

# DOMAIN ANALYSIS & DESCRIPTION

## THE METHOD

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## The Triptych Dogma

In order to *specify* **Software**, we must understand its **Requirements**.

In order to *prescribe* **Requirements** we must understand the **Domain**.

So we must **study, analyze and describe Domains**.

$$\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{S} \models \mathbb{R}:$$

In **proofs** of **Software** correctness,  
with respect to **Requirements**,  
**assumptions** are made with respect to the **Domain**

# 1 Domains

## Characterization 1 Domain:

- By a *domain* we shall understand
  - \* a *rationally describable* segment of
  - \* a *discrete dynamics* fragment of
  - \* a *human directed & assisted* reality:
    - \* the world that we daily observe
    - \* in which we work and act –
    - \* a reality made significant by human-created entities ■

## Characterization versus Definition

- It is important to observe that we use the term ‘characterization’ and not the term ‘definition’.
- The reason is the following:
  - \* The describable concepts of the domains that we wish to delineate / encircle are not formal.
  - \* Were they formal, then we could use the term ‘definition’.
  - \* The aim of a ‘domain description’ is to formalize an instance of a domain.
  - \* But the formal instances do not mean that the underlying concepts are formal.

## An Aside: From Algorithmics to Domains

- “In the beginning” there were **algorithms**
- About 1948 came the von Neumann **computers**
- 1960s: Focus was on **software** implementing algorithms on data
- Late 1970s” **requirements**
- 2010s: **domain engineering**

**Domain Engineers face the IDomain.**

– **end of an aside**

## Informal Example 1 **Some Domain Examples:**<sup>1</sup>

- **Rivers:** sources, deltas, tributaries, waterfalls, etc., and their man-made dams, harbours, locks, etc. – and their conveyage of materials (ships, barges, etc.) [4, *Chapter B*].
- **Road nets:** street segments and intersections, traffic lights and automobiles – and the flow of these, etc [4, *Chapter E*].
- **Pipelines:** liquids (oil, gas, or water), wells, pipes, valves, pumps, forks, joins and wells and the flow of fluids, etc. [4, *Chapter I*].
- **Container terminals:** – container vessels, containers, cranes, trucks, etc. – and the movement of these [4, *Chapter K*]
- **Retailing:** customers, shops, distributors, manufacturers, ... ■

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<sup>1</sup> Some examples are informal, as is this, some are “formal”. We shall alert You to the formal ones!

- Characterization 1 relies on the understanding of the terms

\* ‘**rationally**’

\* ‘**discrete**’

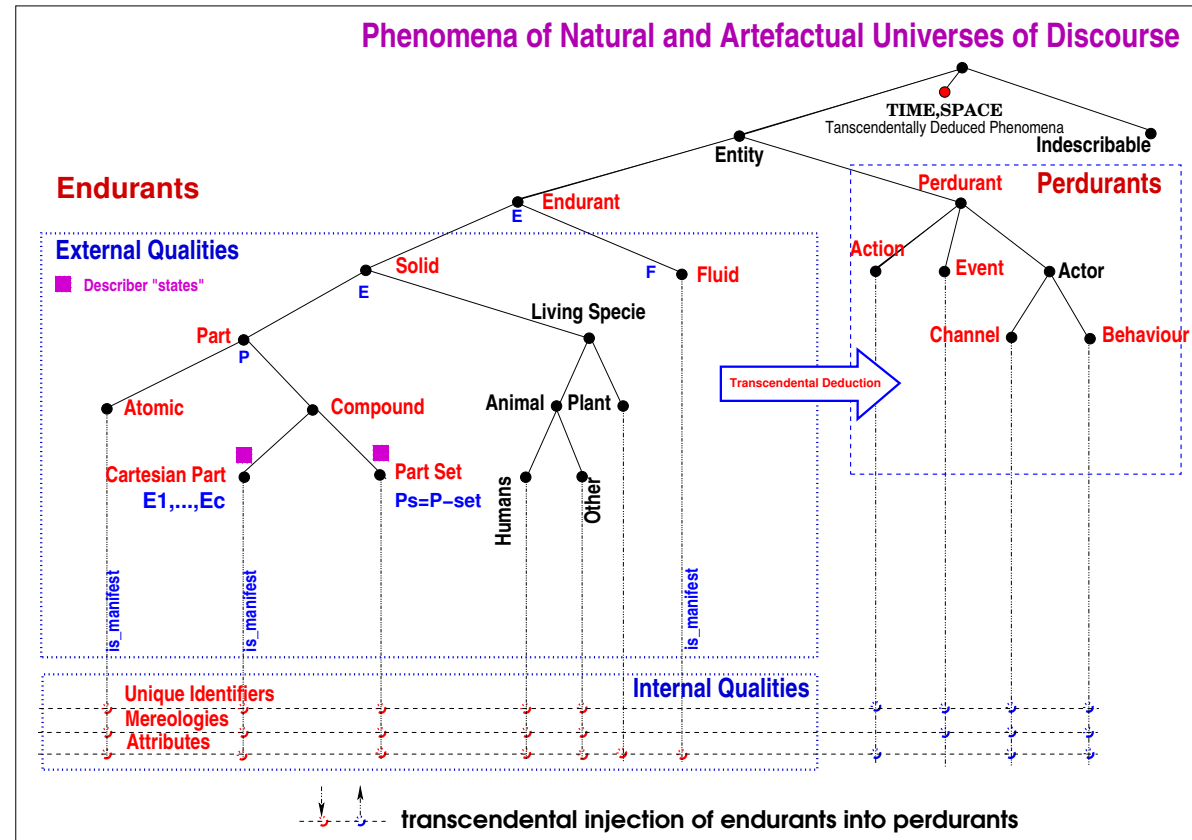
\* ‘**human**’

- By **rationally describable** we mean that what is described can be understood, including reasoned about, in a rational, that is, logical manner – in other words **logically tractable**.
- By **discrete dynamics** we imply that we shall basically rule out such domain phenomena which have properties which are continuous with respect to their time-wise, i.e., dynamic, behaviour.
- By **human-directed & assisted** we mean that the domains – that we are interested in modeling – have, as an important property, that they possess man-made and utilized entities.

## 2 A Domain Modeling Analysis & Description Ontology

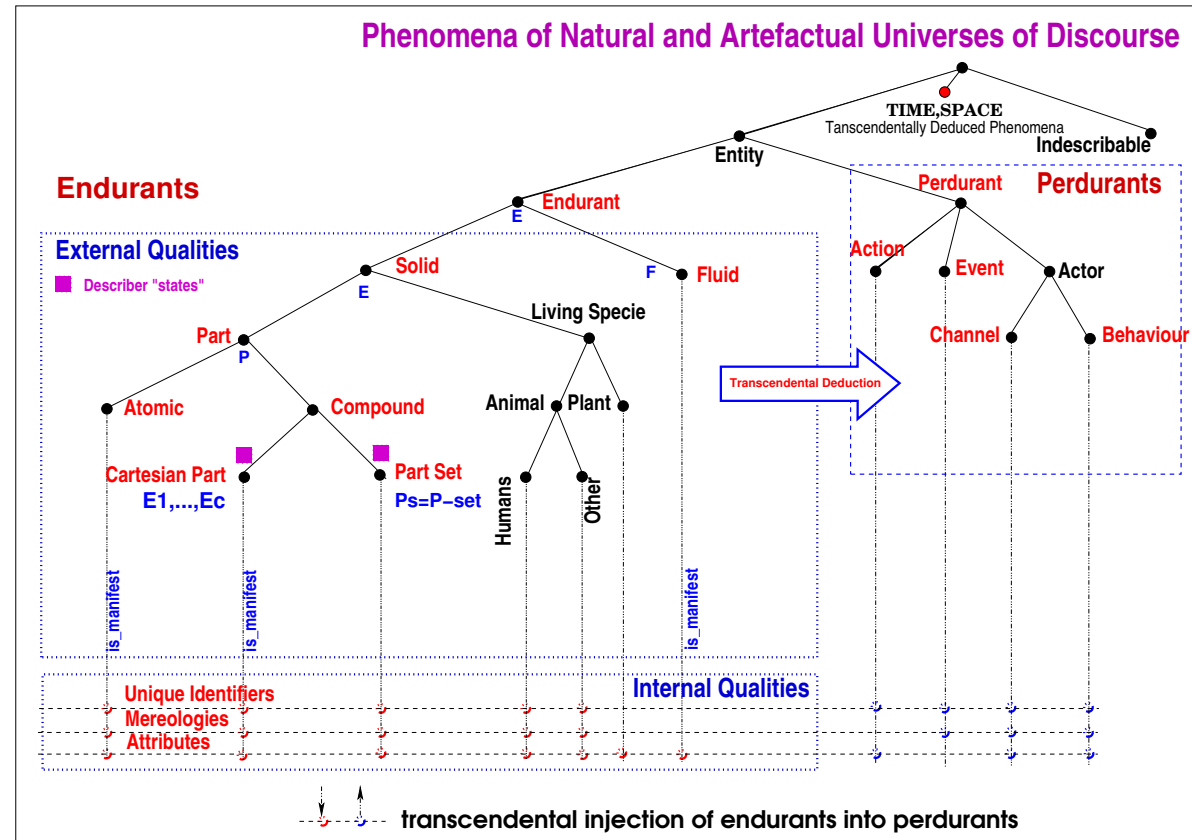
- So how do we approach analyzing and describing the kind of domains that we attempted to outline above?
- We propose an altogether new approach.
- It is partly motivated by the philosophy of Kai Sørlander, a Danish philosopher [6].
- The approach, as already revealed in the **abstract**, consists of
  - \* inquiring, when You, as a domain analyzer cum describer,
  - \* physically observe a domain and mentally reflect on
  - \* what You observe in that domain:
    - \* which are the phenomena;
    - \* which of these are rationally describable, i.e., are entities,
    - \* and, of the entities,
      - which are endurants, i.e., somehow “statically” observable, and
      - which are perdurants, i.e., somehow “dynamically” observable, etc.





## A Domain Modeling Analysis & Description Ontology

I/We shall dwell on this diagram – for some time !



## A Domain Modeling Analysis & Description Ontology

### 3 Phenomena and Entities. Endurants and Perdurants

- They are “things” in domains we can rationally describe,
- and there are “things” we cannot, at present, rationally describe.

## 3.1 Phenomena

### Characterization 2 Phenomena:

- By a *phenomenon*  
we shall understand a fact  
that is observed to exist or happen ■
- Some phenomena are rationally describable
- – to some degree –
- others are not.

**Informal Example 2 Phenomena:** For a transport domain we identify the following phenomena:

- *trains,*
- *unpleasant smell of automobile exhaust,*
- *the flight of an aircraft* ■

## 3.2 Entities

### Characterization 3 Entities:

- By an entity an *entity*
- we shall understand a [more-or-less]
- rationally describable phenomenon ■

### Informal Example 3 Entities:

- For a transport domain we identify the following entities:
  - \* *the way bill* and *bill of lading* for a transport,
  - \* the *inquiry* as to a transport of specific goods,
  - \* the *departure* of a train ■

- **Prompt 1 is\_entity( $\phi$ ):**
  - \* **is\_entity( $\phi$ )** holds
  - \* for phenomenon  $\phi$
  - \* if  $\phi$  is describable ■
  
- By a **prompt** (*cue*<sup>2</sup>, *schlüsselwörter*, *mots-clés*, *spunto*, ...) we shall here understand:
  - \* a mental note –
  - \* something for the domain analyze & describer to do –
  - \* according to the domain analysis & description ontology.

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<sup>2</sup> **cue:** thing said or done that serves as a signal to an actor or other performer to enter or to begin their speech or performance.



### 3.3 Endurants

#### Characterization 4 Endurants:

- Endurants are those quantities of domains
- that we can observe (see and touch),
- in *space*,
- as “complete” entities at no matter which point in *time*
- – “material” entities that persists, endures – capable of enduring adversity, severity, or hardship [Merriam Webster] ■

- **Endurants** are
  - \* either *natural* [“God-given”]
  - \* or *artefactual* [“man-made”];
- and
  - \* either **solid**
  - \* or **fluid**;
- and
  - \* either *manifest*,
  - \* or *conceptual*;
- and
  - \* either *mobile*,
  - \* or *immobile* –
  - \* or are *immobile* but can be moved!

**Informal Example 4 Endurants:** In a transport domain we can identify the following endurants:

- *streets,*
- *street intersections,*
- *automobiles,*
- *trucks,*
- *buses,*
- *rails,*
- *trains,*
- *sea,*
- *container vessels, air and*
- *aircraft* ■

Endurants are:

- **“God-given” vs. Man-made:**

- \* Lakes, rivers, mountains, fish, and roses – are “God-given”.
- \* Roads, automobiles and aircraft – are man-made.

- **Solid vs. Fluid:**

- \* An automobile and a mountain is solid.
- \* The milk in a carton, and the water in a lake is fluid.

- **Manifest vs. Conceptual:**

- \* An automobile is manifest.
- \* The “assembly” of automobiles and roads is seen as conceptual.

- **Mobile vs. Immobile:**

- \* A ship is mobile.
- \* A road is immobile.
- \* Most cargo on a ship, or on-shore, is immobile – but can be moved!

- **Prompt 2** `is_endurant(e):`
  - \* `is_endurant` holds
  - \* for entity `e`
  - \* if `e` is an endurant ■
  - \* **pre:** `is_entity(e)`

## 3.4 **Perdurants**

### **Characterization 5 Perdurants:**

- Perdurants are those quantities of domains
- for which only a fragment exists,
- in *space*,
- if we look at or touch them at any given snapshot in *time* ■

**Perdurants** are here considered to be

- *actions*,
- *events* and
- *behaviours*.

**Informal Example 5** **Perdurants:** In a transport domain we can identify the following perdurants:

- *moving automobiles,*
- *moving trucks,*
- *moving trains,*
- *moving ships,*
- *moving aircraft.* ■

- **Prompt 3** `is_perdurant(e):`
  - \* `is_perdurant(e)` holds
  - \* for entity `e`
  - \* if `e` is a perdurant ■
  - \* **pre:** `is_entity(e)`



## 4 External and Internal Endurant Qualities

**Characterization 6 External Qualities:** External qualities of endurants of a manifest domain

- are, in a simplifying sense, those we can
  - \* see,
  - \* touch and
  - \* have spatial extent.
- They, so to speak, “take form”.

## Informal Example 6 External Qualities:

- the Cartesian
    - \* of sets of solid atomic street intersections, and
    - \* of sets of solid atomic street segments, and
    - \* of sets of solid automobiles
- of a road transport system reflect external qualities ■

## Characterization 7 **Internal Qualities:** Internal qualities are

- those properties [of endurants]
- that do not occupy *space*
- but can
  - \* be measured
  - \* or spoken about
  - \* or have occurred ■

## Informal Example 7 Internal Qualities:

- the distinct identity of each automobile;
- the [mereological] relations between street segments [links] and intersections [hubs];
- the position of an automobile on a street segment;
- the state of a hub: **green—red ■**

## 5 External Qualities

- External qualities of endurants are, simplifying, those
  - \* that we can see and touch
  - \* and which have spatial extent.

## 5.1 The Universe of Discourse

The “outermost” quality of a domain is the “entire” domain – “itself” !

- Any domain analysis starts by identifying that “entire” domain !
- We give it a name, say **UoD**, for *universe of discourse*,
- We describe it, in *narrative* form,  
that is, in natural language  
containing terms of professional/technical nature, the domain.
- Finally, *formalizing* just the name:  
giving the name “status” of being a type name,  
that is, of the type of a class of domains  
whose further properties will be described subsequently.

## Schema 1 *The Universe of Discourse*

### **Narration:**

The name, and hence the type, of the domain is UoD

The UoD domain can be briefly characterized by ■■■

### **Formalization:**

type UoD ■

## Formal Example 1 Multi-modal Transport: <sup>3</sup>

### Narration:

The domain is that of a road traffic system, **RT**  
 of passengers, **P**,  
 by automobiles, **A**, which **move** along a road net, **RN**.  
 Passengers **embark** and **disembark** merchandise at hubs, **H**,  
 and **travel** along links, **L** of the road net.  
 Etcetera, etcetera.

### Formalization:

type

**RT, P, A, RN, H, L, ...**

value

**move, embark, disembark, travel, ...**

axiom

[The road net is connected, ...] ■

<sup>3</sup> This example is listed as ‘formal’ – although it is mostly “sketchy informal” !



## 5.2 Solid Endurants

Given then that there are endurants  
we now postulate that they are either [mutually exclusive]

- *solid* (i.e., discrete)
- or *fluid*.

## Characterization 8 Solid Endurants:

- By a *solid* endurant
  - \* we shall understand an endurant
  - \* which is separate, individual or distinct in form or concept, or, rephrasing,
  - \* have body (or magnitude) of three-dimensions:
    - \* length/height,
    - \* breadth/width and
    - \* depth ■

**Informal Example 8 Solid Endurants of a Pipeline System:** Some are:

- wells,
- pipes,
- pigs,
- valves,
- pumps,
- forks,
- joins and
- sinks ■

## Prompt 4 `is_solid`:

- `is_solid(e)` holds
- for endurant `e`
- if `e` is solid ■
- **pre:** `is_endurant(e)`

## 5.3 Fluids

### Characterization 9 Fluid Endurants:

- By a *fluid endurant* we shall understand an endurant which is
  - \* prolonged, without interruption,
  - \* in an unbroken series or pattern;or, rephrasing:
  - \* a substance (liquid, gas or plasma)
  - \* having the property of flowing,
  - \* consisting of particles that move among themselves ■

**Informal Example 9 Fluid Endurants:** Examples of fluid endurants are:

- *water,*
- *oil,*
- *gas,*
- *compressed air,*
- *smoke* ■

- Fluids are otherwise
  - \* liquid,
  - \* gaseous,
  - \* plasmatic,
  - \* granular, or
  - \* plant products,
  - \* et cetera.

## Prompt 5 `is_fluid`:

- `is_fluid(e)` holds
- for endurant `e`
- if `e` is fluid ■
- **pre:** `is_endurant(e)`



## 5.4 Parts and Living Species Endurants

- Given then that there are solid endurants
  - \* we now postulate that [mutually exclusive] they are
  - \* either *parts*
  - \* or *living species*.

### 5.4.1 **Parts**

- **Characterization 10 Parts:**

- \* The non-living-species solids are what we shall call parts ■
- Parts are the “work-horses” of man-made domains.

## Informal Example 10 **Parts:** *Pipeline Units:*

- wells,
- pumps,
- pipes,
- pigs,
- valves,
- forks,
- sinks ■

## Prompt 6 `is_part`:

- `is_part(e)` holds
- for solid endurants `e`
- if `e` is a part ■
- **pre:** `is_solid(e)`

### 5.4.2 **Atomic and Compound Parts**

- We distinguish between atomic and compound parts.
- It is an empirical fact that
- parts can be composed from parts.
- That possibility exists.
- Hence we can [philosophy-wise] reason likewise.

### 5.4.2.1 Atomic Parts

#### Characterization 11 Atomic Part:

- By an *atomic part*
- we shall understand a part
- which the domain analyzer considers to be indivisible
- in the sense of not meaningfully consist of sub-parts ■

## Informal Example 11 Atomic Parts:

- hubs,  $H$ , i.e., street intersections
- links,  $L$ , i.e., the roads between two neighbouring hubs
- automobiles,  $A$  ■

## Prompt 7 `is_atomic`:

- `is_atomic(p)` to hold
- for parts `p` if
- `p` is atomic ■
- **pre:** `is_part(e)`



### 5.4.2.2 Compound Parts

#### Characterization 12 Compound Part:

- Compound parts
- are those which are observed to
- consist of several parts ■

#### Informal Example 12 Compound Parts:

- A **road net** consists of a **Cartesian** of
  - a **set of hubs**, i.e., street intersections or “end-of-streets”, and
  - a **set of links**, i.e., street segments (with no contained hubs) ■

## Prompt 8 `is_compound`:

- `is_compound(p)` holds
- for parts `p`
- if `p` is a compound ■
- **pre:** `is_part(e)`

## — Cartesians

### Characterization 13 Cartesians:

- Cartesian parts are those compound parts which are
  - \* observed to consist of two or more
  - \* distinctly sort-named endurants (solids or fluids) ■

## Formal Example 2 Road Transport: <sup>4</sup>

Narrative:

1. A road transport, **rt:RT**, is abstracted as a Cartesian of
2. a road net, **RN** and
3. an aggregate of automobiles, **SA** –
4. where the road net is a Cartesian of a set of hubs, **AH**,
5. and a set of links, **AL**.
6. An aggregate of automobiles is a set of automolbiles.
7. Automobiles are here considered atomic.

Formalization:

**type**

1. **RT**
2. **RN**
3. **SA**
4. **AH = H-set**
5. **AL = L-set**
6. **AS = A-set**

7. **A**

**value**

2. **obs\_RN: RT → RN**
3. **obs\_SA: RT → SA**
4. **obs\_AH: RN → AH**
5. **obs\_AL: RN → AL**
6. **obs\_AS: SA → AS** ■

<sup>4</sup> This example is 'formal' in the sense that it adheres to the *narrative/RSL formalization* dogma.

## Prompt 9 `is_Cartesian`:

- `is_Cartesian(p)` holds
- for compound parts `p`
- if `p` is Cartesian ■
- **pre:** `is_compound(e)`

- A Cartesian part, say  $p:P$ , consists of two or more endurants.
- Which are the type names of the endurants of which it consists?
- The inquiry: `record_Cartesian_part_type_names(p:P)`,
- yields the *type names* of the constituent endurants.

### Prompt 10 **record-Cartesian-part-type-names:**

value

`record_Cartesian_part_type_names: P  $\rightarrow$  T-set`

`record_Cartesian_part_type_names(p) as  $\{\eta E_1, \eta E_2, \dots, \eta E_n\}$  ■`

- Here
  - \*  $T$  is the **name** of the type of all type names, and
  - \*  $\eta E_i$  is the **name** of type  $E_i$ .

## Informal Example 13 Cartesian Parts:

- The Cartesian parts of a road transport,  $rt:RT$ , consists of
  - \* an aggregate of a road net,  $rn:RN$ , and
  - \* an aggregate set of automobiles,  $sa:SA$ :
- That is:
  - \*  $\text{record\_Cartesian\_part\_type\_names}(rt:RT) = \{\eta_{RN}, \eta_{SA}\}$
  - \*  $\text{record\_Cartesian\_part\_type\_names}(rn:RN) = \{\eta_{AH}, \eta_{AL}\}$  ■

## — Part Sets

### Characterization 14 Part Sets:

- Part sets are those compound parts
- which are observed to consist of
- an indefinite number of zero, one or more parts ■



## Prompt 11 `is_part_set` :

- `is_part_set(p)` to holds
- for compound parts `e`
- if `e` is a part set ■
- **pre:** `is_compound(e)`

- The inquiry: `record_part_set_part_type_names`,
- yields the (single) type of the constituent parts.

**Prompt 12** `record-part-set-part-type-names:`

value

```
record_part_set_part_type_names: E → TPs × TP
record_part_set_part_type_names(e:E) as (η Ps, η P) ■
```

**Example 1. Part Sets: Road Transport:** The road transport contains a set of automobiles.

- The part set type name has been chosen to be **SA**.
  - \* It is then determined (i.e., analyzed)
  - \* that **SA** is a set of Automobile of type **A**

\* `record_part_set_part_type_names(sa:SA) = ( $\eta$  As,  $\eta$  A)`

### 5.4.2.3 Compound Observers

**Prompt 13** `describe_compound(p): P → RSL-Text:`

value

let  $\{\eta P_1, \eta P_2, \dots, \eta P_n\} = \text{record\_Cartesian\_part\_type\_names}(e:E)$  in

“ type

P1, P2, ..., Pn;

value

**obs\_P1**:  $E \rightarrow P_1$ , **obs\_P2**:  $E \rightarrow P_2$ , ..., **obs\_Pn**:  $E \rightarrow P_n$  ”

let  $(\eta P_s, \eta P) = \text{record\_part\_set\_part\_type\_names}(e:E)$  in

“ type

P,  $P_s = P\text{-set}$ ,

value

**obs\_Ps**:  $E \rightarrow P_s$  ”

end end ■

## 5.5 States

### Characterization 15 States:

- By a *state*
- we shall mean any subset of the parts of a domain ■

## Formal Example 3 Road Transport State:

8. There is the set of all hubs,
9. and the set of all links,
10. and the set of all automobiles.
11. The union of these form a state.

### variable

8.  $hs:AH := \mathbf{obs\_AH(obs\_RN(rt))}$
9.  $ls:AL := \mathbf{obs\_AL(obs\_RN(rt))}$
10.  $as:SA := \mathbf{obs\_AS(obs\_SA(rt))}$
11.  $\sigma:(H|L|A)\text{-set} := hs \cup ls \cup as$  ■

## 5.6 Summary of Endurant Prompts

### 5.6.1 Analysis Prompts

- is\_entity
- is\_endurant
- is\_perdurant
- is\_solid
- is\_fluid
- is\_part
- is\_atomic
- is\_compound
- is\_Cartesian
- is\_part\_set

### 5.6.2 Description Prompts

- record\_Cartesian\_part\_type\_names
- record\_part\_set\_part\_type\_names
- describe\_compound: Cartesians, Part Sets

## 6 Internal Qualities – Intangibles

**Characterization 16 Internal Qualities:** Internal qualities are

- those properties [of endurants]
- that do not occupy *space*
- but can be measured or spoken about ■

**Example 2. Internal qualities:**

- Examples of internal qualities are
  - \* **uid\_**: the *unique identity* of a part,
  - \* **mereo\_**: the *mereological relation* of parts to other parts, and
  - \* **attr\_**: the attribute query of endurants ■



## 6.1 Unique Identity

### Characterization 17 Unique Identity:

- An immaterial property
- that distinguishes
- any two *spatially* distinct solids.
- The unique identity of a part **p** of type **P** is obtained by the postulated observer **uid<sub>P</sub>**:

## Schema 2 Describe-Unique-Identity-Part-Observer:

```
“ type  
  P,PI  
value  
  uid_P:  $P \rightarrow PI$  ” ■
```

- Here  $PI$  is the type of the unique identifiers of parts of type  $P$ .

## Formal Example 4 Unique Road Transport Identifiers:

- 12. Each hub has a unique identifier,
- 13. each link has a unique identifier, and
- 14. each automobile has a unique identifier.

### type

- 12.  $H_I$
- 13.  $L_I$
- 14.  $A_I$

### value

- 12. **uid\_H**:  $H \rightarrow H_I$
- 13. **uid\_L**:  $L \rightarrow L_I$
- 14. **uid\_A**:  $A \rightarrow A_I$  ■

### Schema 3 Describe-Unique-Identifiers:

```

let  $\{\eta P_1, \eta P_2, \dots, \eta P_n\} = \text{record\_domain\_part\_type\_names}(p:P)$  in
  “ type
    P1l, P2l, ..., Pnl;
  value
    uid_P1:  $P_1 \rightarrow P_{1l}$ , uid_P2:  $P_2 \rightarrow P_{2l}$ , ..., uid_Pn:  $P_n \rightarrow P_{nl}$  ”
end ■

```

- We have thus introduced a core domain modeling tool
  - \* the **uid**... observer function,
  - \* one to be “applied” mentally by the domain describer.
- The **uid**... observer function is “applied” by the domain describer.
- It is not a computable function.

- No two parts have the same unique identifier.

### **Formal Example 5 Road Transport Uniqueness:**

The unique identifiers of a road transport,  $rt:RT$ , consists of the unique identifiers of

15. the set of all hub identifiers,
16. the set of all link identifiers,
17. the set of all automobile identifiers.
18. Together they form a unique identifier state.
19. There are as many hubs, links and automobiles as there are hub, link and automobile identifiers.

### **variable**

15.  $hs_{uids}:Hl\text{-set} := \{ \mathbf{uid\_H}(h) \mid h:H \cdot h \in \sigma \}$
16.  $ls_{uids}:Ll\text{-set} := \{ \mathbf{uid\_L}(l) \mid l:L \cdot l \in \sigma \}$

17.  $as_{uids}:\text{AI-set} := \{ \text{uid\_A}(a) \mid a:A \cdot a \in \sigma \}$
18.  $\sigma_{uids}:(\text{HI}|\text{LI}|\text{AI})\text{-set} := hs_{uids} \cup hs_{uids} \cup hs_{uids}$
19.  $\text{card}\sigma = \text{card}\sigma_{uids}$

## 6.2 Mereology

- The concept of mereology is due to the Polish mathematician
- Stanisław Leśniewski (1886–1939)

### Characterization 18 Mereology:

- Mereology is a theory
  - \* of the relations of an [endurant] parts to a whole
  - \* and the relations of [endurant] parts to [endurant] parts
  - \* within that whole ■

## From Mereology to Communication Channels

- We shall analyze and describe:
  - narrate and formalize the mereology of manifest parts.
  - \* This form of description serves to explain
  - \* how parts relate to one another.
- These relationships “reappear” in the part-perdurant behaviours
  - \* in the form of **CSP**-like communications over channels
  - \* between mereologically prescribed sub-channels.
- Mereologies can be expressed in terms of unique identifiers.



## Formal Example 6 Road Traffic Mereology:

We shall be concerned only with the mereology of some manifest parts.

- 20. The mereology of links is a 2 element set of hub identifiers.
- 21. The mereology of a hub is a possibly empty set of hub identifiers.
- 22. The mereology of an automobile is a set of hub and link identifiers

**type**

20.  $ML = LI\text{-set}$  axiom  $\forall ml:MK \cdot \text{card } ml = 2 \wedge ml \subseteq ls_{uis}$

21.  $MH = HI\text{-set}$  axiom  $\forall mh:MH \cdot mh \subseteq hs_{uis}$

22.  $MA = (HI|LI)\text{-set}$  axiom  $\forall ma:MA \cdot ma \subseteq as_{uis}$

**value**

20. **mereo\_L**:  $L \rightarrow ML$

21. **mereo\_H**:  $H \rightarrow MH$

22. **mereo\_A**:  $A \rightarrow MA$  ■

- In general:

## Schema 4 Describe-Mereology:

```

“ type
    PMer =  $\mathcal{M}(PI1, PI2, \dots, PI_m)$ 
value
    mereo_P:  $P \rightarrow PMer$ 
axiom
     $\mathcal{A}(pm:PMer)$  ” ■

```

where

- $\mathcal{M}(PI1, PI2, \dots, PI_m)$   
is a type expression over unique identifier types of the domain;
- **mereo\_P**  
is the mereology observer function for parts  $p:P$ ; and
- $\mathcal{A}(pm:PMer)$   
is an axiom that secures that the unique identifiers of any part are indeed of parts of the domain ■

## 6.3 Attributes

Attributes are what finally gives “life” to endurants:

- The external qualities “only” named [i.e., typed] and gave structure to their atomic or compound types.
- The internal qualities of uniqueness and mereology are intangible quantities.
  
- The internal quality of attributes gives “flesh & blood” to endurants:
  - \* they let us express endurant properties
  - \* that we can more easily,
  - \* i.e., concretely, relate to.

**Characterization 19 Attributes:** are properties of endurants

- that can be measured either physically
- or can be objectively spoken about ■
- Attributes are of types and, accordingly have values.
- An informal domain analysis function, `record_attribute_type_names`:
  - \* analyzes parts,  $p:P$ ,
  - \* into the set of attribute names
  - \* of parts  $p:P$

**Schema 5 record-attribute-type-names:**

value

`record_attribute_type_names: P →  $\eta\mathbb{T}$ -set`

`record_attribute_type_names(p:P) as  $\eta\mathbb{T}$ -set ■`

## Formal Example 7 Road Net Attributes, I:

Example attributes are:

23. Hubs have states,  $\mathbf{h}\sigma:\mathbf{H}\Sigma$ : the set of pairs of link identifiers,  $(f\mathbf{li},t\mathbf{li})$ , of the links *from* and *to* which automobiles may enter, respectively leave the hub.
24. Hubs have state spaces,  $\mathbf{h}\omega:\mathbf{H}\Omega$ : the set of hub states “signaling” which states are open/closed, i.e., **green/red**.
25. Links that have lengths, **LEN**; and
26. Automobiles have road net positions, **APos**,
27. either *at a hub*,  $\mathbf{atH}$ ,
28. or *on a link*,  $\mathbf{onL}$ , some fraction,  $\mathbf{f:Real}$ , down a link, identified by  $\mathbf{li}$ , from a hub, identified by  $\mathbf{fhi}$ , towards a hub, identified by  $\mathbf{thi}$ .
29. Links have states,  $\mathbf{l}\sigma:\mathbf{L}\Sigma$ : the set of pairs of link identifiers,  $(f\mathbf{li},t\mathbf{li})$ , of the links *from* and *to* which automobiles may enter, respectively leave the hub.
30. Links have state spaces,  $\mathbf{l}\omega:\mathbf{L}\Omega$ : the set of link states “signaling” which states are open/closed, i.e., **green/red**.
31. Hubs, links and automobiles have *histories*: time-stamped, chronologically ordered sequences of automobiles entering and leaving links and hubs, with automobile histories similarly recording hubs and links entered and left.
32. Link positions have well-defined identifiers and fractions.

**type**

- 23.  $H\Sigma = (LI \times LI)\text{-set}$
- 24.  $H\Omega = H\Sigma\text{-set}$
- 25.  $LEN = \mathbf{Nat}$
- 26.  $APos = atH \mid onL$
- 27.  $atH :: HI$
- 28.  $onL :: LI \times (fhi:HI \times f:\mathbf{Real} \times thi:HI)$
- 29.  $L\Sigma = (HI \times HI)\text{-set}$
- 30.  $L\Omega = L\Sigma\text{-set}$
- 31.  $HHis, LHis = (\mathbf{TIME} \times AI)^*$
- 31.  $AHis = (\mathbf{TIME} \times (HI \mid LI))^*$

**value**

- 23.  $attr\_H\Sigma: H \rightarrow H\Sigma$
- 24.  $attr\_H\Omega: H \rightarrow H\Omega$
- 25.  $attr\_LEN: L \rightarrow LEN$
- 26.  $attr\_APos: A \rightarrow APos$
- 29.  $attr\_L\Sigma: L \rightarrow L\Sigma$
- 30.  $attr\_L\Omega: L \rightarrow L\Omega$
- 31.  $attr\_HHis: H \rightarrow HHis$
- 31.  $attr\_LHis: L \rightarrow LHis$
- 31.  $attr\_AHis: A \rightarrow AHis$

**axiom**

- 32.  $\forall mk\_onL(li, (fhi, f, thi)): onL \cdot 0 < f < 1 \wedge li \in ls_{uids} \wedge \{fhi, thi\} \subseteq hs_{uids} \wedge \dots \blacksquare$

## Schema 6 **Describe-endurant-attributes(e:E):**

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let  $\{\eta A1, \eta A2, \dots, \eta An\}$  = record_attribute_type_names(e:E) in
“ type
  A1, A2, ..., An
value
  attr__A1:  $E \rightarrow A1$ , attr__A2:  $E \rightarrow A2$ , ..., attr__An:  $E \rightarrow An$ 
axiom
   $\forall a1:A1, a2:A2, \dots, an:An: \mathcal{A}(a1, a2, \dots, an)$  ”
end ■

```

## 6.4 Intentional Pull

- Two or more parts
  - \* of different sorts, but with overlapping sets of intents<sup>5</sup>
  - \* may exert an intentional “pull” on one another.
- This *intentional “pull”* may take many forms.
  - \* Let  $p_x : X$  and  $p_y : Y$
  - \* be two parts of *different sorts*  $(X, Y)$ ,
  - \* and with *common intent*,  $\iota$ .
  - \* *Manifestations* of these, their common intent
  - \* must somehow be *subject to constraints*,
  - \* and these must be *expressed predicatively*.

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<sup>5</sup> Intent: purpose; God-given or human-imposed !



### Example 3. Road Transport Intentionality:

- *Automobiles* include the *intent*: **transport**, as do *hubs* and *links*.
- *Manifestations* of **transport** are reflected in
  - \* *hubs, links* and *automobiles*
  - \* having the *history* attribute.
- The *intentional “pull”* of these manifestations is this:
  - \* For every automobile,
    - \* if it records being in some hub or on some link at time  $\tau$ ,
    - \* then the designated hub, respectively link, records exactly that automobile;
 and vice versa:
    - \* for all hubs [links],
      - \* if it records the visit of some automobile at time  $\tau$ ,
      - \* then the designated automobile records exactly that hub [link] ■

## Example 4. Double-entry Bookkeeping:

- Another example of intentional “pull” is that of double-entry bookkeeping.
  - \* The *incomes/expenses ledger*
  - \* must *balance*
  - \* the *actives/passives ledger* ■

**Example 5. The Henry George Theorem:** states

- that under certain conditions,
- *spending* by government on *public goods*
- will increase *rent* based on *land value*
- more than that amount,
- with the benefit of the last marginal investment equaling its cost ■

For example:

- *Increase in land value around a new bridge*
- “*equals*” *the cost of the bridge.*

## 7 Transcendental Deduction

### 7.1 Some Characterizations

#### Characterization 20 Transcendental:

- By **transcendental** we shall understand
  - \* the philosophical notion:
  - \* **the a priori or intuitive basis of knowledge,**
  - \* **independent of experience ■**

#### Characterization 21 Transcendental Deduction:

- By a **transcendental deduction** we shall understand
  - \* the philosophical notion:
  - \* **a transcendental “conversion”**
  - \* **of one kind of knowledge**
  - \* **into a seemingly different kind of knowledge ■**

## 7.2 On Manifest Deductions

### Definition 1 Manifest Parts:

- By a manifest part
  - \* we shall understand a part
  - \* which we have endowed with
  - \* internal qualities:
    - \* unique identification,
    - \* mereology and
    - \* attributes ■

- That is:
  - \* You, the domain analyzer cum describer decides
  - \* which are the manifest parts and
  - \* which are not the manifest parts

### **Informal Example 14 Manifest Road Traffic Parts:**

- We decide, for our “running” road traffic formal example
- that the manifest parts are those of
  - \* hubs,
  - \* links, and
  - \* automobiles ■

## Comments:

- We could have chosen otherwise.
- We could, for example, have chosen the aggregate of automobiles to be manifest and represent, for example, either
  - \* the department of vehicles, or
  - \* a nation-wide automobile club!

## 8 Perdurants

- We shall deploy the notion of transcendental deduction when
  - \* “moving” from **endurant parts**
  - \* to **perdurant behaviours**!
- And we shall apply transcendental deduction only to manifest parts.



## 8.1 **Actions**

- Actions [instantaneously] change state.
- Actions are prescribed.

## 8.2 **Events**

- Events [instantaneously] change state.
- Events are not planned.
- They “do so” surreptitiously.

## 8.3 Behaviours

### Characterization 22 Behaviours:

- Behaviours are sets of sequences of
  - \* actions,
  - \* events and
  - \* behaviours
  - \* – and take place “over time” ! ■

- Concurrency is modeled by the *sets* of behaviours.
- Synchronization and communication of behaviours are effected by CSP *output/inputs*:
  - \*  $\text{ch}[\{i,j\}] ! \text{value}$  – and
  - \*  $\text{ch}[\{i,j\}] ?$ .

## Informal Example 15 Road Net Traffic:

- Road net traffic actions:
  - \* of **automobiles**:
    - \* start, stop, turn right, turn left, etc.;
  - \* of **links**:
    - \* automobiles entering, leaving, and move on the link, etc;
  - \* of **hubs**:
    - \* automobiles entering, leaving, and move, etc. within the hub;
  - \* etc.

## 8.4 Channel

- **Characterization 23 Channel:**

- \* A channel is anything
- \* that allows synchronization and communication
- \* of values
- \* between behaviours ■

## Schema 7 Channel:

We suggest the following schema for describing channels:

**“ channel { ch[ {ui,uj} ] | ui,ij:Ul . ... } M ”**

- where **ch** is the describer-chosen name for an array of channels;
- **ui,uj** are channel array indices of the unique identifiers;
- **Ul**, of the chosen message domain ■

## Formal Example 8 Road Transport Interaction Channel:

### Channel

- 33. There is a set of channels between hubs, links and automobiles.
- 34. These channels communicate messages, M.  
M will “transpire” from the behaviour definitions.

### channel

33.  $\{ \text{ch}[\{u_i, u_j\}] \mid \{u_i, u_j\} : (\text{HI} \mid \text{LI} \mid \text{AI})\text{-set} \cdot u_i \neq u_j \wedge \{u_i, u_j\} \subseteq \sigma_{\text{uids}} \}$  M

### type

33. M ■

## 8.5 Behaviour Signatures

### Schema 8 Behaviour Signature:

Behaviour signatures<sup>6</sup>

reflect the internal qualities of the part endurants  
from which they emerge by transcendental deduction:

<b>value</b> $B_p$ :	name of behaviour
→ $Uid_p$	its unique identifier
→ $Mereo_p$	mereology
→ $Sta\_Vals_p$	static attributes
→ $Inert\_Vals_p$	inert attributes
→ $Mon\_Refs_p$	monitorable attributes
→ $Prgr\_Vals_p$	programmable attributes
→ { $ch[\{i,j\}] \mid \dots$ }	communication channels
→ <b>Unit</b>	“ad infinitum”

We do not cover static, inert, monitorable and programmable attributes in this paper!

<sup>6</sup> We ‘Schónfinkel’/‘Curry’ function signatures.



## Formal Example 9 Road Transport Behaviour Signatures:

- The signature of behaviours follow the “Schönfinkel’ed pattern” of

*names of behaviour: unique identifier*  
 → *mereology*  
 → *static attributes*  
   [→ *inert and monitorable attributes*]  
   → *programmable attributes*  
   → *channel arrays and Unit.*

value

9. hub: Hl

→ Mereoh  
 →  $(H\Omega \times \dots)$   
 →  $(H\Sigma \times HHist \times \dots)$   
 →  $\{ch[\{\mathbf{uid\_H}(p), ai\}] \mid ai:Al \cdot ai \in as_{uid}\} \mathbf{Unit}$

?? link: Ll

→ Mereol →  
 →  $(L\Omega \times LEN \times \dots) \rightarrow$   
 →  $(L\Sigma \times LHist \times \dots)$   
 →  $\{ch[\{\mathbf{uid\_L}(p), ai\}] \mid ai:Al \cdot ai \in as_{uid}\} \mathbf{Unit}$

?? automobile: Al

→ MereosA

→ (...)

→ (AVel × HAcc × ... × APos × AHist)

→ {ch[ {uid\_H(p),ri} ] | ri:(HI|LI)·ri ∈ h<sub>suid</sub> ∪ l<sub>suid</sub>} **Unit**

## 8.6 Behaviour Invocation

### Schema 9 Behaviour Invocation:

- Behaviours are invoked as follows:

“ B(uid\_B(p))  
     (mereo\_P(p))  
         (attr\_staA<sub>1</sub>(p),...,attr\_staA<sub>s</sub>(p))  
         (attr\_inertA<sub>1</sub>(p),...,attr\_inertA<sub>i</sub>(p))  
         (attr\_monA<sub>1</sub>(p),...,attr\_monA<sub>m</sub>(p))  
         (attr\_prgA<sub>1</sub>(p),...,attr\_prgA<sub>p</sub>(p)) ”

- All arguments are passed *by value*.
- The *uid* value is never changed.
- The *mereology* value is usually not changed.
- The *static attribute* values are fixed, never changed.
- The *inert attribute* values are fixed, but can be updated by receiving explicit input communications.
- The *monitorable attribute* values are functions, i.e., it is as if the “actual” monitorable values are passed *by name*!
- The *programmable attribute* values are usually changed, “updated”, by actions described in the behaviour definition.

## 8.7 Behaviour Description – An Example

### Formal Example 10 Automobile Behaviour at Hub:

#### Automobile at Hub

35. We abstract automobile behaviour at a Hub (hi).

- (a) Either the automobile **remains** at the hub,
- (b) or, **internally non-deterministically**,
- (c) **leaves** the hub entering a link,
- (d) or, **internally non-deterministically**,
- (e) **stops**.

35  $\text{automobile}(\text{ai})(\text{ris})(\dots)(\text{atH}(\text{hi}), \text{ahis}, \_) \equiv$

35a  $\text{automobile\_remain\_at\_hub}(\text{ai})(\text{ris})(\dots)(\text{atH}(\text{hi}), \text{ahis}, \_)$

35b  $\sqcap$

35c  $\text{automobile\_leaving\_hub}(\text{ai})(\text{ris})(\dots)(\text{atH}(\text{hi}), \text{ahis}, \_)$

35d  $\sqcap$

35e  $\text{automobile\_stop}(\text{ai})(\text{ris})(\dots)(\text{atH}(\text{hi}), \text{ahis}, \_)$

## Automobile at Hub – Contd.

36. [35a] The automobile **remains** at a hub:

- (a) time is recorded,
- (b) informing the hub behaviour, whereupon
- (c) the automobile remains at that hub, “idling”,

36 automobile\_**remain**\_at\_hub(ai)(ris)(...)(atH(hi),ahis,\_)  $\equiv$

36a     **let**  $\tau = \mathbf{record\_TIME}$  **in**

36b      $\text{ch}[\{ai, hi\}] ! \tau ;$

36c     automobile(ai)(ris)(...)(atH(hi),  $\langle(\tau, hi)\rangle^{\wedge}ahis, \_)$  **end**

## Automobile at Hub – Contd.

37. [35c] The automobile **leaves** the hub entering link li:

- (a) time is recorded;
- (b) hub is informed of automobile leaving and link that it is entering;
- (c) “whereupon” the vehicle resumes (i.e., “while at the same time” resuming) the vehicle behaviour positioned at the very beginning (0) of that link.

37 automobile\_**leaving**\_b(ai)({li} ∪ ris)(...)(atH(hi),ahis,\_) ≡

37a     **let**  $\tau$  = **record**\_TIME   **in**

37b     (ch[ {ai,hi} ] !  $\tau$  || ch[ {ai,li} ] !  $\tau$ ) ;

37c     automobile(ai)(ris)(...)(onL(li,(hi,0,\_)), $\langle(\tau,li)\rangle^{\wedge}$ ahis,\_) **end**

37     **pre:** [hub is not isolated]

## Automobile at Hub – Contd.

38. [35e] Or the automobile **stops**, “disappears — off the radar” !

38 automobile\_**stop**(ai)(ris),(...)(atH(hi),ahis,\_)  $\equiv$  stop ■

## 8.8 Behaviour Initialization.

### Formal Example 11 Road Transport Initialization:

We “wrap up” the main example of this tutorial:

#### Initialization

39. Let us refer to the system initialization as a behaviour:

- (a) all hubs are initialized concurrently,
- (b) and, concurrently,
- (c) all links are initialized concurrently,
- (d) and, concurrently,
- (e) all automobiles are initialized concurrently.

**value**

39. `rts_initialisation`: **Unit**  $\rightarrow$  **Unit**

39. `rts_initialisation()`  $\equiv$

39a.  $\parallel \{ \text{hub}(\mathbf{uid\_H}(l))(\mathbf{mereo\_H}(l))(\mathbf{attr\_H}\Omega(l),\dots)(\mathbf{attr\_H}\Sigma(l),\dots) \mid h:H \cdot h \in h_s \}$

39b.  $\parallel$

39c.  $\parallel \{ \text{link}(\mathbf{uid\_L}(l))(\mathbf{mereo\_L}(l))(\mathbf{attr\_LEN}(l),\dots)(\mathbf{attr\_L}\Sigma(l),\dots) \mid l:L \cdot l \in l_s \}$



39d. ||

39e. || { automobile(**uid**<sub>A</sub>(a))(**mereo**<sub>A</sub>(a))(**attr**<sub>A</sub>Pos(a)**attr**<sub>A</sub>His(a),...) | a:A • a ∈ *as* }

## 9 Conclusion

- This talk was **not** about computers, computing or **Software**.
- This talk was about **Domain** *descriptions*. [2, Chapters 3–8]
- From these we develop **Requirements** *prescriptions*. [2, Chapter 9]
- And from requirements we develop **Software** *designs*. [1]

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