b_qui_beh(b_qui_ch?)
28   []
30   b_qui_ch!(b_qui) ; b_qui_beh(b_qui)
```

3.6. A Simple Behavioural Form

Urban planning, however, is a time-consuming “affair”. So we model it as a behaviour.

31 The `base_up_beh_0`¹³ behaviour takes no argument, **Unit**, avails itself of the input channel for obtaining proper input, `b_tri` and `b_qui`, for the base urban function, `base_up_fct`, and output channel, for depositing a resumption, and (then) “goes on forever”, as indicated by **Unit**.
 32 The simple (version of the) `base_up_beh_0` behaviour
 33 obtains the base triplet and the base resumption information,
 34 performs the `base_up_fct` planning function and
 35 provides its result, a resumption, to the base quintuplet repository –
 36 whereupon it reverts to being `base_up_beh_0`.

value

```
31 base_up_beh_0: Unit → in b_tri_ch out b_qui_ch Unit
32 base_up_beh_0() ≡
33   let (b_tri,b_qui) = (b_tri_ch?,b_qui_ch?) in
34   let b_qui = base_up_fct(b_tri)(b_qui) in
35   b_qui_ch ! b_qui end end ;
36   base_up_beh_0()
```

The `base_up_beh_0` behaviour repeatedly “performs” urban planning, “from scratch”, as if new geographical, auxiliary and requirements information was “new” in every re-planning — “ad infinitum”! We now revise `base_up_beh_0` into `base_up_beh_1` — a behaviour “almost” like `base_up_beh_0`, but one which may terminate.

37 `base_up_beh_1`
 38 first behaves like `base_up_beh_0` (Items 33–35)
 39 then checks whether the obtained base resumption is satisfactory, that is, is OK as an end-result of base urban planning.
 40 If so then `base_up_beh_1` terminates,
 41 else it resumes being `base_up_beh_1`.

value

```
37 base_up_beh_1() ≡
38   let b_qui = b_base_up_fct(b_tri_ch?)(b_qui_ch?) in b_qui_ch!b_qui ;
39   if b_qui_satisfactory(b_qui)
40     then skip
41     else base_up_beh_1() end
37   end
```

39 `b_qui_satisfactory`: bQUI → **Bool**

¹³ As there will be several versions, from simple towards more elaborate, of the `base_up_beh` behaviour, we index them.

The `b_qui_satisfactory` predicate inquires the base quintuplet, `b_qui`, as for its suitability as a final candidate for an urban plan¹⁴.

4. Derived Urban Plannings

4.1. Derived Urban Plan Indices

We think of *base* urban planning function, modeled by `base_up_fct`, as being concerned with the overall “division” of the geographical area, land and water, into zones for building, recreation, and other. Aggregations of these zones, one, more or all (usually several), can then be further “[derive] planned” into

- (d_1) light, medium and heavy industry zones,
- (d_2) mixed shopping and residential zones,
- (d_3) apartment bldg. zones,
- \dots , etc., etc.,
- (d_{m-1}) villa zones, and
- (d_m) recreational zones.

Additional forms of derived plannings are:

- (d_{m+1}) transport,
- (d_{m+2}) electricity supply,
- (d_{m+3}) water supply,
- (d_{m+4}) waste management,
- (d_{m+5}) health care,
- (d_{m+6}) fire brigades,
- \dots , etc., etc.,
- (d_n) schools.

We refer to the d_i ’s as derived urban plan indices.

42 We think of this variety of “derived” plannings thus as indexed as hinted at above,
43 and `dups` as the set of all indices.

type

42 `DP == {|d1,d2,...,dn|}`

value

43 `dups:DP-set = {d1,d2,...,dn}`

4.2. A “Reservoir” of Derived Urban Planning Indices

44 To secure that at most one derived planning is initiated we introduce a global variable, `dps_var`, initialised to an empty set of derived planning tokens and updated with the addition of selected DP tokens.

variable

44 `dps_var:DP-set := {}` **comment** `dps_var` denotes a reference

4.3. A Derived Urban Planning Index Selector

45 A function, `sel_dps`, selects zero, one or more DP “fresh” indices, that is, DP tokens that have not been selected before.

value

45 `sel_dps: Unit → DP-set`

45 `sel_dps() ≡ let dps:DP-set•dps⊆dups \ c dps_var in dps_var := c dps_var ∪ dps; dps end`

comment

44 [`c` denotes a contents-taking operator]

We shall revise the above selector in Sect. 4.10.3 on Page 14.

¹⁴ The `b_qui_satisfactory` argument, `b_qui`, embodies not only that plan, but also the basis for its determination.

4.4. The Derived Urban Plan Generator

46 We therefore edit the `base_up_beh_1` behaviour slightly by inserting, “in parallel” (`||`) with the “resumption” of `base_up_beh_1` (cf. Item 41 on Page 9), an internal non-deterministic choice behaviour, `der_up_beh_i()`¹⁵, which selects zero, one or more DP tokens, and initiates corresponding derived planning behaviours, `der_up_beh_i()`, as well as their corresponding “input” triplet oracles, `d_tri_beh_i()` — but only at most once. These derived planning behaviours, `der_up_beh_i`, and “input” triplet oracles, `d_tri_beh_i()` are like `base_up_beh_1`, respectively `b_tri_beh`, only now they are “tuned” to the specific derived planning issues (i.e., i).

value

```
46  der_up: Unit → Unit
46  der_up() ≡ let dps = sel_dps() in ||{der_up_beh_i()||d_tri_beh_i()}|i:DP•i ∈ dps} end
```

We shall introduce the `der_up_beh_i` and `d_tri_beh_i` behaviours below.

4.5. The Revised Base Urban Planning Behaviour

We “take over” the basic structure and definition (“contents”) of the urban planning function and behaviour from that of the base versions.

47 We think of zero, one or more derived plannings (`der_up_beh_1`, `der_up_beh_2`, \dots , `der_up_beh_n`) being initiated after some stage of *base* function, `base_up_fct`, has concluded.

value

```
37"  base_up_beh_d() ≡
41"    let b_qui=base_up_fct(b_geo_ch?,b_aux_ch?,b_req_ch?)(b_qui_ch?) in b_qui_ch!b_qui ;
39"    if base_satisfactory(b_qui_ch?)
37"      then skip
38"      else
47"        der_up() ||
40"        base_up_beh_d() end end
```

4.6. The Derived Urban Planning Functions

An important form of information for each derived urban planning function is the resumption, i.e., the quintuplet information from the base urban behaviour: `bQui`.

48 The new forms of information are: the derived urban planning auxiliary, `dAUXi`, and derived urban planning requirements information, `dREQi`, as well as the derived urban planning plans, `dPLAi`, and their ancillary information, `dANCi`.

49 The primary arguments for the derived urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, is therefore a derived triplet of the base urban planning “quintuplet”, `b_qui:bQUI`, the derived urban planning auxiliary information, `d_auxi:dAUXi`, and the derived urban planning requirements information, `d_reqi:dREQi`,

50 The result of derived urban planning function, `der_up_fct`, as for the base urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, is that of a “quintuplet”, also a resumption, `dQUIi`, of the three primary arguments and

51 the result, a pair of a derived plan, `d_plai`, and derived ancillaries, `d_anci`.

52 As for the base urban planning function, `base_up_fct`, it has a secondary, derived “quintuplet” argument (which, as for `base_up_fct`, helps “kick-start” urban planning). This second argument is the result of a previous application of the `der_up_fct`.

¹⁵ When behaviour and function invocations where the names of these behaviors or functions names are prefixed with `der_`, e.g., `der_name`, and are indexed by some i , i.e., `der_namei`, then we mean the invocation of one specific i indexed behaviour or function from the indexed set of such, as defined by their behaviour and function definitions, see below.

- 53 The derived urban planning function der_up_fct_i signature is therefore that of a function from a triplet of a most recent base quintuplet, derived urban planning auxiliary and derived urban planning requirements information to functions from derived “quintuplet” arguments to derived “quintuplet” results.
- 54 The triplet argument, d_tri_i , and the first part of the result, also a triplet, $\text{d_tri}'_i$, are the same.
- 55 The derived urban planning function der_up_fct_i is further characterised by a predicate, $\mathcal{P}_{\text{der}_i}$, which we leave further undefined.

type

```

48 dAUX1, dAUX2, ..., dAUXn
48 dREQ1, dREQ2, ..., dREQn
48 dPLA1, dPLA2, ..., dPLAn
48 dANC1, dANC2, ..., dANCn
49 dTRIi16 = bQUI × dAUXi × dREQi    [i:DP•i∈dups]
51 dRESi = dPLAi × dANCi          [i:DP•i∈dups]
50 dQUIi = dTRIi × dRESi          [i:DP•i∈dups]

```

value

```

52 der_up_fcti17: dTRIi → dQUIm → dQUIm m: i:DP
53 der_up_fcti(d_trii)(d_quii) as (d_tri'i, d_resi)
54   d_trii = d_tri'i ∧
55   Pderi(d_tri'i, d_resi)

55 Pderi: dTRIi × dRESi → Bool

```

4.7. The Derived Urban Planning Behaviour

- 56 We think of zero, one or more derived plannings ($\text{der_up_beh}_{i_1}, \text{der_up_beh}_{i_2}, \dots, \text{der_up_beh}_{i_m}$) being initiated after some stage of the der_up_fct_i function has concluded.

value

```

37'' der_up_behi() ≡
41''   let d_qui = der_up_fcti(b_geo_ch?, b_aux_ch?, b_req_ch?)(b_qui_ch?) in d_qui_ch[i]!d_qui ;
39''   if der_satisfactoryi(d_qui_ch[i]?)
37''     then skip
38''     else
56       der_up() ||
40''       der_up_behi() end end

```

4.8. The Derived Resumption Repository

4.8.1. The Consolidated Derived Resumption Map

- 57 The derived urban planning functions (and thus behaviours) operate, not on simple resumptions, as do the base urban planning functions (and behaviours), but on the aggregation of all derived functions’ (etc.) quintuplets, that is, an indexed set of quintuplets – modeled as a derived resumptions map.

type

```

57 dQUIm = DP  $\xrightarrow{m}$  dQUIi

```

4.8.2. The Consolidated Derived Resumption Repository Channel

- 58 Communications between the individual derived urban planning behaviours and the consolidated derived resumption repository are via an indexed set of channels communicating derived resumptions maps.

modeled as a channel being inquired: `b_geo_ch?`; the auxiliary information, here modeled as a channel being inquired: `b_aux_ch?`; and the requirements information, here modeled as a channel being inquired: `b_req_ch?`. To each of these three kinds of queries there are therefor corresponding channels: one for the base urban planning geodetic, geotechnical, meteorological, etc., source of information, and one + n channels for both the auxiliary and the requirements information for both the base and the full set of derived urban planning projects. Here n is the number of all foreseen derived urban plannings. The planning behaviours, both the base and the derived, invoke respective urban planning functions, and these produce, such as we have modeled them, quintuplets of information, which are deposited with respective quintuplet repository behaviours: the base quintuplet repository behaviour, and the derived quintuplet repository behaviour — which maintains these quintuplets for all (invoked and thus ongoing) derived urban planning projects. We kindly ask you to review Fig. 2 on the previous page. All you have to ‘master’ is the fact that there is one base urban planning project, with its repository of base urban planning “quintuplets”, and between 0 and n derived urban planning projects, with their shared, derived urban planning “quintuplets”, Then there are the channels: the query (input) channels providing auxiliary and requirements information to both the one base urban planning project and the n derived urban planning projects; and the query/repository channels providing “quintuplet” aggregated information to the base urban planning project, as well as “quintuplet” aggregated information to the derived urban planning projects. Finally there are the “global” value representing the index set of derived urban planning indices, and variable which holds the index set of derived urban planning indices of ongoing derived urban planning projects.

4.10. Revised Selection of Derived Urban Plannings

4.10.1. Review

The derived urban planning generator function, `der_up`, cf. Item 46 on Page 11,

value

46 `der_up: Unit → Unit`

46 `der_up() ≡ let dps = sel_dps() in ||{der_up_behi()||d_tri_behi()|i:DP•i ∈ dps} end`

was invoked with no arguments, `der_up()`, cf. Item 47 on Page 11 and Item 56 on Page 12

47 `der_up() || [respectively]`

56 `der_up() ||`

4.10.2. A Potential Derived Urban Plan Indices Selector

Selection of potential derived urban planning indices was therefore rather arbitrary. We now let the selection depend on the aggregated resumption state of all (ongoing and) derived urban planning behaviours.

60 Function `sel_dups` examines either the base resumption or the aggregated resumption state of all (ongoing and) derived urban planning behaviours and yields a set of derived urban planning indices.

61 How it does that is, of course, not defined here.

value

60 `sel_dups: (bQUI|dQUIm) → DP-set`

61 `sel_dups(dquim) ≡ ...`

4.10.3. A Revised Derived Urban Plan Index Set Selector

62 We revise the derived urban plan index selector function given earlier, cf. Item 45 on Page 10. A function, `sel_dps`, selects zero, one or more DP “fresh” indices, that is, DP tokens that have not been selected before.

value

62 `sel_dps: DP-set → DP-set`

62 `sel_dps(dups) ≡ let dps:DP-set•dps ⊆ dups ∩ dups \ c dps_var in dps_var := c dps_var ∪ dps; dps end`

4.10.4. Revision of Derived Urban Plan Invocation

We need to revise the two occurrences of `der_up()` – in the base urban planning behaviour, and in the (indexed set of) derived urban planning behaviours. Thus

```
47         der_up() || [respectively]
56         der_up() ||
```

is to be replaced by:

```
47         der_up(b_qui_ch?) || ... [respectively]
56         der_up(d_qui_ch[i]?) || ...
```

4.11. The Urban Planning System

63 Finally we can define an urban planning development as a system of concurrent behaviours:

- the base urban planning behaviour,
- the base “quintuplet” repository and
- the derived and consolidate “quintuplet” repository

value

```
63 up_sys: Unit → Unit
63 up_sys() ≡ base_up_beh() || b_qui_beh(b_qui_init) || d_qui_beh(d_qui_m)
```

Recall that the derived urban planning behaviours as well as the derived triplet behaviours are started by the base as well as the derived urban planning behaviours.

5. Further Work

5.1. Reasoning About Deadlock, Starvation, Livelock and Liveness

The current author is quite unhappy about the way in which he has defined the urban planning, oracle and repository behaviours. Such issues as which invariants are maintained across behaviours are not addressed. In fact, it seems to be good practice, following Dijkstra, Lamport and others, to formulate appropriate such invariants and then “derive” behaviour definitions accordingly. In a rewrite of this research note, if ever, into a proper paper, the current author hopes to follow proper practices.

5.2. Urban Planning Project Management

In this research note we have focused on the urban planning project behaviours, their interactions, and their information “passing”. Usually publications about urban planning: research papers, technical papers, survey papers, etcetera, focus on specific “functions”. In this research note we do not. Such “functions” are, in this note, embodied in

- `b_tri_fit` (formula Item 23 on Page 8),
- `base_up_fct` (formula Item 14 on Page 7 and Item 34 on Page 9),
- `base_satisfactory` (formula Item 39 on Page 9),
- `der_satisfactoryi` (formula Item 39 on Page 9) and
- `der_up_fcti` (formula Item 52 on Page 11).

We focus instead on what we can say about the domain of urban planning: the fact, or the possibility, that an initial, a core, here referred to as a base, urban planning effort (i.e., project, hence behaviour) can “spew off”, generate, a number of (derived, i.e., in some sense subsidiary), more specialised, urban planning projects.

MORE TO COME

5.3. Document Handling

5.4. Information Categories

Urban planning consumes information and produces urban planning documents, i.e., plans — referred to in Sects. 3–4 as information (“contained” in triplets and in quintuplets).

type

1	bGEO	48	dAUX ₁ , dAUX ₂ , ..., dAUX _n	
2	bAUX	48	dREQ ₁ , dREQ ₂ , ..., dREQ _n	
3	bREQ	48	dPLA ₁ , dPLA ₂ , ..., dPLA _n	
4	bPLA	48	dANC ₁ , dANC ₂ , ..., dANC _n	
5	bANC	49	dTRI _i = bQUI × dAUX _i × dREQ _i	[i:DP • i∈dups]
6	bTRI = bGEO × bAUX × bREQ	51	dRES _i = dPLA _i × dANC _i	[i:DP • i∈dups]
7	bRES = bPLA × bANC	50	dQUI _i = dTRI _i × dRES _i	[i:DP • i∈dups]
8	bQUI = bTRI × bRES	57	dQUI _m = DP \overrightarrow{m} dQUI _i	[i:DP • i∈dups]

6. Conclusion

TO BE WRITTEN

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A. A Document System

A.1. The System

- 64 From a document system
 65 one can observe an aggregate of documents
 66 and an aggregate of document handlers.
 67 From an aggregate of documents one can observe a set of documents.
 68 From an aggregate of document handlers one can observe a set of document handlers.

type	67 DOC, DOCS = DOC-set
64 DS	value
65 ADS	67 obs_DOCS: ADS → DOCS
66 AHS	type
value	68 HAN, HANS = HAN-set
65 obs_ADS: DS → ADS	value
66 obs_AHS: DS → AHS	68 obs_HANS: AHS → HANS
type	

A.2. Time

- 69 We postulate a notion of time, one that covers both a calendar date (from before Christ up till now and beyond). But we do not specify any concrete type (i.e., format such as: YY:MM:DD, HH:MM:SS).
 70 And we postulate a notion of (signed) time interval — between two times (say: ±YY:MM:DD:HH:MM:SS).
 71 Then we postulate some operations on time: Adding a time interval to a time obtaining a time; subtracting one time from another time obtaining a time interval, multiplying a time interval with a natural number; etc.
 72 And we postulate some relations between times and between time intervals.

type	
69. TIME	
70. TIME_INTERVAL	
value	
71. add: TIME_INTERVAL × TIME → TIME	
71. sub: TIME × TIME → TIME_INTERVAL	
71. mpy: TIME_INTERVAL × Nat → TIME_INTERVAL	
72. <, ≤, =, ≠, ≥, >: ((TIME × TIME) (TIME_INTERVAL × TIME_INTERVAL)) → Bool	

A.3. Unique Identification

- 73 From a document one can observe its/a unique [document] identifier.
 74 From a handler one can observe its/a unique [handler] identifier.

type	value
73. DI	73. uid_DI: DOC \rightarrow DI
74. HI	74. uid_HI: HAN \rightarrow HI

A.4. Documents

A.4.1. Attributes

From documents one can observe:

75 the “most current” textual⁴⁶ “contents”, txt:TXT:

type	value
75 TXT	75 attr_TXT: DOC \rightarrow TXT.

76 We can refer to a position in any text.

77 A pair of proper and ascending text positions delineate a text.

type	value
76 Pos	
77 delineate: TXT \rightarrow (Pos \times Pos) $\xrightarrow{\sim}$ TXT	
77 delineate(txt)(p1,p2) as txt'	
77 pre: proper_txt_pos(p1)(txt) \wedge proper_txt_pos(p2)(txt) \wedge ascending_txt_pos(p1,p2)(txt)	
77 proper_txt_pos: Pos \rightarrow TXT \rightarrow Bool	
77 proper_txt_pos(p)(txt) as ...	
77 ascending_txt_pos: (Pos \times Pos) \rightarrow TXT \rightarrow Bool	
77 ascending_txt_pos(p1,p2)(txt) as ... pre: proper_txt_pos(p1)(txt) \wedge proper_txt_pos(p2)(txt)	

76 From document we further observe pairs of

77 editing functions, edf:EDIT, which was “most recently” applied to the (predecessor) of a document text, txt:TXT, if any, and

78 undo functions, undo:UNDO, which “bring back” the document text, txt:TXT, which was edited.

79 Hence we can postulate a predicate, was_edited, which, when applied to a document that has been edited, yields **true**, otherwise **false**.

80 An axiom expresses that the composition of the an undo function with its “corresponding” edit function designates the identity function.

type	value
77 EDIT = TXT \rightarrow TXT	
78 UNDO = TXT \rightarrow TXT	
value	
76 attr_undo_edit: DOC \rightarrow (UNDO \times EDIT)	
79 edited: DOC \rightarrow Bool	
axiom	
80 \forall doc:DOC • edited(doc) \Rightarrow let txt=attr_TXT(doc), (u,e)=attr_undo_edit(doc) in e(u(txt))=txt end	

81 From a document we can observe the time at which the most recent operation was performed on that document:

⁴⁶ By text we mean text as in a book of fiction: novel or poetry, as in a mathematics text monograph or lecture notes, or we mean graphics, as in a geographic map, or in a visualisation of scientific data, or we mean tables of data as in a statistics yearbook, or we mean any form of combinations of these forms of text.

value 81. attr_TIME: DOC \rightarrow TIME

82 And we can observe the identity of the handler who most recently performed an operation on a document:

value 82. attr_HI: DOC \rightarrow HI

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A.4.2. A Meta-linguistic “Trick”

85 Let attr_fcts designate the set of all the attribute observers defined on documents.

86 Let attr_fct denote a specific one of these attribute observers.

87 Then by

- attr_fcts \ {attr_fct}

we shall mean the set attr_fcts without (say “minus”) the element attr_fct.

88 Now, if we were to express that two documents, doc' and doc'' are identical except for their unique identifiers and except for a given attribute observer, say attr_XYZ, then we would write

- doc' / {attr_XYZ} = doc'' / {attr_XYZ}, i.e.: $\forall f \in \text{attr_fcts} \setminus \{\text{attr_XYZ}\} \cdot f(\text{doc}') = f(\text{doc}'')$

A.5. Handlers

A.5.1. Attributes

A.5.2. Operations

A.6. Behaviours

A.6.1. Generic Behaviours

We can, according to [39, Manifest Domains: Analysis & Description] “equate” parts (i.e., aggregates of documents and handlers, and document and handlers, as parts, respectively composite and atomic) with behaviours. So we shall introduce document and, later, handler behaviours. Document (and handler) behaviours are uniquely identified by document (respectively handler) identifiers.

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89 parti: Static_Attrs  $\rightarrow$  Programmable_Attrs  $\rightarrow$ 
90   in {i_ch[j]|j:J•i∈Jx(i)}, out {o_ch[k]|k:K•j∈Kx(i)} Unit
91 parti(sai1, ..., saim)(pai1, ..., pain) ≡
91a   let pa'i1 = Pi1(sai1, ..., saim)(pai1, ..., pain),
91b   ...,
91c   pa'in = Pin(sai1, ..., saim)(pai1, ..., pain) in
92   Qi(i_ch[f(i)], o_ch[g(i)])(sai1, ..., saim)(pa'i1, ..., pa'in) ;
93   parti(sai1, ..., saim)(pa'i1, ..., pa'in) end

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89 part_i is the name of a generic behaviour. It has a number of arguments:

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