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1. Signature Maps and Theory Interpretations (II)1.1. Putting Signatures and Models Together

In any non-toy practical applications, theories are not presented in a monolithic way, as a single "kitchen sink" theory. Instead, they are structured, for every good modularity and reusability reasons, as combinations of simpler theories. For example, the Nelson-Oppen combination method exploits a structure of a theory T as a disjoint union of simpler theories

$$T = T_1 \uplus \dots \uplus T_n$$

each of

for which satisfiability is decidable to obtain a decision procedure for T -satisfiability under reasonable assumptions about the $T_1, \dots, T_n$.

So an obvious question is: how do we put theories together? One, by now obvious answer is the Goguen-Burstall answer, supported by languages such as Maude:

of course, by pushouts!

So, what is a pushout of theories? To answer this question we need to answer a more basic one:

What is a pushout of signatures?

Although I have shown in "Membership Algebra as a logical Framework for Equational Specification", Proc. WRLA'97, 18-61, Springer LNCS 1376, that the category of order-sorted signatures has arbitrary pushouts, for our present purposes it will be enough to consider a special form of pushout appearing very often in practice and having very good properties, namely, pushouts for nicely intersectable signatures.

Def. Order-sorted FO signatures $\Sigma_1 = ((S_1, \leq_1), F_1, P_1)$ and $\Sigma_2 = ((S_2, \leq_2), F_2, P_2)$ are called nicely intersectable iff:

1. for each $s_0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$ either

(i) $[s_0]_1 = [s_0]_2$, where

$[s]_i$ abbreviates $[s]_{\leq_i}$,

and $\leq_1 \cap [s_0]_1^2 = \leq_2 \cap [s_0]_2^2$.

or (ii) $[s_0]_1 \cap [s_0]_2 = \{s_0\}$

2. for each $f \in \text{fun}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{fun}(\Sigma_2)$

$F_1(f) = F_2(f)$ and, furthermore,

if $(s_1, \dots, s_n, 1) \in F_1(f) = F_2(f)$, then

$[s_1]_1 = [s_1]_2, \dots, [s_n]_1 = [s_n]_2$, and $[s]_1 = [s]_2$

3. for each $p \in \text{pred}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{pred}(\Sigma_2)$, $P_1(p) = P_2(p)$,

and if $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \in P_1(p) = P_2(p)$, then

$[s_1]_1 = [s_1]_2, \dots, [s_n]_1 = [s_n]_2$.

Under these conditions we define their intersection

$\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 = ((S_0, \leq_0), F_0, P_0)$, where $S_0 = S_1 \cap S_2$

and $(S_0, \leq_0)$ is the disjoint union of posets

$([s_0]_1, \leq_1) = ([s_0]_2, \leq_2)$ when $s_0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$ and

$[s_0]_1 = [s_0]_2$, and otherwise the singleton poset

$(\{s_0\}, \leq_{\{s_0\}})$ when $\{s_0\} = [s_0]_1 \cap [s_0]_2$,

and where $\text{fun}(\Sigma_0) = \text{fun}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{fun}(\Sigma_2)$, and

$\text{pred}(\Sigma_0) = \text{pred}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{pred}(\Sigma_2)$, with

$F_0 = F_1|_{\text{fun}(\Sigma_0)} = F_2|_{\text{fun}(\Sigma_0)}$, $P_0 = P_1|_{\text{pred}(\Sigma_0)} = P_2|_{\text{pred}(\Sigma_0)}$.

Before defining the union of signatures $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ for nicely intersectable signatures and its pushout property, we need an elementary lemma about posets.

Lemma. Let $(A_1, <_1)$ and $(A_2, <_2)$ be posets such that $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{a\}$ for some a . Then $(A_1 \cup A_2, (<_1 \cup <_2)^+)$, where R^+ denotes the transitive closure of a relation R is a poset.

Proof. Since $(<_1 \cup <_2)$ is transitive by construction, we just need to show that it is irreflexive. But this follows trivially if we can prove that

$(<_1 \cup <_2)^+ \cap A_i^2 = \emptyset$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$. This itself follows trivially by induction on the length n of a sequence

$$b_0 <_1 \cup <_2 b_1 \cdots b_{n-1} <_1 \cup <_2 b_n. \quad \square$$

Definition. Let Σ_1, Σ_2 be nicely intersectable OS-FO signatures with $\Sigma_1 = ((S_1, <_1), F_1, P_1)$, $\Sigma_2 = ((S_2, <_2), F_2, P_2)$. Then their union $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ is defined as the signature

$$\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2 = ((S_1 \cup S_2, (<_1 \cup <_2)^+), F_1 \cup F_2, P_1 \cup P_2).$$

Let us check that this definition makes sense. If

$s_0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$, then either $[s_0]_1 = [s_0]_2$, and

$\leq_1 \cap [s_0]_1^2 = \leq_2 \cap [s_0]_2^2$, so that, trivially,

$$(\leq_1 \cap [s_0]_1^2 \cup \leq_2 \cap [s_0]_2^2)^+ = \leq_i \cap [s_0]_i^2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2,$$

or $[s_0]_1 \cap [s_0]_2 = \{s_0\}$ and we are in the situation

of the above lemma, so that

$$([s_0]_1 \cup [s_0]_2, (\leq_1 \cap [s_0]_1^2 \cup \leq_2 \cap [s_0]_2^2)^+)$$

is a poset. Of course, if $s_1 \in S_1 - S_2$ we have

a connected component $[s_1]_1$ with $[s_1]_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$

and likewise if $s_2 \in S_2 - S_1$. Note that

$(S_1 \cup S_2, (\leq_1 \cup \leq_2)^+)$ is just the union of such connected components.

Likewise, since F_1 and F_2 agree on $\text{fun}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{fun}(\Sigma_2)$

and P_1 and P_2 on $\text{pred}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{pred}(\Sigma_2)$,

$F_1 \cup F_2$ and $P_1 \cup P_2$ are well-defined functions.

This gives us the following diagram of signature inclusions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Sigma_1 & \xrightarrow{J_2'} & \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2 \\
 \uparrow J_1 & & \uparrow J_1' \\
 \Sigma_0 & \xrightarrow{J_2} & \Sigma_2
 \end{array}$$

which has the following pushout property:

Theorem. Let Σ_1, Σ_2 be nicely intersectable signatures with $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2$. Let $H_1: \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma$, $H_2: \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \Sigma$ be signature maps such that $J_1; H_1 = J_2; H_2$.

Then there is a unique signature map, denoted $H_1 \cup H_2: \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \Sigma$ such that the following

diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \Sigma \\
 & \nearrow H_1 & \\
 \Sigma_1 & \xrightarrow{J_2'} & \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2 \\
 \uparrow J_1 & & \uparrow J_1' \\
 \Sigma_0 & \xrightarrow{J_2} & \Sigma_2 \\
 & \searrow H_2 & \\
 & & \Sigma
 \end{array}$$

$H_1 \cup H_2$ (dashed arrow from $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ to Σ)

Proof. The notation $H_1 \cup H_2$ is for the moment a formal notation; we need to show that it actually makes sense. Uniqueness is obvious, since H_1 and H_2 are themselves families of functions (for sorts, function symbols and predicate symbols) which agree on Σ_0 , if a corresponding (family of) functions is supposed

to define a signature map $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2 \rightarrow \Sigma$, it must be the (component-wise) set-theoretic union of H_1 and H_2 . By the nice intersectability property and the equality $J_1; H_1 = J_2; H_2$ $F_1 \cup F_2$ and $P_1 \cup P_2$ are indeed functions. That they and $H_1 \cup H_2 : (S_1 \cup S_2, (\leq_1 \cup \leq_2)^+) \rightarrow (S, \leq)$ satisfy the requirements of a signature map boils down to showing $H_1 \cup H_2$ monotonic. But this is easy to show by focusing on each connected component of $(S_1 \cup S_2, (\leq_1 \cup \leq_2)^+)$. The only possibly problematic case is when $[s_0]_1 \cap [s_0]_2 = \{s_0\}$. But in that case $H_1 \cup H_2|_{[s_0]_1 \cup [s_0]_2} : ([s_0]_1 \cup [s_0]_2, (\leq_1 \cup \leq_2)^+) \rightarrow ([s_0]_1 \cup [s_0]_2, \leq)$

$\rightarrow (S, \leq_S)$ is indeed monotonic. For $s \leq s'$ with $s, s' \in [s_0]_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$, this follows from the proof of the above lemma, since then $H_1 \cup H_2(s) = H_i(s)$, $H_1 \cup H_2(s') = H_i(s')$, and $s (\leq_1 \cup \leq_2)^+ s'$ iff $s \leq_i s'$, so that $H_i(s) \leq_S H_i(s')$.

For $s < s'$ with, say, $s \in S_1$ and $s' \in S_2$ we must have $s \leq_1 s_0 \leq_2 s'$. But this gives us

$H_1(s) \leq_S H_1(s_0) = H_2(s_0) \leq_S H_2(s')$, as desired. $\square$

This is all very well. But how can we now put models together?

That is, suppose $M_1 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1)$ and $M_2 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_2)$.

Can we combine them into a model, say

$[M_1, M_2] \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ which we may call their amalgamation? Existence of such amalgamations is, for example, a crucial issue for Nelson-Oppen combinations to get off the ground.

Let us think categorically for a moment. Consider the

functor $\text{Mod} : \text{OS-FO-Sign}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}$

since $\text{OS-FO-Sign}^{\text{op}}$ is the dual of OSFO-Sign what does a pushout in OS-FO-Sign look like in $\text{OS-FO-Sign}^{\text{op}}$? Of course as it dual, namely a pullback.

Viewed in this, enlightened, way, what is the existence amalgamations for a pushout of theories all about?

It is all about Mod mapping that pullback in $\text{OS-FO-Sign}^{\text{op}}$ to a pullback in Cat .

I call this in my General topics paper an exactness property about Mod .

It turns out that Mod is not exact for arbitrary pushouts of OS-signatures (see J. Meseguer, "Order-Sorted Parameterization and Induction", Springer LNCS 5700, 43-80, 2009 for a counterexample). I will, however show that it is exact for the $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ pushout when Σ_1 and Σ_2 are nicely intersectable.

So, what is amalgamation? Or, just in a more enlightened way, what is a pullback in Cat like? If we disregard morphisms, which we can for satisfiability purposes, the answer is easy:

Exactly like a pullback in Set

So, what is a pullback in the category of sets?

That is extremely easy to answer:

Given function $f_1: A_1 \rightarrow A_0$, $f_2: A_2 \rightarrow A_0$

their pullback $A_1 \times_{A_0} A_2$ is the set

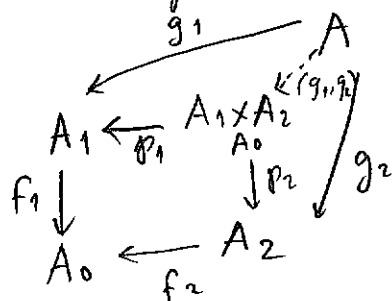
$$A_1 \times_{A_0} A_2 = \{ (a_1, a_2) \in A_1 \times A_2 \mid f_1(a_1) = f_2(a_2) \}$$

together with the projection functions $p_i: A_1 \times_{A_0} A_2 \rightarrow A_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$, and it has the following universal

property: for any two function $g_i: A \rightarrow A_i$

$1 \leq i \leq 2$ such that $g_1; f_1 = g_2; f_2$

there is a unique function $(g_1, g_2) : A \rightarrow A_1 \times_{A_0} A_2$
such that the diagram



commutes. (g_1, g_2) does the expected thing:

$$(g_1, g_2) : a \mapsto (g_1(a), g_2(a)) \in A_1 \times_{A_0} A_2.$$

So, what is the amalgamation property for our
pushout $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$?

Disregarding homomorphisms and sticking only to models,
the claim that the commutative diagram

$$(\star) \quad \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1) & \xleftarrow{-|_{\Sigma_1}} & \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2) \\
 -|_{\Sigma_0} \downarrow & & \downarrow -|_{\Sigma_2} \\
 \text{Mod}(\Sigma_0) & \xleftarrow{-|_{\Sigma_0}} & \text{Mod}(\Sigma_2)
 \end{array}$$

is, up to a bijective change of representation, a pullback
in Set. That is, the claim that the models of

$\text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ are exactly pairs $[M_1, M_2]$

with $M_1 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1)$, $M_2 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_2)$, and

$$M_1|_{\Sigma_0} = M_2|_{\Sigma_0}.$$

(Amalgamation Property).

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Theorem. Let Σ_1 and Σ_2 be nicely intersectable OS-FO signatures. Then, the diagram $(\star)$ is a pullback in Set.

Proof. We just need to show that given $M_1 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1)$,

$M_2 \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_2)$ such that $M_1|_{\Sigma_0} = M_2|_{\Sigma_0}$,

there is a unique expansion to a model, denoted

$[M_1, M_2]$ in $\text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$, and that any

model $M \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ is exactly of the

form $M = [M|_{\Sigma_1}, M|_{\Sigma_2}]$.

Note, first of all, that, for any $M \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$,

we have $(M|_{\Sigma_1})|_{\Sigma_0} = (M|_{\Sigma_2})|_{\Sigma_0}$ because of $(\star)$.

Therefore, all we need to prove is:

1. Uniqueness. If $M, M' \in \text{Mod}(\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ with $M_i = M|_{\Sigma_i} = M'|_{\Sigma_i}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$, then $M = M'$.

Let $M = (M, \frac{F}{m}, \frac{P}{m})$, $M' = (M', \frac{F}{m'}, \frac{P}{m'})$.

$M = M'$ follows easily from

$$M = \{M_s\}_{s \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2} = \{M'_s\}_{s \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2} = M'.$$

Likewise we have,

$$\frac{F}{m} = \frac{F_1}{m_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{m_2} = \frac{F}{m'}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{P}{m'} = \frac{P}{m_1} \cup \frac{P}{m_2} = \frac{P}{m'}$$

2. Existence. Given $M_1 \in \underline{\text{Mod}}(\Sigma_1)$, $M_2 \in \underline{\text{Mod}}(\Sigma_2)$

with, say, $M_1 = (M_1, \frac{F_1}{m_1}, \frac{P_1}{m_1})$, $M_2 = (M_2, \frac{F_2}{m_2}, \frac{P_2}{m_2})$

define $[M_1, M_2] = ([M_1, M_2], \frac{F_1}{m_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{m_2}, \frac{P_1}{m_1} \cup \frac{P_2}{m_2})$,

as follows: $[M_1, M_2] = \{ [M_1, M_2]_s \}_{s \in S_1 \cup S_2}$

where if $s \in S_i$, then $[M_1, M_2]_s = M_{i,s}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$,

which is well-defined, since when $s_0 \in S_1 \cap S_2$

since $M_1|_{\Sigma_0} = M_2|_{\Sigma_0}$ we must have

$M_{1,s_0} = M_{2,s_0}$. Furthermore, if $s, s' \in S_1 \cup S_2$

and $s \leq s'$ we do have $[M_1, M_2]_s \subseteq [M_1, M_2]_{s'}$.

This follows trivially when $s, s' \in S_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$.

Otherwise, if $s < s'$ with, say, $s \in S_1$, $s' \in S_2$,

and $[s]_1 \cap [s]_2 = \{s_0\}$, we must have

$s \leq s_0 \leq s'$, which forces

$$M_{1,s} \subseteq M_{1,s_0} = M_{2,s_0} \subseteq M_{2,s'}$$

as desired.

We just need to check that $\frac{F_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{M_2}$ defines an order-sorted algebra structure on $[M_1, M_2]$ that yields the one on M_i as its Σ_i -reduct, $1 \leq i \leq 2$, and likewise for $\frac{P_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{P_2}{M_2}$ with respect to predicates. Let us show that this is the case for $\frac{F_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{M_2}$, and leave the predicate case as an exercise. There are three cases:

$$1. f \in \text{fun}(\Sigma_1) \cap \text{fun}(\Sigma_2) = \text{fun}(\Sigma_0)$$

then, by $M_1|_{\Sigma_0} = M_2|_{\Sigma_0}$ we must have

$$f_{M_1} = f_{M_2} \text{ for all the } \underline{\text{shared}}! \text{ types,}$$

$$\text{since } F_1(f) = F_2(f).$$

$$2. f \in \text{fun}(\Sigma_1) - \text{fun}(\Sigma_2). \text{ Then}$$

$$\left(\frac{F_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{M_2}\right)(f) = f_{M_1} \text{ for all the types of } F_1(f)$$

$$3. \text{ Likewise, if } f \in \text{fun}(\Sigma_2) - \text{fun}(\Sigma_1),$$

$$\left(\frac{F_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{M_2}\right)(f) = f_{M_2}$$

Therefore, $\frac{F_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{F_2}{M_2}$ (and likewise $\frac{P_1}{M_1} \cup \frac{P_2}{M_2}$) are well-defined, and yield the desired amalgamation $[M_1, M_2]$ with $[M_1, M_2]|_{\Sigma_i} = M_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 2$. $\square$