Models are the ‘M’ in JML

Using ADT Models in Formal Specification with JML

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Models, not Modeling

- the ‘M’ in JML is **not** the same as the ‘M’ in UML, even if both use the term ‘model’
- JML models are mathematical abstractions
  - UML models are pretty pictures
- JML models are used to specify abstract behavior independent of implementation
- an implementation realizes a model and is verified as fulfilling the model
Standard Models

- standard mathematical models include:
  - bag, list, map, pair, relation, sequence, set
  - variants exist for values and objects

- standard Java models include:
  - Byte, Char, Double, Float, Integer, Long, Short, String, Type
  - Collection, Comparable, Enumeration, Iterator
Mathematical Models

- Each model is realized by one Java class
- See the package `org.jmlspecs.models`
- All methods of all models are functional
- Each model has a full specification
- Spec is in OO/ADT style
- Algebraic equational axiomatic spec
- NB no models have been verified yet!
Java Models

- all core classes have models
- some of these models are quite simple (e.g., Byte, Char, Integer, and String)
- others are quite complicated (e.g., Double and Float)
Using Models

- models are used by declaring *model fields*
- one can also declare *model methods*
- in specifications, models are used in lieu of concrete fields when at all possible
- in implementations, models are bound to implementations with a *represents* clause
  - representations can be concrete fields or abstract pure method invocations
Example Models: JMLString

```java
public /*@ pure @*/ class JMLString implements JMLComparable {

/** The contents of this object. */
//@ public model String theString;
//@ public invariant theString != null;

protected String str_;  
//@ in theString;
//@ protected invariant represents theString <- str_;

//@ protected invariant str_ != null;
```
public /*@ pure @*/ class JMLInteger implements JMLComparable {

  /** The integer value of this object. */
  //@ public model int theInt;

  //@ public constraint theInt == \old(theInt);

  private int intValue;
  //@ in theInt;
  //@ private represents theInt <- intValue;
}
/** Return a new object containing the remainder of this object's integer value divided by that of the given argument. */

/*@ public normal_behavior @
requires i2 != null && !i2.equals(new JMLInteger(0));
ensures \result != null
&& \result.theInt == theInt % i2.theInt;
@*/

public /*@ non_null @*/
JMLInteger remainderBy(/*@ non_null @*/ JMLInteger i2) {
    //@ assume i2.intValue != 0;
    return new JMLInteger(intValue % i2.intValue);
}
Issues with Models

- awkward to use

- all operators are functional and are methods, thus an unfamiliar prefix-notation is necessary

- all mathematical models are parameterized on a type, but since Java <=1.5 has no parameterized classes, casting is frequent

- execution speed with jmlrac is very slow

- particularly true of mathematical models
Verifying with Models

- models with built-in types and functional representations work in ESC/Java2
- small models with richer types and functional representations sometimes work
  - primarily complexity issue with Simplify
- medium to large models with richer types do not work at all
  - currently revising core specifications to match ESC/Java2’s current capabilities