

ALLOY OPERATORS

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CONSTANTS

- **none** – THE EMPTY SET

- **univ** – THE UNIVERSAL SET

 - CONTAINS ONE OF EVERY ATOM IN THE INSTANCE

- **iden** – THE IDENTITY RELATION

 - MAPS EVERY ATOM TO ITSELF

 - INCLUDING Int ATOMS -8, -7, ... 6, 7

IN EVERY INSTANCE

Q1,2

SET OPERATORS

■ SET VALUED:

■ + – UNION

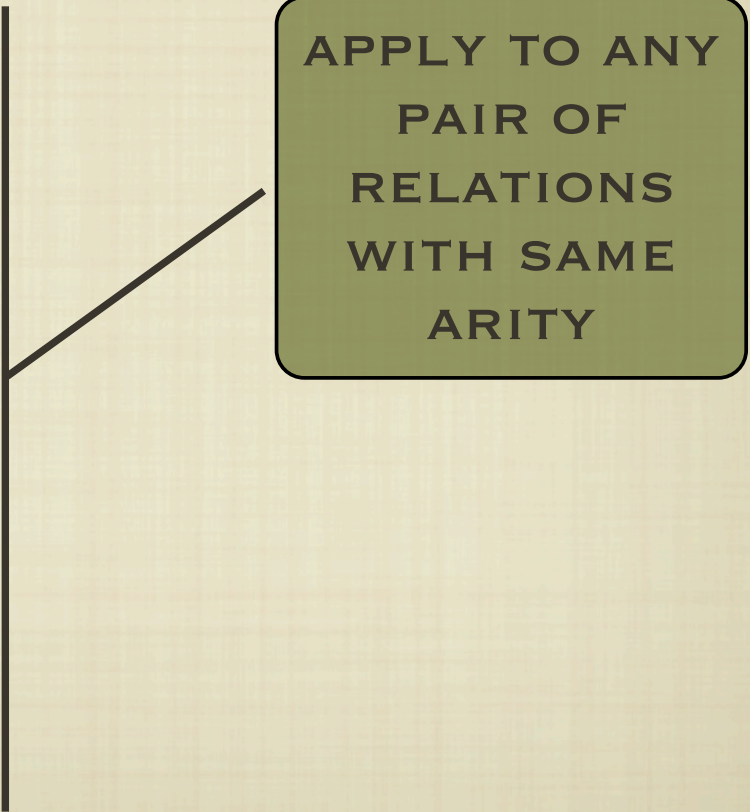
■ & – INTERSECTION

■ - – DIFFERENCE

■ BOOLEAN VALUED:

■ **in** – SUBSET

■ = – EQUALITY



APPLY TO ANY
PAIR OF
RELATIONS
WITH SAME
ARITY

RELATIONAL OPERATORS

■ COMBINING RELATIONS

■ \rightarrow – ARROW PRODUCT

■ \cdot – DOT JOIN

■ \square – BOX JOIN

■ REACHABILITY

■ \wedge – TRANSITIVE
CLOSURE

■ $*$ – REFLEXIVE-
TRANSITIVE CLOSURE

■ “MODIFYING” RELATIONS

■ \sim – TRANSPOSE

■ $\leftarrow :$ – DOMAIN
RESTRICTION

■ $:\rightarrow$ – RANGE
RESTRICTION

■ $++$ – OVERRIDE

COMBINING RELATIONS: ARROW PRODUCT

- $p \rightarrow q$ – EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO CONCATENATE A TUPLE FROM P AND A TUPLE FROM Q

COMBINING RELATIONS: DOT JOIN

- ALSO CALLED “COMPOSITION”
- MOST IMPORTANT ALLOY OPERATOR
- WRITTEN: $p.q$
- EXAMPLES...

DOT JOIN ON TUPLES

- $\{(NO, AO)\} \cdot \{(AO, DO)\} = \{(NO, DO)\}$
- $\{(NO, DO)\} \cdot \{(NO, DO)\} = \{\}$
- $\{(NO, DO)\} \cdot \{(D1)\} = \{\}$
- $\{(NO, DO)\} \cdot \{(DO)\} = \{(NO)\}$
- $\{(NO)\} \cdot \{(NO, DO)\} = \{(DO)\}$
- $\{(BO)\} \cdot \{(BO, NO, DO)\} = \{(NO, DO)\}$

DOT JOINS ON RELATIONS

- SUPPOSE p AND q ARE RELATIONS
- $p.q$ IS THE RESULT OF TAKING EVERY COMBINATION OF A TUPLE FROM p AND A TUPLE FROM q AND INCLUDING THEIR JOIN

CARTOON OF THE DAY



COMBINING RELATIONS: BOX JOIN

- EXACTLY THE SAME MEANING AS DOT JOIN
- SYNTACTIC SUGAR—LOOKS LIKE ARRAY ACCESS
- WRITTEN: $q[p]$, MEANS $p.q$
 - TYPICALLY p WILL BE A SCALAR

“MODIFYING” RELATIONS: TRANSPOSE

- $\sim p$ – TRANSPOSE
 - YIELDS A NEW RELATION BY FLIPPING ORDER OF TUPLES IN p
 - p MUST BE BINARY
 - USEFUL FOR GETTING ORDER RIGHT BEFORE A JOIN

EXAMPLE: OF WHOM IS NAME\$2 A FRIEND

“MODIFYING” RELATIONS: RESTRICT DOMAIN/RANGE

- $s \prec: r$ – DOMAIN RESTRICTION
 - YIELDS A NEW RELATION BY THROWING OUT TUPLES IN r THAT DON'T START WITH AN ELEMENT OF s
 - s MUST BE A SET
 - USEFUL FOR FOCUSING ON “SUBCLASSES”
- $r \succ: s$ – RANGE RESTRICTION, LIKE DOMAIN RESTRICTION BUT MATCHES LAST ELEMENT OF r 'S TUPLES

“MODIFYING” RELATIONS: OVERRIDE

- $p \text{ ++ } q$ – OVERRIDE
 - LIKE UNION, BUT TUPLES IN Q REPLACE “MATCHING” TUPLES FROM P
 - “MATCHING” MEANS FIRST ELEMENTS ARE THE SAME
 - YIELDS A NEW RELATION
 - p AND q MUST HAVE SAME ARITY
 - USEFUL FOR MODELING MUTATION

NEXT TIME

- REACHABILITY OPERATORS
- CONSTRAINTS

MODEL FROM CLASS

```
sig Book {  
  contacts: Name -> lone Addr,  
  friends: set Name,  
  owner: lone Name  
}
```

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sig Name, Addr { }
```

```
pred show[b1, b2:Book] {  
  b1 != b2  
  #b1.contacts > 1  
  #b2.contacts > 1  
}
```

run show for 3 but 2 Book

```
pred addContact[b, b': Book, n: Name, a: Addr] {  
  b'.contacts = b.contacts ++ n->a  
}
```

```
pred addContacts[b, b': Book, c: Name -> lone Addr] {  
  b != b'  
  b'.contacts = b.contacts ++ c  
}
```

run addContacts for 4 but 2 Book