

Interpreting SysMLv2 into the Category of Relations for Architecture, Analysis and Design

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Background

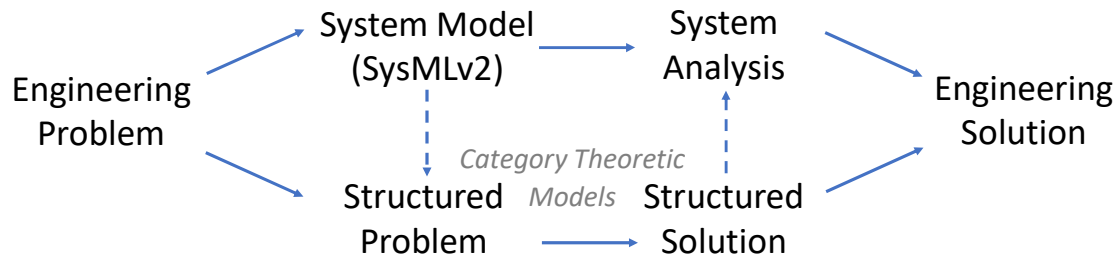
- Ongoing research with industry partners within and outside OMG
- Mathsig Presentations
 - September 2024: AI PTF, C4 DTF, Mathsig
A Brief Introduction to Category Theory for Systems and Software Engineers [1]
 - June 2024: Mathsig
ROSETTA Implementation in SysMLv2 Revisited [2]
 - March 2023: SE DSIG
Implementation of ROSETTA in SysMLv2 and Underlying Maths Formalisms [3]
- This builds on and extends UPR 1.0 Constraint Driven Design [4]

*Investigating practical methods for industrial applications supported by
commercially available tools and founded in mathematics.*

Context: Using SysMLv2 to Solve Engineering Problems

Category Theoretic Models Directly Reflect Solutions

Transformation of SysMLv2 models into mathematical abstractions



Purpose of presentation: inform nonspecialists in the SE DSIG how category theory might be used to enhance SysMLv2 tool expressiveness.

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Topics of the Presentation

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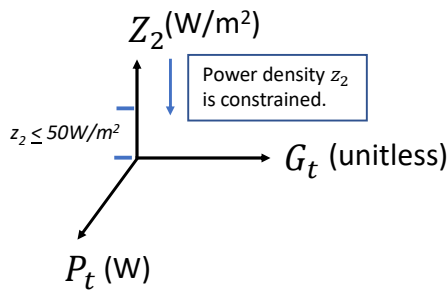
Category theory can be leveraged for structured modelling & analysis.

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Reference Problem: Safety Constrained Radar System Design

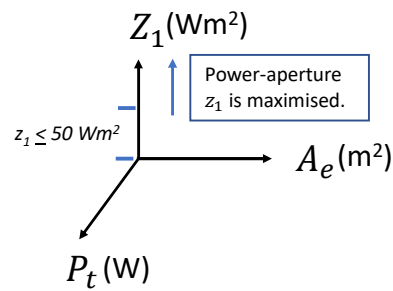
A safety requirement on power density (z_2) constrains the power-aperture product (z_1).

System design analysis is driven by the competing objectives z_1 and z_2 .



Safety Design Space: $X_2 = (P_t, G_t)$

At the safety perimeter of d meters, power density z_2 must be $\leq 50W/m^2$.



Performance Design Space $X_1 = (P_t, A_e)$

Radar detection performance is improved by increasing power-aperture product.

Using the Category of Relations (Rel) for System Modelling Correspondence with object orientation

Category theory reveals how different types of structures are related to one another [5, §1.3].

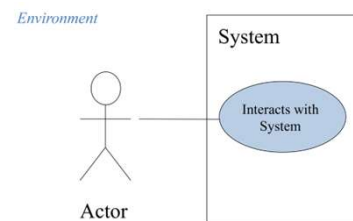
Key ideas:

- Models are central to systems and software
- Mathematical models are realised in mathematical relational structures to include graphical structures (e.g., in object orientation)
- Predicates can express *relationships between objects*.

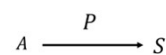
This use case diagram states, 'Actor interacts with System.'

In category theory, a *relationship* between two objects is represented by an *arrow* called a *morphism*.

A category is concerned with its morphisms; not details of its objects.



(a) Predicate (verb-noun phrase) in Use Case diagram



(b) Predicate as a morphism in the Category of Relations (Rel)

Rel : the category of relations. The objects of Rel are sets. Its morphisms are binary relations.

Using the Category of Relations (*Rel*) to Express Domain Knowledge

Example of knowledge representation using (relational) morphisms

Structures in category theory can be used to represent knowledge (e.g., ontologies, models).

Key ideas:

Relations can be used to express properties of objects.
 Expression of properties as morphisms in the category *Rel*,

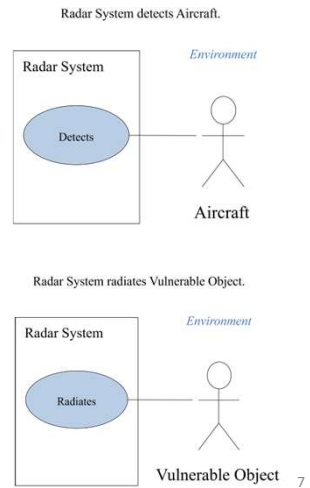
$$F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1 \text{ (e.g., performance: power-aperture product)}$$

$$H: X_2 \rightarrow Z_2 \text{ (e.g., safety: power density)}$$

These two *morphisms* are *abstract structural elements* that reveal how the radar transmitter and antenna relate to system design.

Radar system domain knowledge can be expressed using the morphisms to define system properties.

**In [6], Architecture is investigated as a mathematical class and properties of structures.*



Analysis Case 1: Radar System Performance

Radar power-aperture product (Wm^2) drives detection

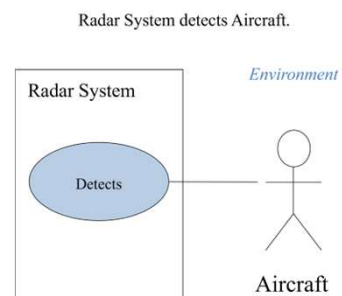
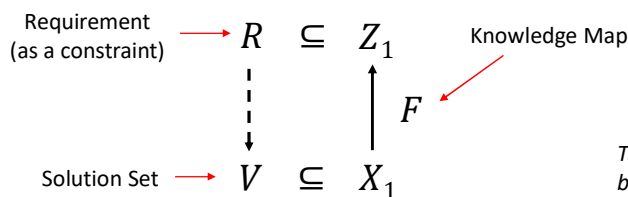
$$F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1 ; R(z_1) \subseteq Z_1 \text{ (performance requirement: maximise detection)}$$

X_1 is a *design space*¹ with two attributes power (W), aperture (m^2)

Z_1 is an *objective space*¹: attribute power-aperture product (Wm^2)

Design problem: maximise $z_1 =$ power-aperture product (Wm^2)

OMG UPR 1.0 Constraint Driven Design¹



The association line in the use case can be expressed as a binary relation *F* between the objective and design spaces.

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Mathematical Analysis¹

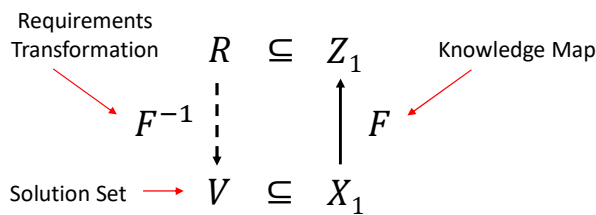
If $R \cap F(X_1) \neq \emptyset$, then $F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1$ implies an inverse relation,

$$F^{-1}: R \rightarrow V$$

The inverse relation F^{-1} is not necessarily defined on the whole of R . It is only defined on $R \cap F(X_1)$.

Therefore, the structured solution set is,
 $V = F^{-1}(R \cap F(X_1))$

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Analysis Case 2: Radar System Safety

Radar power density (W/m^2) drives the safety constraint

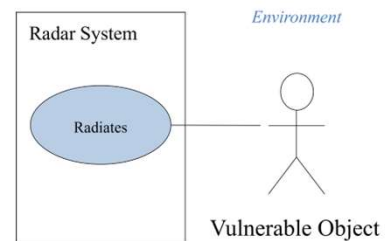
$H: X_2 \rightarrow Z_2; S(z_2) \subseteq Z_2$ (safety requirement: constrain radiation)

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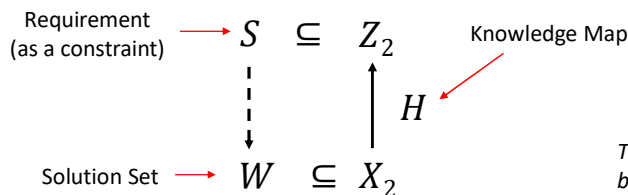
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Radar System radiates Vulnerable Object.



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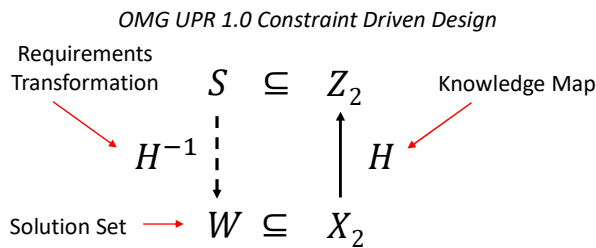
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Design problem: constrain $z_2 =$ power density (W/m^2) at range d .

At this stage of analysis, the requirement set S is constrained at the range d by $z_2 \leq 50 W/m^2$.

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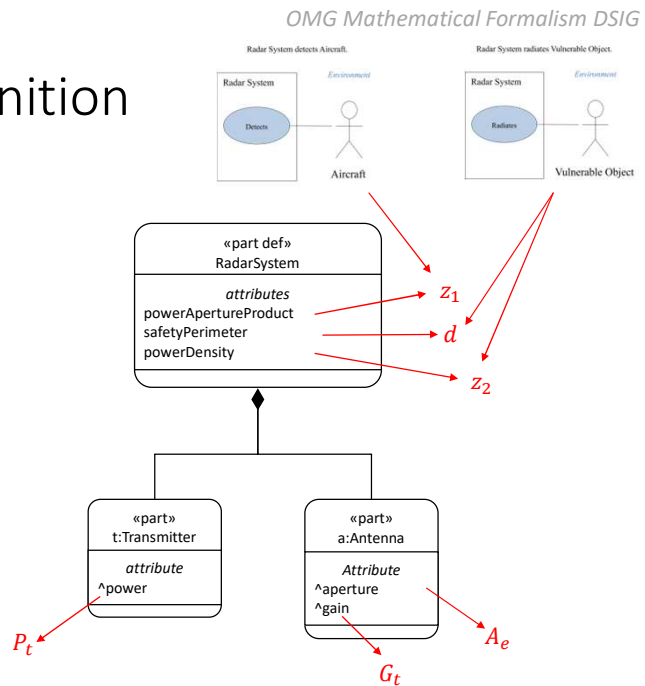
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This section proposes preliminary concepts for a future SysMLv2.1.

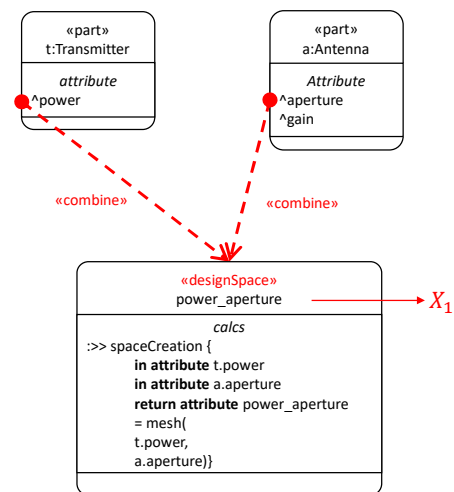
Symbolic Variable Definition

- **Requirement:** A user shall be able to define a **symbolic variable** within a system element that is characterised by such a variable.
- For example, a transmitter component of a Radar system is characterised by the power of the transmitter. This characteristic could be modelled by a variable, named P_t .
- This could be supported by SysMLv2 Part Definition, Part Usage, Attribute Definition and Attribute Usage, but needs to be more constrained.
- Requires analysis tool to read the attributes as **symbolic variables**



Space* Definition

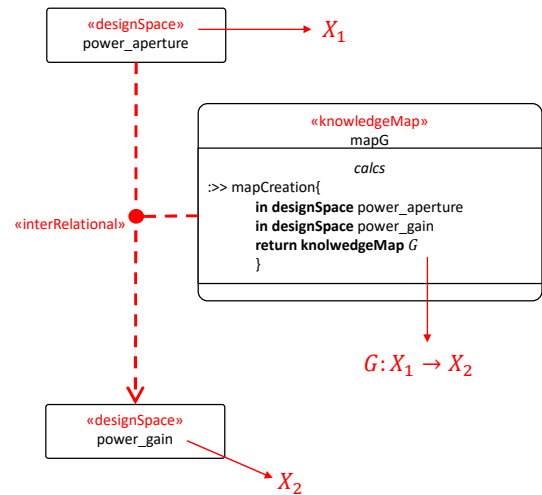
- **Requirement:**
 - A user shall be able to specify a **Design Space** by selecting and combining a set of specified variables, represented by a symbolic variable. E.g., Design Space $X_1 = (P_t, A_e)$
 - A user shall be able to specify an **Objective Space** by selecting and combining a set of specified variables, represented by a symbolic variable. E.g., Object Space Z_1
 - The specification of the spaces shall optionally allow the user to specify the boundary for each of the variables applicable to the space definition so that the space is constrained
- **Proposal:**
 - «designSpace def» & «objectiveSpace def» extends Definition with a calcs compartment that utilises «cal def»;
 - «combine» that extends Dependency for visualisable traceability.
 - «combine» can be realised by *Cartesian Product*. Ideally, this should be a machine-readable operation which will combine one-dimensional **variables** into a multi-dimensional **space**. *function mesh()* is a type of Cartesian Product.



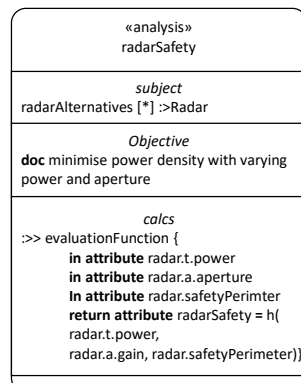
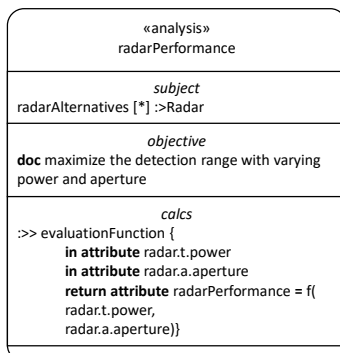
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Relations Definition

- **Requirement:**
 - A user shall be able to specify **Binary Relations** between **symbolic variables**. E.g., a mathematical function, $f(P_t, A_e) = P_t A_e$, in which the inverse may **NOT** be a function.
 - A user shall be able to specify a **Relation** (of relations) that connects two specified **Spaces**. These could be a relation between two Design Spaces, a relation between two Objective Spaces, or a relation between a Design Space and an Objective Space. E.g., $F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1$
- The first requirement is already addressed by SysMLv2
- Whilst there is a n -ary Dependency graphical/textual notation, but it is rather abstract for analysis.
- **Proposal:**
 - **«knowledgeMap def»** extends Definition with a calcs compartment that utilises «cal def»;
 - **«interRelational»** that extends n -ary Dependency for visualisable inter-relational structure and traceability.



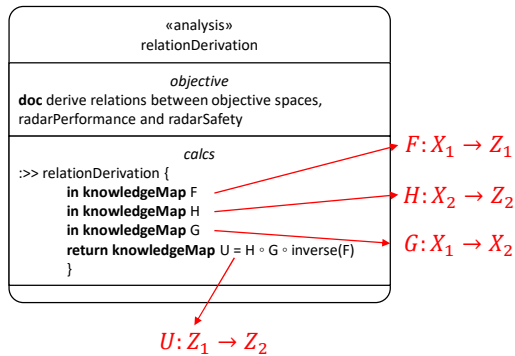
Analysis Cases Issues



- Complex multi-objectives design involves **multiple** trade-off analysis cases
- What is the relation between the cases, when they have **shared variables**?
- Need a way to model and analyse the coupling.
- Machine-readable modelling of shared variables in a physical process or in software is a challenge.

Relations Usage

- With various relations defined, one could start to use these relations a specific analysis case to derive further relations for understanding the complexity



It is useful to integrate the multiple model elements into a single matrix representation (such as ROSETTA)

			<u>N</u>		
				U	Z ₁
					Z ₂
<u>M</u>			Z ₁	Z ₂	
X ₁	X ₂				
	G	X ₁	F		
		X ₂		H	<u>Q</u>

Relational transformation (of the relation G):

$$(X_1, X_2) \text{ with } (X_1, Z_1) \text{ and } (X_2, Z_2) \rightarrow \exists U, (Z_1, Z_2) = U$$

The new relation *identified* is denoted as U , which is *defined* by the chain of relations (Z_1, X_1) , (X_1, X_2) , and (X_2, Z_2) . Thus, U is defined by the composition,

$$U = H \circ G \circ F^{-1}.$$

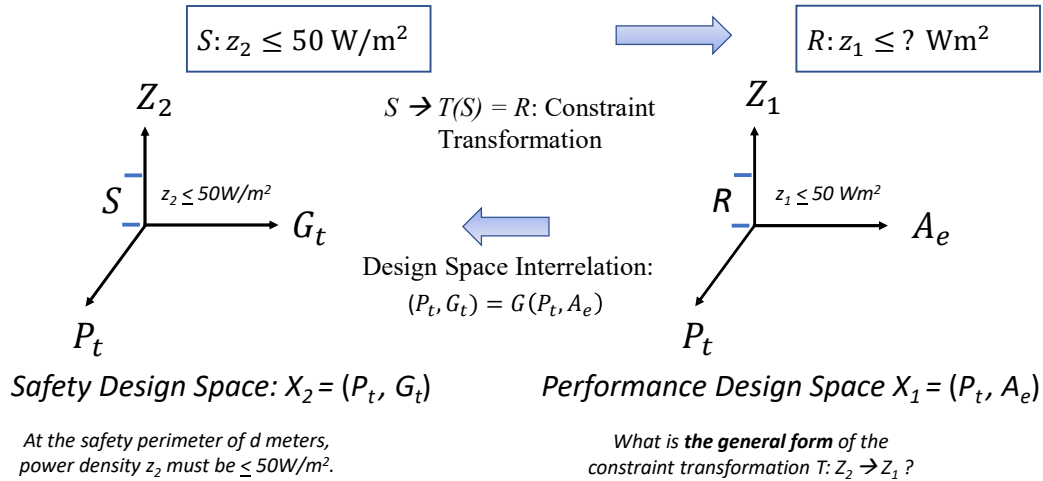
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Models can be structured using the language of category theory.

Engineering Representation of a Constraint Transformation T

One 'value' of the transformation of the safety requirement S constrains power-aperture product R to: $z_1 \leq 50Wm^2$.



Matrix View of a Relational Structure for Safety Analysis: ROSETTA Framework when the objectives are *dependent* variables

There are three *defined relations*,

$$F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1$$

$$H: X_2 \rightarrow Z_2$$

$$G: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$$

There is one *implied relation*,

$$U(G): Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2,$$

which is identified using *relational transformation*.

The matrices of a ROSETTA framework use standard row-column notation, e.g., (Z_1, X_1) is the relation F , but they have a different algebra than ordinary matrices.

			<u>N</u> (Target)	
			$U(G)$	Z_1
				Z_2
<u>M</u> (Source)			Z_1	Z_2
X_1	X_2		F	
	G	X_1		
		X_2		H
<u>Q</u> (Transformation)				

Algebra of the relational transformation (of the relation G):

$$(X_1, X_2) \text{ with } (X_1, Z_1) \text{ and } (X_2, Z_2) \rightarrow \exists U, (Z_1, Z_2) = U(G)$$

The new relation *identified* is denoted as U and is *defined* by the chain of relations (Z_1, X_1) , (X_1, X_2) , and (X_2, Z_2) . Thus, the relation $(Z_1, Z_2) = U(G)$ is defined by the composition,

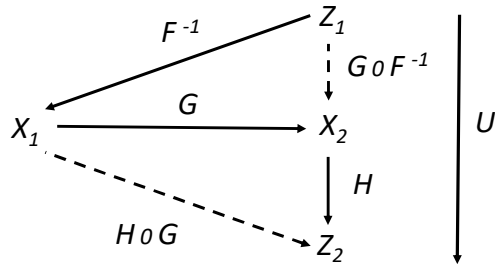
$$U = H \circ G \circ F^{-1}.$$

Comparison of Relational Transformation of G using ROSETTA with Relational Composition in Rel

There are four *defined or implied* relations,

- $F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1$ (X_1, Z_1)
- $H: X_2 \rightarrow Z_2$ (X_2, Z_2)
- $G: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ (X_1, X_2)
- $U: Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2$ (Z_1, Z_2)

Relational Transformation: Graphical View



			<u>N</u>	
			$U(G)$	Z_1
			$T=?$	Z_2
<u>M</u>	X_1	X_2	Z_1	Z_2
		G	F	
		X_2		H
				<u>Q</u>

The relational structure of the framework is complete.

The relational transformation of (X_1, X_2) with (X_1, Z_1) and (X_2, Z_2) implies a chain of relations (Z_1, X_1) , (X_1, X_2) , and (X_2, Z_2) . Thus,

$$U = U(G) = H \circ G \circ F^{-1}$$

The *problem* is structured by joining up the arrows, but the transformation T does not yet belong to the framework.

Matrix View of a Relational Structure for Safety Analysis: Structured Solution for T using the ROSETTA Framework

There are six *defined or implied* relations,

- $F: X_1 \rightarrow Z_1$ (X_1, Z_1)
- $H: X_2 \rightarrow Z_2$ (X_2, Z_2)
- $G: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ (X_1, X_2)
- $G^{-1}: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ (X_2, X_1)
- $U: Z_1 \rightarrow Z_2$ (Z_1, Z_2)
- $T: Z_2 \rightarrow Z_1$ (Z_2, Z_1)

Formulae can be expressed in SysMLv2.

$$F(P_t, A_e) = z_1 = P_t A_e$$

$$H(P_t, G_t) = z_2 = P_t G_t / 4\pi d^2$$

$$G(P_t, A_e) = (P_t, 4\pi A_e / \lambda^2)$$

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	G^{-1}			H
				<u>Q</u>

Relational transformation (of the relation G^{-1}):

$$(X_2, X_1) \text{ with } (X_2, Z_2) \text{ and } (X_1, Z_1) \rightarrow \exists T, (Z_2, Z_1) = T(G^{-1})$$

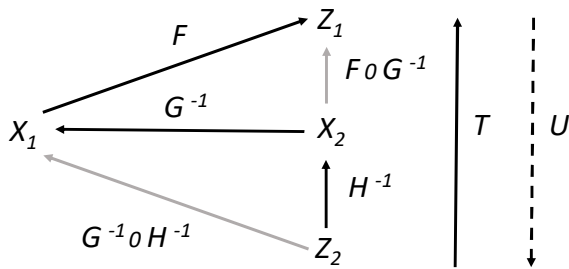
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$$T = H^{-1} \circ G^{-1} \circ F$$

Comparison of Relational Transformation T of G^{-1} using ROSETTA with Relational Composition in Rel

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(P_t, A_e) &= z_1 = P_t A_e \\
 H(P_t, G_t) &= z_2 = P_t G_t / 4\pi d^2 \\
 G(P_t, A_e) &= (P_t, 4\pi A_e / \lambda^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Relational Transformation: Graphical View



Derivation of T from $U(G)$

				N	
				$U(G)$	Z_1
				U^{-1}	Z_2
M	X_1	X_2		Z_1	Z_2
		G	X_1	F	
			X_2		H
					Q

The structured solution for T can also be derived from $U(g)$:

$$U = H \circ G \circ F^{-1} \rightarrow T = U^{-1} = (H \circ G \circ F^{-1})^{-1} = F \circ G^{-1} \circ H^{-1}.$$

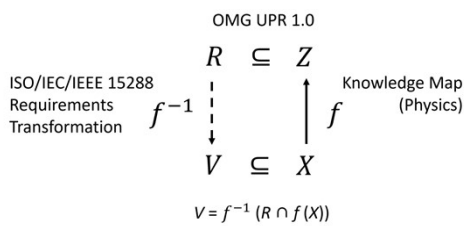
Either way, as seen in the algebraic calculations in the annex, when the formulae for F , G , and H are used, a formula for T then follows,

$$z_1 = T(z_2) = d^2 \lambda^2 z_2.$$

For a perimeter with $d\lambda = 1$, $z_2 \leq 50W/m^2 \rightarrow z_1 \leq 50Wm^2$. 23

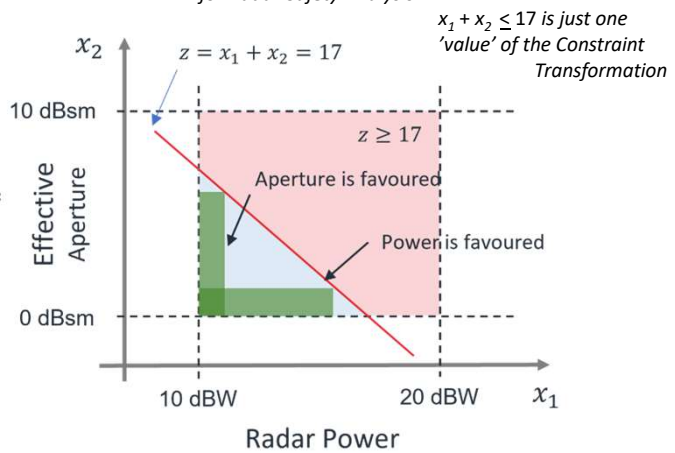
Engineering solution and optimisation using constraint driven design*

Requirements Transformation (ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288) using ROSETTA



Representation in the design space $X = (x_1, x_2) = [10 \text{ dBW}, 20 \text{ dBW}] \times [0 \text{ dBsm}, 10 \text{ dBsm}]$
 Transformation of requirements (in decibels) defines the solution set $V(x_1, x_2)$, (blue triangle):
 Power aperture product = $z = f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + x_2$
 $f^{-1}(R \cap f(X)) = f^{-1}([0, 17] \cap [10, 30]) = f^{-1}([10, 17])$
 $z \in R = [10, 17] \rightarrow x_1 + x_2$ is a solution
 Maximising z (dBWsm) (green rectangles) is constrained by the safety requirement.

Constraint Driven Design for Radar Safety Analysis



*Adapted from the Loughborough University WS66 System Design MSc module.

Conclusions (1 of 2): Problem Solving in Category Theory *Modeling, Analysis and Design using Structures*

Transform a Use Case predicate into a morphism P in Rel .

Express domain knowledge models in Set to quantify P as a property.

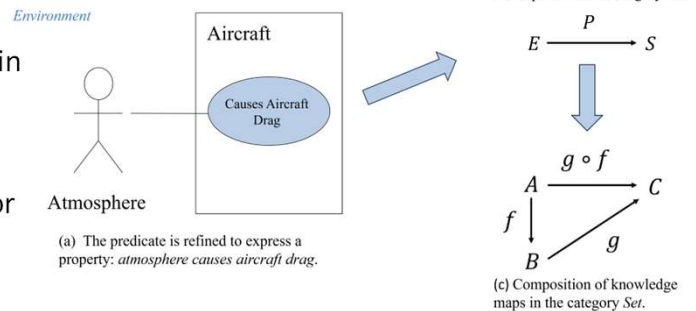
Mathematical models are needed, e.g. to compose relations to solve for drag, c , as a function of altitude, a ,

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$

$$g: B \rightarrow C$$

$$c = g \circ f(a) = (1 - a/10)c_0$$

These support *analysis and design*.¹



Model specification and transformation in Rel .

¹ For further details refer to [1], *A Brief Introduction to Category Theory for Systems and Software Engineers*.

Conclusions (2 of 2) *Applications of Category Theory and Why Should OMG Care?*

The Category of Relations (Rel)

Offers a language for direct transformation of models into structured solutions.

Can be a *useful language of architecture* for system modeling and analysis.

Category theoretic diagrams have promising associations with SysMLv2.

But must be integrated with domain knowledge for *engineering practice*.

Promises intuitive rigorous structured methods for integrating SysMLv2 analysis cases.

Way ahead:

Continue discussions with SE DSIG about future SysML v2.1 opportunities

Investigate further applications to engineering problems and practice and ...

Category theoretic foundation of object orientation and software applications

Questions?

Annexes

A-1 Algebraic Solution for the Constrain Transformation

A-2 References

A-1 Algebra of the Constraint Transformation Relational Structure (in dB)

- (1) $z_1 = x_1 + x_2$ *Power Aperture Product*
- (2) $z_2 = x_1 + x_3 - r$ *Power Density at safety perimeter (d)*
- (3) $0 = x_2 - x_3 + k$ (this derives from $x_3 = x_2 + k$)

$$r = 4\pi d^2 \quad x_1 = P_t \quad \text{in dB} \quad (x_1 = x_{11} = x_{21} = P_t)$$

$$k = 4\pi/\lambda^2 \quad x_2 = A_e \quad \text{in dB} \quad (x_2 = x_{12} = A_e)$$

$$x_3 = G_t \quad \text{in dB} \quad (x_3 = x_{22} = G_t)$$

$(x_{11}, x_{12}) \in X_1$ and $(x_{21}, x_{22}) \in X_2$ $P_t = x_1 = x_{11} = x_{21}$ is a shared attribute

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A-1 (continued) Solution for the Transformation by Algebraic Methods

Add equations (2) and (3) to obtain,

$$(2) + (3): \quad z_2 = x_1 + x_2 - r + k$$

Substitute (1), $x_1 + x_2 = z_1$, into this to obtain,

$$z_2 = z_1 - r + k \quad \rightarrow \quad z_1 = z_2 + r - k \quad \text{in dB}$$

In SI units we then have,

$$z_1 = (z_2) (4\pi d^2) / (4\pi/\lambda^2) = z_2 d^2 \lambda^2$$

This defines the constraint transformation as,

$$z_1 = T(z_2) = d^2 \lambda^2 z_2 = 50 \text{Wm}^2 = 17 \text{dBWsm for } \lambda d = 1.$$

This agrees with both OMG results [2] and a forthcoming paper.

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