

The *call as event* paradigm

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- Proposing an architecture Integrated Development Framework, which induces a methodology and which improves the usability of formal verification tools for the specification, the construction and the verification of correct sequential algorithms.
- we focus on the transformation of the final concrete specification into an executable algorithm :
 - 1 transforming an EVENT B specification into a recursive algorithm
 - 2 transforming from that recursive program to an iterative version of the same program.

Call as event

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- A pre/post specification is a pair of assertions (pre , $post$)
- (pre , $post$) is defining a *transformation* over variables that is correct with respect to *HOARE* triples :

$$\{pre\}transformation\{post\}$$

- **Problem** : Design of a program `PROG` simulating the *transformation* with respect to (pre , $post$) :

$$\{pre\}PROG\{post\}$$

- **Idea** : Writing a *one-shot* relation simulating the relation over *flexible* variables :

$$\forall x, y. pre(x) \wedge R(x, y) \Rightarrow post(x, y)$$

- **event** : Expressing the relation :

```

EVENT  PROG
WHEN
  pre(x)
THEN
  y : |post(x, y')
END

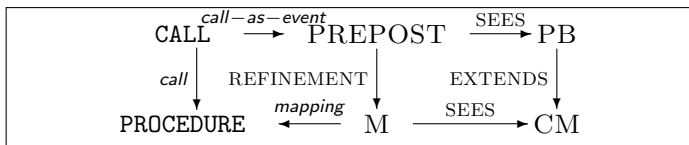
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Development of correct sequential algorithms

```
PROCEDURE PROC( $x$ ; VAR  $y$ )  
PRECONDITION  $P(x)$   
POSTCONDITION  $Q(x, y)$ 
```

- Using the design-by-contract approach
- Introduction of concepts of programming (call-by-value,...) and of modelling (constants, axioms, ...)
- Using diagrams to improve the communication with students through definitions (dynamic programming)
- Organizing the global interactions between modelling and proving.

Call as Event Guideline



- CALL is the call of the PROCEDURE
- PREPOST is the machine containing the events stating the pre- and postconditions of CALL and PROCEDURE, and M is the refinement machine of PREPOST, with events including control points defined in CM.
- The *call-as-event* transformation produces a model PREPOST and a context PB from CALL.
- The *mapping* transformation allows us to derive an algorithmic procedure that can be mechanized.
- PROCEDURE is a node corresponding to a procedure derived from the refinement model M. CALL is an instantiation of PROCEDURE using parameters x and y .
- M is a refinement model of PREPOST, which is transformed into PROCEDURE by applying structuring rules. It may contain events

Context for modeling the problem PB

- Two domains D_1 and D_2 that define the global set of possible values of the current system for its inputs and outputs.
- A list of constants x that specify the input of the system under development \tilde{P} , which is the set of values for x defining the precondition, and \tilde{Q} , which is a binary relation over $D_1 \times D_2$ defining the postcondition for the problem.
- A list of axioms that assigns types to constants and adds knowledge to the RODIN environment.
- The theorems that state the existence of solutions with respect to preconditions : for instance, theorem *th1.i* states that there is always a solution y when the input value x satisfies the precondition P .

Context for modeling the problem PB

CONTEXT PB

SETS

D_1, D_2

CONSTANTS

$x, n, \tilde{P}, \tilde{Q}$

AXIOMS

$axm1 : x \in D_1$

x belongs to a general set of the problem domain

$axm2 : n \in \text{NAT1}$

n is the number of different possible preconditions, n is not equal to 0 and it is generally 1

$axm3 : \tilde{P} \in 1..n \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(D_1)$

\tilde{P} is a collection of sets defining the precondition

$axm4 : \tilde{Q} \subseteq D_1 \times D_2$

\tilde{Q} is a binary relation over $Q_1 \times Q_2$ defining the postcondition

$axm5 : x \in \bigcup_{i \in 1..n} \tilde{P}(i)$

x is supposed to satisfy the precondition $P(i)$

THEOREMS

$th1.i : \forall a \cdot a \in \tilde{P}(i) \Rightarrow (\exists b \cdot a \mapsto b \in \tilde{Q})$

there is at least one solution for each data x satisfying the precondition P_i

END

From calls to events

```
EVENT calli
  WHEN
    Pi(x)
  THEN
    y : |(Q(x, y'))
  END
```

- For each call $CALL_i$, y is set to a value satisfying $Q(x, y)$ when x satisfies $P(x)$.
- The variable y is initialized by a value satisfying the assertion $Init(y, x, D_1, D_2)$.
- The machine $PREPOST$, which sees and uses the data defined in the $CONTEXT$ PB and which encapsulates the n cases corresponding to the n preconditions.

Machine PREPOST

```

MACHINE PREPOST
SEES PB
VARIABLES
  y
INVARIANTS
  inv1 :  $y \in D_2$ 
EVENTS
INITIALISATION
  BEGIN
    act1 :  $y \in D_2$ 
  END
  ...
EVENT calli
  WHEN
     $P_i(x)$ 
  THEN
     $y : |(Q(x, y'))$ 
  END
  ...
END

```

- call_i is corresponding to the *i*th call.
- The relation defined by *Q* may be non computable
- The refinement can be leading to an non computable solution.

Technical Justifications : defining traces

- Let M be an Event B machine and C a context seen by M .
- Let y be the list of variables of M ,
- Let E be the set of events of M ,
- let $Init(y)$ be the predicate defining the initial values of y in M .

The temporal framework of M is defined by the TLA specification denoted $Spec(M)$:

$Init(y) \wedge \square[Next]_y \wedge WF_y(Next)$, where $Next \equiv \exists e \in E. BA(e)(y, y')$.

Technical Justifications : liveness properties

Suppose that **PB** is a context and **PREPOST** is a machine corresponding to a problem stating calls of a procedure. Suppose that the following diagram is validated :



We assume that the preconditions are defined by P , i.e., P_1, \dots, P_n , and the postcondition is defined by Q .
Then for any i in $1..n$, **PREPOST** satisfies $P_i(x, y) \rightsquigarrow Q(x, y)$.

Technical Justifications : refinement diagrams

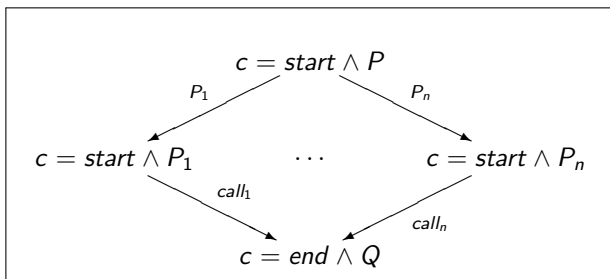
A refinement diagram for M , P , and Q over L and A is an acyclic labelled graph over A with labels from G or E satisfying the following rules.

- There is a unique input node P with at least one outgoing arrow.
- There is a unique output node Q with no outgoing arrows.
- If R is related to S by a unique arrow labelled $e \in E$, then
 - It satisfies the property $R \rightsquigarrow S$
 - $\forall c, x, c', x'. R(c, x) \wedge I(M)(c, x) \wedge BA(e)(c, x, c', x') \Rightarrow S(c', x')$
 - $\forall c, x. R(c, x) \wedge I(M)(c, x) \Rightarrow \exists c', x'. BA(e)(c, x, c', x')$
 - If $R \equiv c = I1 \wedge A(x)$ and $S \equiv c = I2 \wedge B(x)$, then $I1 \neq I2$ and $\ell(R)=I1, \ell(S)=I2$.
- If R is related to S_1, \dots, S_p , then
 - Each arrow R to S_i is labelled by a guard $g_i \in G$.
 - For any i in $1..p$ the following conditions hold.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} R \wedge I(M) \wedge g_i(x) \Rightarrow S_i \\ \forall j. j \in 1..p \wedge j \neq i \wedge R \wedge I(M) \wedge g_i(x) \Rightarrow \neg g_j(x) \end{array} \right)$$
 - $R \wedge I(M) \Rightarrow \exists i \in 1..p. g_i$.
- For each $e \in E$, there is only one instance of e in the diagram.

We use $PRE(D)$ for P and $POST(D)$ for Q .

Technical Justifications : a simple refinement diagram



Technical Justifications : refinement diagram and liveness

Let M be a machine and let $D = (A, C, M, P, Q, G, E)$ be a refinement diagram for M .

- 1 If M satisfies $P \rightsquigarrow Q$ and $Q \rightsquigarrow R$, it satisfies $P \rightsquigarrow R$.
- 2 If M satisfies $P \rightsquigarrow Q$ and $R \rightsquigarrow Q$, it satisfies $(P \vee R) \rightsquigarrow Q$.
- 3 If I is invariant for M and if M satisfies $P \wedge I \rightsquigarrow Q$, then M satisfies $P \rightsquigarrow Q$.
- 4 If I is invariant for M and if M satisfies $P \wedge I \Rightarrow Q$, then M satisfies $P \rightsquigarrow Q$.
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Then M satisfies $(c = start \wedge PRE(D)) \rightsquigarrow (c = end \wedge POST(D))$.

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- The definition of the event e is not executable and the translation is driven by instances of the control variable l in the guard (as $l = l_1$) and in the assignment ($l := l_2$).
- The statement act_{l_2} is therefore defined as : $\text{PROC}(h(x), y)$.
- The choice of the event name is the responsibility of the writer of the EVENT B models, who must identify the case corresponding to a recursive call.

Case 3 : Non Recursive Call

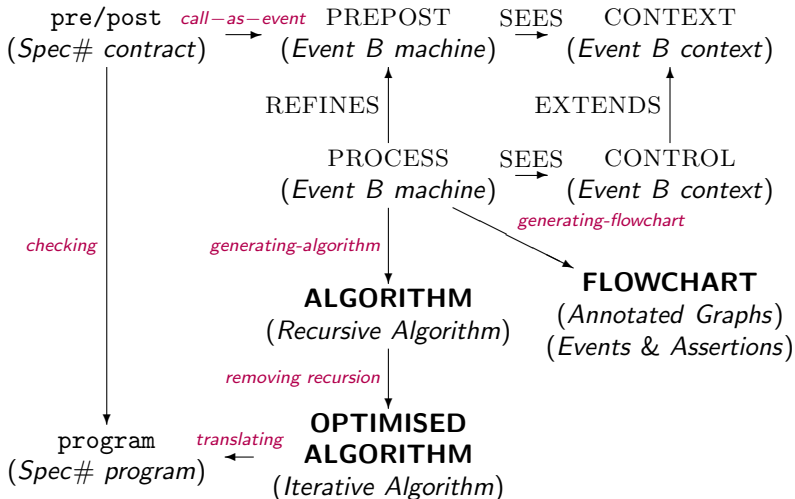
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EVENT call%APROC( $h(x),y$ )%P( $y$ )
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- the event e can be transformed into a call of another procedure.
- The call is expressed by an event e , which we name $call\%APROC(h(x),y)\%P(y)$ and the statement act_{l_2} is defined as $APROC(h(x),y)$.
- APROC is defined or to be defined in another framework.

Integrated Development Framework



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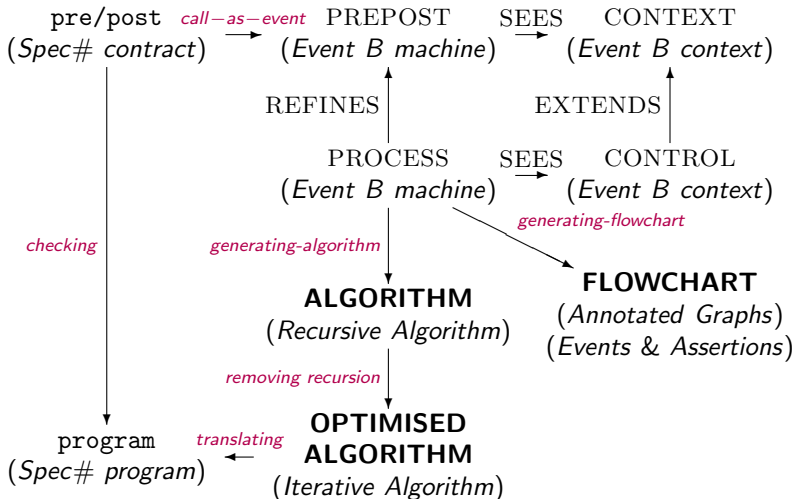
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- The Spec# static program verifier (SscBoogie) : generates logical verification conditions from a Spec# program uses an automatic reasoning engine (Z3) to analyse the verification conditions proving the correctness of the program or finding errors.

Spec# Specification : Sorting an Array

```
public static void sortArray(int[] !st, int[] !pi)
  requires st != pi && st.Length == pi.Length;
  requires forall{int i in (0:st.Length); st[i] == pi[i]};
  modifies st[*];
  ensures forall{int j in (1:st.Length);(st[j-1] <= st[j])};
  ensures forall{int w in (0:st.Length);
    (count{int v in (0:st.Length);st[v] == pi[w]}
    == count{int u in (0:st.Length); pi[u] == pi[w]})};
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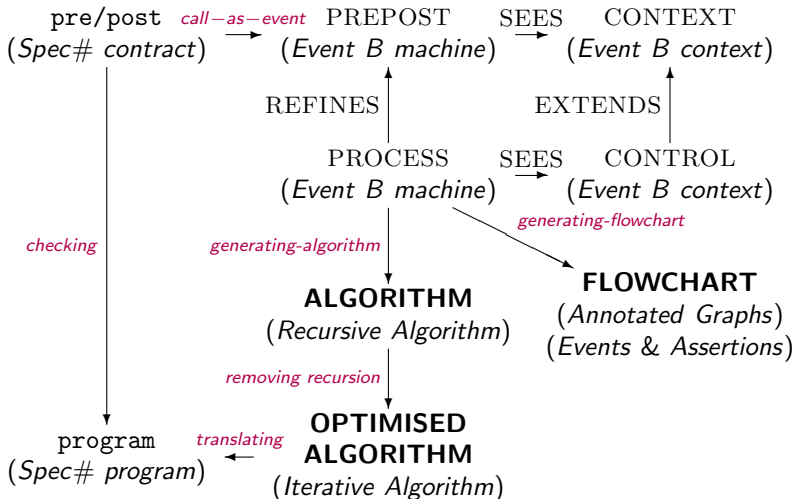
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- The EVENT B machine PREPOST contains events, which have the same contract as that expressed in the original pre/post contract. This machine SEES the EVENT B CONTEXT, which expresses static information about the machine.
- The EVENT B machine PROCESS refines PREPOST generating a concrete specification that satisfies the contract. This machine SEES the EVENT B context CONTROL, which adds control information for the new machine.
- The labelled actions REFINES, SEES and EXTENDS, are supported by the RODIN platform and are checked *completely* using the proof assistant provided by RODIN.
- Transformation of an EVENT B machine into a concrete recursive algorithm (represented by the arrow labelled *generating-algorithm*).
- Transformation of this recursive algorithm into its equivalent partially annotated and iterative algorithm (represented by the arrow labelled *removing recursion*).

Integrated Development Framework



Implementing EVENT B models

Our integrated development framework for implementing abstract EVENT B models brings together the strengths of the refinement based approaches and verification based approaches to software development :

- 1 Splitting the abstract specification to be solved into its component specifications.
- 2 Refining these specifications into a concrete model using EVENT B and the RODIN platform.
- 3 Transforming the concrete model into recursive and iterative algorithms that can be directly implemented as real source code.
- 4 Verifying the iterative algorithm in the automatic program verification environment of Spec#.

Specifying the binary search problem

PROCEDURE	$binsearch(t, val, lo, hi, ok, result)$
PRE	$\left(\begin{array}{l} t \in 0..t.Length \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \forall k.k \in lo..hi - 1 \Rightarrow t(k) \leq t(k + 1) \\ val \in \mathbb{N} \\ l, h \in 0..t.Length \\ lo \leq hi \end{array} \right)$
POST	$\left(\begin{array}{l} ok = TRUE \Rightarrow t(result) = val \\ ok = FALSE \Rightarrow (\forall i.i \in lo..hi \Rightarrow t(i) \neq val) \end{array} \right)$

The two possible resulting *calls* to the procedure $binsearch(t, val, lo, hi; ok, result)$:

- **EVENT** find is $binsearch(t, val, lo, hi; ok, result)$ with $ok = TRUE$
- **EVENT** fail is $binsearch(t, val, lo, hi; ok, result)$: with $ok = FALSE$

Events find and fail

```

EVENT find
  ANY j
  WHERE
     $grd1 : j \in lo .. hi$ 
     $grd2 : t(j) = val$ 
  THEN
     $act1 : ok := TRUE$ 
     $act2 : i := j$ 
  END

```

```

EVENT fail
  WHEN
     $grd1 : \forall k \cdot k \in lo .. hi \Rightarrow t(k) \neq val$ 
  THEN
     $act1 : ok := FALSE$ 
  END

```

- The two events form the machine called *binsearch1* (which corresponds to the PREPOST machine).
- The machine is refined to obtain *binsearch2* (which corresponds to PROCESS).
- This refined machine contains a new control variable, *l*, which *simulates* how the binary search is achieved.

Refinement for Computation

$$1 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{start} \\ lo = hi \\ t(lo) = \text{val} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{m_1} \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{end} \\ lo = hi \\ ok = \text{TRUE} \wedge \text{result} = lo \end{array} \right)$$

$$2 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{start} \\ lo = hi \\ t(lo) \neq \text{val} \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{m_2} \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{end} \\ lo = hi \\ ok = \text{FALSE} \end{array} \right)$$

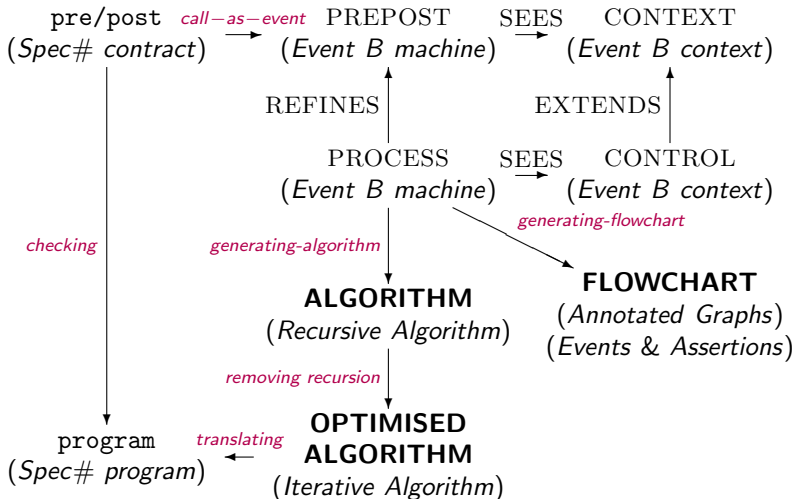
$$3 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{start} \\ lo < hi \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{split}} \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{middle} \\ lo < hi \\ mi = (lo + hi)/2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$4 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{middle} \\ lo < hi \\ mi = (lo + hi)/2 \\ \text{val} < t(mi) \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{rec}(lo, mi-1, \text{val}, ok, \text{result})} \left(\begin{array}{l} l = \text{end} \\ ok = \text{TRUE} \wedge t(\text{result}) = \text{val} \end{array} \right)$$

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- The definition of the event e is not executable and the translation is driven by instances of the control variable l in the guard (as $l = l_1$) and in the assignment ($l := l_2$).
- The statement act_{l_2} is therefore defined as : $\text{PROC}(h(x), y)$.
- The choice of the event name is the responsibility of the writer of the EVENT B models, who must identify the case corresponding to a recursive call.

Case 3 : Non Recursive Call

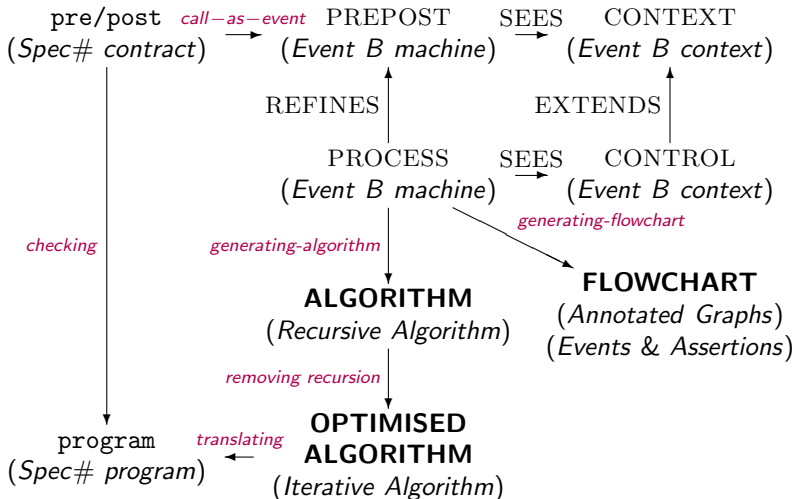
```

EVENT call%APROC(h(x),y)%P(y)
ANY y
WHEN
   $l = l_1$ 
   $g_{l_1, l_2}(x, y)$ 
THEN
   $l := l_2$ 
   $x := f_{l_1, l_2}(x, y)$ 
END1

```

- the event e can be transformed into a call of another procedure.
- The call is expressed by an event e , which we name $call\%APROC(h(x), y)\%P(y)$ and the statement act_{l_2} is defined as $APROC(h(x), y)$.
- APROC is defined or to be defined in another framework.

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Problems with the recursive algorithm

- Correct by construction according to the Event B side
- Limits of the Spec# tools with verifying recursive program
- Transforming recursive algorithms into iterative algorithm
- Applying the Spec# tools

Transforming the recursive algorithm into an iterative one

Theorem

The transformation is sound with respect to the pre and post specification.

```

PROCEDURE APROC( $x$ ; VAR  $y$ )
PRECONDITION  $P(x)$ 
POSTCONDITION  $Q(x, y)$ 
BEGIN
LOCAL VARIABLES  $z$ 
IF  $C(x)$  THEN
   $y := g(x)$ ;
ELSE
   $z := h(x, z)$ ;
  IF  $D(x, z)$  THEN
     $y := f(x, z)$ 
  ELSEIF  $E(x, z)$  THEN
    APROC( $f_1(x), y$ )
  ELSE
    APROC( $f_2(x), y$ )
  ENDIF
END
  
```

```

PROCEDURE BPROC( $x$ ; VAR  $y$ )
PRECONDITION  $P(x)$ 
POSTCONDITION  $Q(x, y)$ 
BEGIN
LOCAL VARIABLES  $z$ 
WHILE  $not\ C(x) \wedge not\ D(x, z)$  DO
   $z := h(x, z)$ ;
  IF  $E(x, z)$  THEN
     $x := f_1(x)$ ;
  ELSE
     $x := f_2(x)$ ;
  ENDIF
ENDDO
IF  $C(x)$  THEN
   $y := g(x)$ ;
ELSEIF  $D(x, z)$  THEN
   $y := f(x, z)$ ;
ELSEIF  $E(x, z)$  THEN
   $y := f_1(x)$ ;
ELSE
   $y := f_2(x)$ ;
  
```

PROCEDURE `binsearch(t, val, lo, hi, ok, result)`

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PRECONDITION $\left(\begin{array}{l} t \in 0..t.Length \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \forall k.k \in lo..hi - 1 \Rightarrow t(k) \leq t(k + 1) \\ val \in \mathbb{N} \wedge lo, hi \in 0..t.Length \wedge lo \leq hi \end{array} \right)$

POSTCONDITION $\left(\begin{array}{l} ok = TRUE \Rightarrow t(result) = val \\ ok = FALSE \Rightarrow (\forall i.i \in lo..hi \Rightarrow t(i) \neq val) \end{array} \right)$

BEGIN

WHILE *not* $\left(\begin{array}{l} lo = hi \wedge t(lo) = val \\ \vee lo = hi \wedge t(lo) \neq val \\ \vee lo < hi \wedge mi = (lo + hi)/2 \wedge t(mi) = val \end{array} \right)$ **DO**

`mi := (lo + hi)/2;`

`middle :=` $\left\{ \left(\begin{array}{l} mi = (lo + hi)/2 \\ val < t(mi) \Rightarrow \forall k.k \in mi..hi \Rightarrow t(k) \neq val \\ val > t(mi) \Rightarrow \forall k.k \in lo..mi \Rightarrow t(k) \neq val \end{array} \right) \right\}$

IF `mi + 1 ≤ hi ∧ val > t(mi)` **THEN**

`lo := mi + 1`

ELSEIF `lo ≤ mi - 1 ∧ val < t(mi)` **THEN**

`hi := mi - 1`

ENDDO

IF `lo = hi ∧ t(lo) = val` **THEN**

`result := lo; ok := true`

ELSEIF `lo = hi ∧ t(lo) ≠ val` **THEN**

`ok := false`

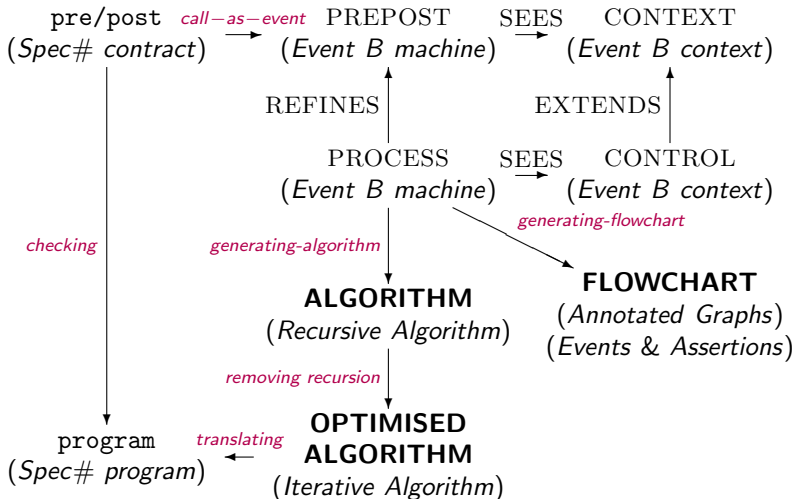
ELSEIF `lo < hi ∧ t(mi) = val` **THEN**

`result := mi; ok := true`

ELSE `ok := false`

ENDIF

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Interpreting the algorithms within Spec#

- This is almost a one-to-one mapping : returning a value of -1 when our iterative algorithm sets *OK* to *false* and returning the index where the value is found when our iterative algorithm sets *OK* to *true*.
- The algorithm verified as correct, in less than 2 seconds using the Spec# programming system (version 2011-10-03).
- No user interaction is required in the verification as all assertions required (preconditions, postconditions and loop invariants) have been generated as part of the refinement and transformation of the initial abstract specification into the final iterative algorithm.
- Prior to formalising our transformation rules, our initial attempt at writing this iterative C# program contained an error.
- This error in the loop body, was due to our omission to check that the values of $mi + 1$ and $mi - 1$ were within the array bounds before narrowing the search space.
- This error was immediately detected by the Spec# programming system. The automatic verification of the final program is available online at <http://www.rise4fun.com/SpecSharp/psP4>.

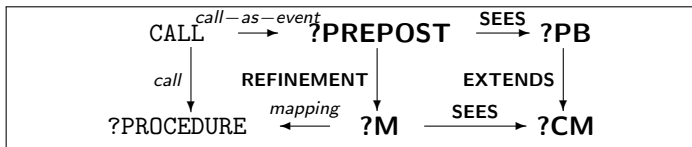
Summary

- Our integrated development framework indicates where our transformations are used for producing a program that is *correct-by-construction*.
- The translation of the PROCESS machine into a recursive algorithm is straightforward and removes the control variable used to relate events when generating the code.
- Our experience shows that our approach assists students in developing and understanding the tasks of software specification and verification.
- It also makes different forms of formal software development more accessible to the Software Engineers, helping them to build correct and reliable software systems.
- Including the development of adequate plugins, which will integrate and facilitate the co-operation between Spec# tools and RODIN tools (joint work with NUI Maynooth)

Three problems to solve

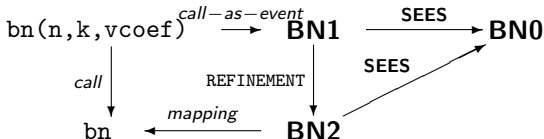
- Presenting the method : **Computing binomial coefficients**
- Illustrating one classical example : **Sorting by insertion**
- Using the dynamic programming : **Floyd's algorithm**

Filling the **Call as Event** Guideline



- **PB** : using textbooks for deriving axioms and theorems.
- **CALL** : using a programming language like JML or Spec#

Problem 1 : Computing the binomial coefficients



- The computation of binomial coefficients is based on Pascal's triangle and we define it as a partial function c .
- Data n and k are defined in the context called $BN0$.
- The call $bn(n, k, vcoef)$ is translated as an event which is simply setting $vcoef$ to $c(n \mapsto k)$.
- The refinement $BN2$ produces a collection of events analysing the different steps of the computations required for computing the value of $c(n \mapsto k)$.

Comments on the application 1

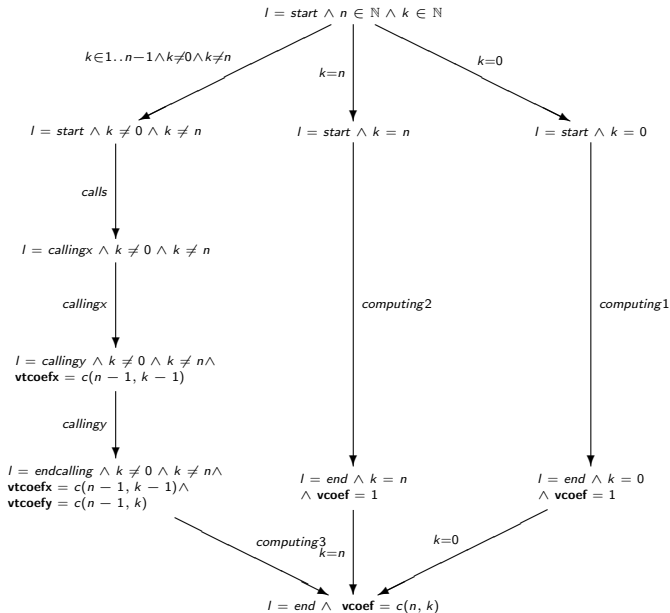
- Pascal's triangle provides a graphical guide for writing d 's definition into $BN0$.
 - We have introduced another graphical structure for supporting the case analysis related to the values of n and k and the introduction of control flow.
 - The world of mathematics is defining a value $c(n \mapsto k)$ and the world of computing will derive a process using c and its definition for producing the same value.
- ...

Comments on the application 1

- The refinement i is guided by three cases for the call instances :
 - Either k is 0,
 - or k is n ,
 - or is neither 0, nor n .
- Let us consider the difficult case : $k \neq 0$ and $k \neq n$:

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}. \binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} \quad (1)$$

- Using the same event for computing $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$ and $\binom{n-1}{k}$.
- These events are translated into a recursive call by the mapping.
- the final computing event is computing the value of the sum of the two values.



Comments on the application 1



INVARIANTS

$inv1 : l \in LOC$

$inv3 : vtcoefx \in \mathbb{N}$

$inv4 : vtcoefy \in \mathbb{N}$

$inv5 : l \in \{callx, cally, endcalling\} \Rightarrow k \neq 0 \wedge n \neq 0 \wedge k < n$

$inv6 : l = cally \Rightarrow vtcoefx = c(n - 1 \mapsto k - 1)$

$inv7 : l = endcalling \Rightarrow vtcoefy = c(n - 1 \mapsto k) \wedge vtcoefx = c(n - 1 \mapsto k - 1)$

$inv8 : l = end \Rightarrow vcoef = c(n \mapsto k)$

- The refinement produces 42 proof obligations and 2 were manual. The other proof obligations are automatically discharged.

Teacher's note: The example is simple and the function c is easy to define. The invariant is built by analysing the expression of the computed value.

BINOMIAL0**SETS***LOC***CONSTANTS***n, k, c, start, end, callx, cally, endcalling***AXIOMS***axm1 : $n \in \mathbb{N}$* *axm2 : $k \in \mathbb{N}$* *axm3 : $k \leq n$* *axm4 : $c \in 0 .. n \times 0 .. n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$* *axm5 : $dom(c) = \{i \mapsto j \mid i \in 0 .. n \wedge j \in 0 .. n \wedge j \leq i\}$* *axm6 : $\forall j. j \in 0 .. n \Rightarrow c(j \mapsto 0) = 1$* *axm7 : $\forall j. j \in 0 .. n \Rightarrow c(j \mapsto j) = 1$* *axm8 : $LOC = \{start, end, callx, cally, endcalling\}$* *axm9 : $start \neq end$* *axm10 : $start \neq callx$* *axm11 : $start \neq cally$* *axm12 : $start \neq endcalling$* *axm13 : $end \neq callx$* *axm14 : $end \neq cally$* *axm15 : $end \neq endcalling$* *axm16 : $callx \neq cally$* *axm17 : $callx \neq endcalling$* *axm18 : $cally \neq endcalling$* *axm19 : $k \leq n$* *axm20 : $\forall i, j. i \in 0 .. n \wedge j \in 0 .. n \wedge i < j \Rightarrow c(j \mapsto i) = c(j - 1 \mapsto i) + c(j - 1 \mapsto i - 1)$* **END**

```
MACHINE binomial1
SEES binomial0
VARIABLES
  vcoef
INVARIANTS
  myteminv1vcoef ∈ ℕ
INITIALISATION
BEGIN
  act1 : vcoef := 1
END
EVENT computing
BEGIN
  act1 : vcoef := c(n ↦ k)
END
END
```

MACHINE *binomial2*

REFINES *binomial1*

SEES *binomial0*

VARIABLES

vcoef, *l*, *vtcoefx*, *vtcoefy*

INVARIANTS

inv1 : $l \in LOC$

inv3 : $vtcoefx \in \mathbb{N}$

inv4 : $vtcoefy \in \mathbb{N}$

inv5 : $l \in \{callx, cally, endcalling\} \Rightarrow k \neq 0 \wedge n \neq 0 \wedge k < n$

inv6 : $l = cally \Rightarrow vtcoefx = c(n - 1 \mapsto k - 1)$

inv7 : $l = endcalling \Rightarrow vtcoefy = c(n - 1 \mapsto k) \wedge vtcoefx = c(n - 1 \mapsto k - 1)$

inv8 : $l = end \Rightarrow vcoef = c(n \mapsto k)$

inv2 : $l = start \Rightarrow vcoef \in \mathbb{N} \wedge vtcoefx \in \mathbb{N} \wedge vtcoefy \in \mathbb{N}$

Events

INITIALISATION

BEGIN

act1 : *vcoef* : $\in \mathbb{N}$

act2 : *l* := *start*

act4 : *vtcoefx* : $\in \mathbb{N}$

act5 : *vtcoefy* : $\in \mathbb{N}$

END

EVENT *computing1* **REFINES** *computing*

WHEN

grd1 : *k* = 0

grd2 : *l* = *start*

THEN

act1 : *vcoef* := 1

act2 : *l* := *end*

END

Events

```
EVENT computing2 REFINES computing  
WHEN  
  grd1 : l = start  
  grd2 : k = n  
THEN  
  act1 : vcoef := 1  
  act2 : l := end  
END
```

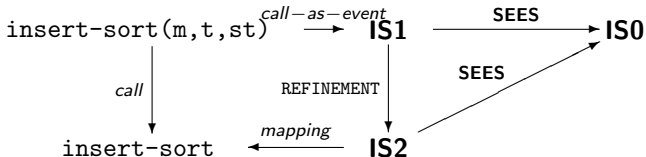
Events

```
EVENT callingx
WHEN
  grd1 :  $l = \text{start}$ 
  grd2 :  $k \neq 0$ 
  grd3 :  $k \neq n$ 
THEN
  act1 :  $\text{vtcoefx} := c(n - 1 \mapsto k - 1)$ 
  act2 :  $l := \text{cally}$ 
END
EVENT callingy
WHEN
  grd1 :  $l = \text{cally}$ 
THEN
  act1 :  $\text{vtcoefy} := c(n - 1 \mapsto k)$ 
  act2 :  $l := \text{endcalling}$ 
END
```

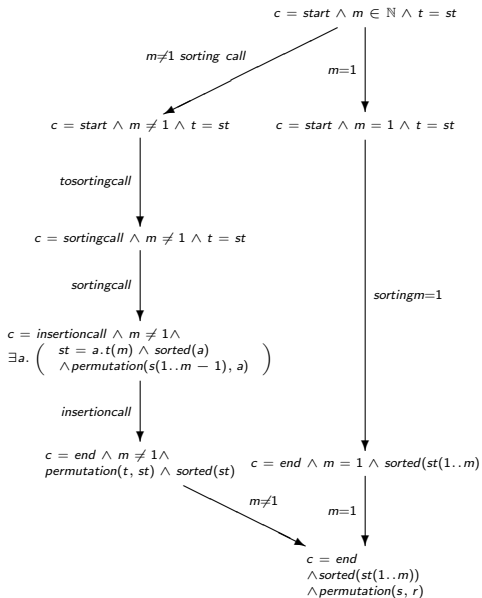
Events

```
EVENT computing3 REFINES computing  
WHEN  
  grd1 : l = endcalling  
THEN  
  act1 : vcoef := vtcoefx + vtcoefy  
  act2 : l := end  
END  
END
```

Problem 2 : Sorting by insertion



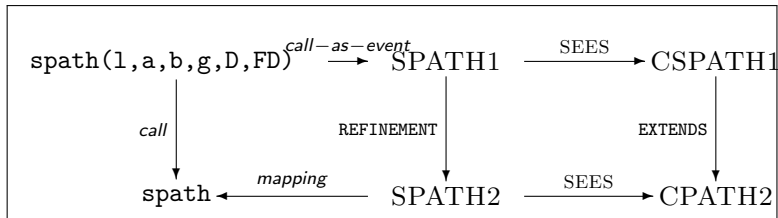
- The problem is to sort an array t between 1 and m , where $\text{dom}(t) = 1..n$ and $m \leq n$.
- The sorting can be done by sorting the array from 1 to $m - 1$ and then to insert the value $t(m)$ at the right position in $1..m$.
- The insertion event is considered as a call of procedure : the subproblem is solved in the same way by applying the guideline.



Comments on Problem 2

- The diagram gives the different events of the refinement model $IS2$; it contains an event called `sortincall`, which is sorting the array t between the value 1 to $m - 1$
- the event `insertioncall` which is inserting the value $t(m)$ at the right position in the array sorted between 1 and $m - 1$.
- This last event can not be translated into an algorithmic expression and should be considered as defining a new problem which is the insertion of a value in a sorted array.
- We re-apply the guideline by starting a new development for solving the insertion problem.
- We use a diagram for illustrating the insertion of $t(m)$ into the values of $st(1..m - 1)$.

Problem 3 : Floyd's algorithm



- `spath` is built from events of `SHORTESTPATH2`
- `FD` states if the path exists
- `D` contains the cost of the minimal path, if it exists

The Event B Context

- The distance function d is defined inductively from bottom to top according to the dynamic programming principle
- When $d(k \mapsto i \mapsto j) = v$: there is a path from i to j with cost v and intermediate nodes are smaller than k .
- The optimality property is derived from the definition of d itself,
- $axm1 : d \in N \times N \times N \mapsto \mathbb{N}$

Axioms for the partial function d

$$\text{axm5} : \forall i. i \in N \Rightarrow 0 \mapsto i \mapsto i \in \text{dom}(d) \wedge d(0 \mapsto i \mapsto i) = 0$$

$$\text{axm6} : \forall i, j, k. \left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\begin{array}{l} k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge (k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k \notin \text{dom}(d) \vee k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j \notin \text{dom}(d)) \end{array} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} k \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \wedge d(k \mapsto i \mapsto j) = d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{axm7} : \forall i, j, k. \left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\begin{array}{l} k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j) \leq d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k) + d(k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j) \end{array} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} k \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge d(k \mapsto i \mapsto j) = d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{axm8} : \forall i, j, k. \left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\begin{array}{l} k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j) > d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k) + d(k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j) \end{array} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} k \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge d(k \mapsto i \mapsto j) = d(k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k) + d(k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j) \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{axm9} : \forall i, j, k. \left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\begin{array}{l} k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto j \notin \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto i \mapsto k \in \text{dom}(d) \\ \wedge k - 1 \mapsto k \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \end{array} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \\ k \mapsto i \mapsto j \in \text{dom}(d) \end{array} \right)$$

SHORTESTPATH1 : pre/post specification

INVARIANTS $inv1 : D \in N \times N \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ $inv2 : FD \in \text{BOOL}$ **EVENT shortestpathOK****WHEN** $grd1 : I \mapsto a \mapsto b \in \text{dom}(d)$ **THEN** $act1 : D(a \mapsto b) := d(I \mapsto a \mapsto b)$ $act2 : FD := \text{TRUE}$ **END****EVENT shortestpathKO****WHEN** $grd1 : I \mapsto a \mapsto b \notin \text{dom}(d)$ **THEN** $act1 : FD := \text{FALSE}$ **END**

```

/* N = 1..n-1 */
void shortestpath (int l, int a, int b, int g[][n], int *D, int *FD)
{
    int D1,D2,D3,FD1,FD2,FD3;

    *FD = 0; FD1=0;FD2=0;FD3=0;
    if (l==0)
        {
            if (g[a][b] != NONE)
                { *FD = 1; *D = g[a][b];}
        }
    else
        {
            shortestpath(l-1,a,b,g,&D1,&FD1);
            if (FD1 == 1) {
                shortestpath(l-1,a,l,g,&D2,&FD2);
                if (FD2==1) {
                    shortestpath(l-1,l,b,g,&D3,&FD3);
                    if (FD3==1) {
                        if (D1 < D2+D3)
                            { *D= D1;}
                        else
                            { *D=D2+D3; };
                        *FD = 1;}
                    else
                        { *D=D1; *FD=1;}}
                else
                    { *D=D1; *FD=1;}}
            else
                { *D=D1; *FD=1;}}
        }
    else
        {
            if ( FD2 == 1 && FD3==1) { *D=D2+D3; *FD=1;}
        }
    else
        { *FD=0;};}
}}

```

Proof obligations

Model	Total	Auto	Manual	Reviewed	Undischarged
CSPATH1	8	8	0	0	0
SPATH1	5	4	1	0	0
SPATH2	493	317	176	0	0
Global	506	329	177	0	0

- Proof Obligations are related to d .
- The prover provides an effective help for completing the invariant.

Naming events in the refinement

```
MACHINE specmax
SEES control0
VARIABLES m
INVARIANTS
  inv1 :  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ 
EVENTS
EVENT INITIALISATION
  BEGIN
    act1m :  $\in \mathbb{N}$ 
  END
EVENT maximum
  BEGIN
    act1m :  $|(m' \in \text{ran}(f) \wedge (\forall j \cdot j \in 0..i \Rightarrow m' \geq f(j)))$ 
  END
END
```

$$\text{maximum} \xrightarrow{\text{call-as-event}} \text{SPECMAX} \xrightarrow{\text{SEES}} \text{CONTROL0}$$

MACHINE *refmax* **REFINES** *specmax* **SEES** *control0*

VARIABLES *m, l, temp, ftemp*

INVARIANTS

inv1 : $l \in \text{CONTROLS}$

inv2 : $m \in \mathbb{N}$

inv3 : $temp \in \mathbb{N}$

inv4 : $ftemp \in \mathbb{N}$

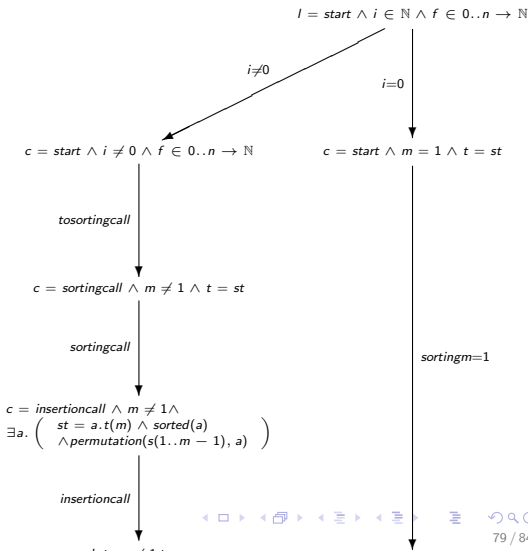
inv5 : $l = \text{call1} \Rightarrow i \neq 0$

inv6 : $l = \text{call2} \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} temp \in \text{ran}(f) \\ \wedge \\ (\forall k \cdot k \in 0..i-1 \Rightarrow temp \geq f(k)) \end{array} \right)$

inv7 : $l = \text{call3} \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{l} ftemp \in \text{ran}(f) \\ \wedge \\ (\forall k \cdot k \in 0..i \Rightarrow ftemp \geq f(k)) \end{array} \right)$

inv8 : $l = \text{end} \Rightarrow m \in \text{ran}(f) \wedge (\forall k \cdot k \in 0..i \Rightarrow m \geq f(k))$

Events for REFMAX

EVENT INITIALISATION**BEGIN***act1* : $m \in \mathbb{N}$ *act2* : $temp \in \mathbb{N}$ *act3* : $ftemp \in \mathbb{N}$ *act4* : $l := start$ **END****EVENT** maximum($f, n, i; m$)% $i=0$ **REFINES** maximum**WHEN***grd1* : $l = start$ *grd2* : $i = 0$ **THEN***act1* : $l := end$ *act2* : $m := f(0)$ **END****EVENT** ELSE**WHEN***grd1* : $l = start$ 

Events for REFMAX

```

EVENT rec%maximum(f,n,i-1 ;temp)%i/=0
  WHEN
    grd1l = call1
  THEN
    act2l := call2
    act1temp : |(temp' ∈ ran(f) ∧ (∀j·j ∈ 0 .. i - 1 ⇒ temp' ≥ f(j)))
  END
EVENT case1
  WHEN
    grd1l = call2
    grd2f(i) < temp
  THEN
    act2l := call3
    act1ftemp := temp
  END
EVENT case2
  WHEN
    grd1l = call2
    grd2f(i) ≥ temp
  THEN
    act1ftemp := f(i)
    act2l := call3
  END

```


Events for REFMAX

```
EVENT maximum(f,n,i;m)%i/= 0  
REFINES maximum  
WHEN  
  grd1l = call3  
THEN  
  act2l := end  
  act1m := ftemp  
END
```

Rules for naming events in the refinement

- **EVENT** $\text{rec}\%proc(x,y)\%pre(proc)(x)\%post(proc)(x,y)$: a general form for naming an event corresponding to a recursive call
- **EVENT** $\text{call}\%aproc(x,y)\%pre(aproc)(x)\%post(aproc)(x,y)$: a general form for naming an event corresponding to a call of `APROC`

Rules for the library

- g is a function defined in the context of the current development
- there exists a development of g as a collection of Event-B models and integrate the code and the models
- checking the application of g

Summary on call as event

- Applying one-step refinement.
- Relating programming and modelling concepts
- Complex algorithms
- Correctness is simpler to get by using the prover.
- Problems to solve for IMPEX :
 - Finalisation of the plugin
 - Generation of invariants from Event B into Spec#
 - Generation of invariants from ontological repositories