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## New Foreword

On October 1, 2001 Axiom was withdrawn from the market and ended life as a commercial product. On September 3, 2002 Axiom was released under the Modified BSD license, including this document. On August 27, 2003 Axiom was released as free and open source software available for download from the Free Software Foundation's website, Savannah.

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The online version of this documentation is roughly 1000 pages. In order to make printed versions we've broken it up into three volumes. The first volume is tutorial in nature. The second volume is for programmers. The third volume is reference material. We've also added a fourth volume for developers. All of these changes represent an experiment in print-on-demand delivery of documentation. Time will tell whether the experiment succeeded.

Axiom has been in existence for over thirty years. It is estimated to contain about three hundred man-years of research and has, as of September 3, 2003, 143 people listed in the credits. All of these people have contributed directly or indirectly to making Axiom available. Axiom is being passed to the next generation. I'm looking forward to future milestones.

With that in mind I've introduced the theme of the "30 year horizon". We must invent the tools that support the Computational Mathematician working 30 years from now. How will research be done when every bit of mathematical knowledge is online and instantly available? What happens when we scale Axiom by a factor of 100, giving us 1.1 million domains? How can we integrate theory with code? How will we integrate theorems and proofs of the mathematics with space-time complexity proofs and running code? What visualization tools are needed? How do we support the conceptual structures and semantics of mathematics in effective ways? How do we support results from the sciences? How do we teach the next generation to be effective Computational Mathematicians?

The "30 year horizon" is much nearer than it appears.

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# Chapter 1

## A Language for Computational Algebra by Jenks and Trager

### 1.1 Introduction

Jenks and Trager[Jenk81] describe a language with parameterized types and generic operators particularly suited to computational algebra. A flexible framework is given for building algebraic structures and defining algorithms which work in as general a setting as possible. This section will be an overview of our main concepts: “domains” and “categories”.

A language for computational algebra should be able to express algorithms for dealing with algebraic objects at their most natural level of abstraction. We can illustrate this concept with two simple algorithms. First, we wish to write a function *max* which computes the maximum of two elements of any set on which an ordering predicate is defined. One approach to this problem is to explicitly pass the ordering predicate as an additional argument to *max*. Thus *max* might be defined by

```
max(x,y,lessThan) == if lessThan(x,y) then y else x
```

where *lessThan* is the ordering predicate. In more complicated algorithms, the number of additional arguments required gets out of hand. Our approach is instead to require the arguments *x* and *y* of *max* to be elements of some specific algebraic structure which has a “less than” operation ‘<’ implemented by some function. We will call such algebraic structures **domains**. Thus ‘<’ is a “generic” operation which has different function definitions for different domains. Our definition of *max*, with suitable declarations, becomes:

```
max(x,y) == if x < y then y else x
```

The requirement that a generic operation have a particular name does not characterize its algebraic properties. In the above definition of *max*, it is implicitly assumed that ‘<’ provides a total ordering on the elements of its domain. To this end, our domains will also have a set of *attributes* which permit a description of the algebraic properties of its operations (e.g. so as to distinguish between totally-ordered and partially-ordered sets).

As a second example, we examine the classical algorithm for computing the *gcd*, the greatest common divisor, of two integers:

```
gcd(x,y) == if x = 0 then y else gcd(y,remainder(x,y))
```



Although this algorithm was originally intended to be used only on integers, a cursory examination shows that only a few properties of the integers are actually required. In fact, the same algorithm can be used on gaussian integers, polynomials over fields, or any other domain which has an appropriate remainder function. We wish to specify the minimum requirements of an algebraic structure for the gcd algorithm to be applicable. To do this, we introduce a grouping of domains called a **category**, in this case, “the category of Euclidean domains”. Any domain of this category will be an integral domain with a generic function *remainder* satisfying two requirements. The first is that

$$\text{remainder}(x,y) = x - q*x*y$$

for some  $q$  in the domain as this implies

$$\text{gcd}(x,y) = \text{gcd}(y,\text{remainder}(x,y))$$

The remainder function must also have the property that the remainder sequence generated by any two elements of the domain always reaches 0 in a finite number of steps. These two requirements are sufficient to guarantee the correctness of our gcd algorithm.

Categories provide a set of required generic operations together with a set of attributes describing the required algebraic properties of these operations. Domains provide specific functions which implement the operations and satisfy the attributes. Thus we may speak of “the category of totally-ordered sets” as the class of all domains which have the above ‘<’ operation with specific algebraic properties, and “the domain of the integers” as an example of a member of that category since it has a function ‘integer<’ which provides that operation and satisfies those properties.

Once an abstract algorithm has been written, its author specifies the category of domains to which it applies, either by explicitly listing the operations and attributes it requires or by referencing a predefined category. For example, having defined the category `EuclideanDomain` (“the category of Euclidean domains”), a complete definition of the gcd function could be written:

```
gcd(x:R,y:R):R where R:EuclideanDomain ==
  if x=0 then y else gcd(y,remainder(x,y))
```

Expressions of the form “A:B” are called *declarations*. The arguments  $x$  and  $y$  of gcd are *declared* to be elements of some domain  $R$  which, in turn, is declared to be a member of `EuclideanDomain`. Declaring “A:B” means “A is a member of B” in the following sense. Declaring a domain to be a member of a category indicates that all the operations of the category are implemented in that domain as functions which satisfy the attributes of the category. Similarly declaring an object to be a member of a domain means that all the functions provided in that domain are applicable to the object.

Domains and categories are both computed objects that can be assigned to a variable, passed as arguments, and returned from functions. A category may be produced by explicitly listing operations and attributes, or by invoking a function which returns a category. Categories may be augmented, diminished, or “joined” with other categories to produce a new category containing all of the operations and attributes of the individual categories.

A domain is always created by a function which we call a **functor**. Some simple domains are “the integers” and “the booleans” which are produced by functors of no arguments. Other domains such as “the integers mod 7” are produced by functors which take arguments (such as the modulus 7). Most algebraic domains are built up from other domains which, along with other parameters, are passed as arguments to the functors that construct them. For example, the domain “polynomials in X over the integers” is created by a polynomial

functor which takes a variable (e.g. “X”) and an underlying domain (e.g. “the integers”) as arguments. With the few exceptions noted in the next section, functors and categories are definable in the language and may be freely modified. A user is free to introduce new categories and define new functors in order to make more domains available for computation.

Max and gcd were both defined in terms of generic operations from domains implicitly passed as arguments. As required by some algebraic algorithms, domains are dynamically created and assigned to local variables. Objects of these newly created local domains can be created, manipulated, and converted to objects of other domains.

Figure 1: Algebraic Categories

| category                  | extends           | operations            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Set                       |                   | =                     |
| AbelianGroup              | Set               | 0, +, −               |
| OrderedSet                | Set               | <                     |
| QuotientObject(S:Set)     | Set               | reduce, lift          |
| SemiGroup                 | Set               | ×                     |
| Finite                    | Set               | size, random          |
| Monoid                    | SemiGroup         | 1                     |
| Group                     | Monoid            | inv                   |
| Ring                      | (Monoid, AG)      | characteristic, recip |
| Module(R:Ring)            | AbelianGroup      | scalar ×              |
| Algebra(R:Ring)           | (Ring, Module(R)) |                       |
| DifferentialRing          | Ring              | deriv                 |
| IntegralDomain            | Ring              | isAssociate. / /      |
| SkewField                 | Ring              | /                     |
| UniqueFactorizationDomain | IntegralDomain    | gcd, factor, isPrime  |
| EuclideanDomain           | UFD               | size, quo, rem        |
| Field                     | (ED, SkewField)   |                       |
| GaloisField               | (Field, Finite)   |                       |
| VectorSpace(S:Field)      | Module(S)         |                       |

Both categories and domains may be organized into hierarchies. Figure 1 shows an algebraic hierarchy of categories, listing the operations (but not the attributes) introduced by the successive categories. Set is a category with a single operation ‘=’. SemiGroup extends Set by adding an operation ‘×’ etc. More complicated cases will be discussed in the next section. We will also allow one domain to extend another.

For example, one can write a “free-module functor” to provide the module-theoretic aspects of a polynomial ring (addition and multiplication by scalars). One can then write various polynomial, algebraic-extension, and sparse-matrix functors as extensions of the free-module functor. The polynomial functor, for example, would augment the functions provided by the free-module functor, adding explicit definitions only for the other polynomial functions such as multiplication. Similarly, a “localization functor” can be written to provide computations where denominators may be from a different domain than that of the numerator, such as “the odd integers”, “powers of 2”, “products of factored polynomials in X”. The localization functor is thus a function of two arguments, one for the numerator domain, the other for the denominator domain. A “quotient field functor” can then be written which extends the localization functor for the special case when the two argument domains are the same integral domain. From the quotient field functor, one can produce all of the rational function domains and “the rational numbers” as special cases.

To summarize, our language design provides the useful notions of “domains” and “categories” for the abstract description of algorithms for computational algebra. The facility for categories is unique to our language and its use seems to be invaluable for describing algorithms for computational algebra. Our domains are similar to “modes” in EL1[Wegb74] and “types” in RUSSELL[Deme79] and ADAPT[Leve80]. As in EL1, but in contrast to Ada[ADAx83], domains are computed values. Our notions of categories and functors are based on concepts in universal algebra [Cohn65] developed by the ADJ group [That82] and Burstall and Goguen [Burs77]. In addition, categories extend the idea of “type constraint” in CLU [Lisk79] and Alphard [Wulf76] where functions can require that their arguments have certain operations available to them. For related work in computer algebra, see [Ausi79], [Gris76], [Jenk74], and [Loos74].

## 1.2 Concepts

In this section, we give precise definitions and examples of the concepts of domain, category, and functor.

**Domain.** By a *domain of computation*, or, simply, **domain**, we mean:

1. a set of generic **operations**
2. a **representation**
3. a set of **functions** which implement the operations in terms of the representation
4. a set of **attributes**, which designate useful facts such as axioms and mathematical theorems which are true for the operations as implemented by the functions.

The simplest examples of domains are those corresponding to the basic data-types offered by the underlying system, such as Integer (“the integers”), Boolean (“the booleans”), etc. Other examples of domains are RationalNumber (“the rational numbers”), Matrix(Integer) (“rectangular matrices with integer coefficients”), and Polynomial(X,RationalNumber) (“the polynomials in X with rational number coefficients”).

The generic operations are given by **signatures**, expressions consisting of an *operation name*, a *source*, and a *target*. The domain Integer, for example, has the operation “less than” expressed by the signature:

$$'<' : (\text{Integer}, \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Boolean}$$

with ‘<’ as operation name, (Integer,Integer) as source, and Boolean as target. The source part of the signature is any sequence of domains, and the target part is any domain.

The representation for a domain describes a data structure used to represent the objects of the domain.

The functions component is a set of compiled functions providing a domain-specific implementation for each generic operation. For example, domain Integer has a function “Integer<” which implements “less than”. If a domain has an operation signature

$$\text{op} : (D_1, \dots, D_n) \rightarrow D_0$$

then the associated function must take arguments from the representations of  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  respectively and return a result in the representation of  $D_0$ .

The attribute component of a domain is described either by a name, e.g. “finite”, or by a form with operator names as parameters, e.g. “distributive(‘×’,‘+’)”. The purpose of

attributes is not to provide complete axiomatic descriptions of an operation, rather to assert facts which programs can query.

**Category** A “category” designates a class of domains with common operations and attributes but with different functions and representations. The categories of interest here will be those of algebraic structures such as Ring (“the class of all rings”), Field (“the class of all fields”), and Set (“the class of all sets”).

By a **category** we mean:

1. a set of generic **operations**
2. a set of **attributes**, which designate facts which must be true for any implementation of the operations.

As with domains, the generic operations of categories are given by signatures, consisting of an operation name, a source, and a target. In addition to the domains which may appear in the source and target, a special symbol \$ (or, later %) is used to designate an arbitrary member domain of the category. The set of operations and attributes are those which member domains have in common. A simple example of a category is Set, a category which has one operation

$$=: (\$, \$) \rightarrow \textit{Boolean}$$

and no attributes. Another is SemiGroup, which besides the '=' operation, has the operation

$$\times : (\$, \$) \rightarrow \$$$

and the attribute associative('×').

We say a domain D is “a member of” a category C, equivalently, D is of C, if D contains every operation and attribute of C with \$ replaced by D. For example, Integer is of Set because it contains an operation

$$=: (\textit{Integer}, \textit{Integer}) \rightarrow \textit{Boolean}$$

We say that a category B extends a category A if all of the operations and attributes of A are contained in B. SemiGroup extends Set since all of the operations ('=') of Set are contained in SemiGroup.

Figure 2. Examples of Category Definitions

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Set: Category == **category**

[operations] =:(\\$, \\$) → Boolean

SemiGroup: Category == Set with

[operations] ×:(\\$, \\$) → \$

[attributes] associative('×') [(x × y) × z = x × (y × z)]

---

Figure 2 illustrate our language for defining categories. Set is defined by explicitly listing its operations ('=') and its attributes (none). SemiGroup is defined as an extension of Set. Square-bracketed expressions are comments. The '==' signifies a rewrite-rule definition for the category Set. Evaluation of “Set” causes “Set” to be rewritten by the category value indicated to the right of the '=='. Evaluation of “SemiGroup” similary causes “SemiGroup” to be rewritten by the corresponding right-hand expression. Further evaluation causes Set to be replaced by its value, a category to which the '×' operation and associative('×') attribute

are added by the **with** operation. As implied by this evaluation mechanism, two categories are equivalent iff they have equivalent sets of operations and attributes, irrespective of how they were created.

Figure 3. Examples of Category Definitions

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```
Module(R:Ring) : Category == AbelianGroup with
  [operations] ×:(R,$) → $
  [attributes] ...
Algebra(R:Ring) : Category == (Ring,Module(R)) with
  [attributes] ...
```

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Figure 3 gives two examples of parameterized categories, that is, categories that are produced by functions of one or more arguments. The function `Module` creates the category of all `R`-modules, that is, modules over a given ring `R`. For example, the function `Module` applied to `Integer` produces the category of all `Z`-modules, domains `D` which are abelian groups with the additional operations

$$\times : (\text{Integer}, D) \rightarrow \text{Integer}$$

This category includes domain `Integer` since `Integer` is an abelian group and has the operation

$$\times : (\text{Integer}, \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Integer}$$

The function `Algebra(R)` extends the *join* of a `Ring` and a `Module(R)`, written `(Ring,Module(R))`. The *join* designates the category formed by directly combining the operations and attributes of `Ring` with those of `Module(R)`.

Another way of parameterizing categories is by operator names. For example, the above definition of `SemiGroup` could be extended to take a binary operation as a parameter:

```
SemiGroup(op) : Category == Set with
  [operations] op: ($,$) → $
  [attributes] associative(op) [op(op(x,y),z) = op(x,op(y,z))]
```

after which we may refer to the multiplicative form of `SemiGroup` in Figure 2 by `SemiGroup('×')`.

**Functor** By a **functor** we mean any function which returns a domain. A functor creates a domain, a member of some category. A category never creates anything: it simply acts as a template for domains, describing which operations and attributes must be present. A functor creates a domain by storing functions into a template given by its target category. Categories never specify representations for objects; functors always do.

Domains can only be produced by functors. Basic domains (e.g. “the integers”) are produced through functors bound to identifiers (e.g. `Integer`). In addition, four built-in functors, `List`, `Vector`, `Struct`, and `Union`, build aggregate domains from other domains passed as arguments. The functor `List` can be applied to any domain (e.g. `Integer`) to produce a composite domain (e.g. `List(Integer)`) with a set of functions which provide operations on lists (e.g. `first`, `rest`, `cons`). The functor `Vector` takes two arguments, a positive integer  $n$  and a domain  $D$ , and produces the domain “the set of all vectors of length  $n$  with elements from  $D$ ”. `Struct` produces a domain represented by a set of name-value pairs, e.g.

Struct(real:Integer,imag:Integer) describes an appropriate representation for “the Gaussian integers”. Union(A,...,B) creates a new domain  $D$  from the domains  $A, \dots, B$  which is the disjoint union of the domains  $A, \dots, B$ .

The language permits the building of new functors from these basic functors. A simple example is FiniteField in Figure 4.

Figure 4. Example of Functor Definition

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```
FiniteField(p:PrimeNumber) : GaloisField ==
  capsule
    [representation]
      Rep := Integer
    [declarations]
      x,y : $
    [definitions]
      0 == Integer.0
      1 == Integer.1
      x+y == if (w ← x Integer.+ y) > p
              then w - p
              else w
      ...
```

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The functor FiniteField applied to  $p$ , a prime number, creates a domain “the integers modulo  $p$ ”, a member of its target category GaloisField (“the class of all Galois fields”). The set of operations and attributes of this domain are given by GaloisField, the representation and set of functions, by the *capsule* part of the definition which appears to the right of the ‘==’. The representation is always defined by the distinguished symbol Rep in terms of a “lower level” functor. For FiniteFields, Rep is defined to be Integer (meaning that elements of a finite field are represented by integers). In a more complicated example, Rep might be defined in terms of a functor Matrix, whose Rep, in turn, might be defined in terms of the built-in functor Vector.

Figure 5. Example of Functor Definition

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```
IntegerMod(m:Integer — m > 1): T == C where
  T == (Ring,Finite) with
      if isPrime m then GaloisField
  C == capsule
      ...
    [definitions]
      if isPrime m then
        x / y == ...
      ...
```

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Figure 5 illustrates the use of conditional expressions to make the target category of a functor depend upon the parameters of the functor. Here the FiniteField functor of Figure 4 is generalized to IntegerMod, a functor which produces the domain “the integers modulo  $m$ ” for any positive integer (modulus)  $m$ . The domain produced by the IntegerMod functor

will be a Galois field if  $m$  is prime, a finite ring, if it is not. Conditional expressions are also used in the capsule part of a functor to conditionally provide functions (e.g. the operation `'/'` will be provided by `IntegerMod` only if  $m$  is prime), or to provide alternative versions of functions (e.g. more efficient implementations for some functions when the modulus is small).

Figure 6 illustrates a series of functors for localization which illustrate how domains, like categories, can be extended. `Localize` takes an  $R$ -module  $M$ , and a denominator domain  $D$  which is a monoid contained within  $R$ . It produces an  $R$ -module of “fractions”. `LocalAlgebra` augments this with a definition of multiplication for fractions producing the localization of an  $R$ -algebra. `QuotientField` uses `LocalAlgebra` to produce a “field of fractions” in the special situation where the numerators and denominators both come from the same integral domain. When  $R$  has a gcd function, `QuotientField` redefines the arithmetic operations (supplied by `LocalAlgebra`) to produce reduced fractions. Similarly, if  $R$  has a derivation defined for it, `QuotientField` extends this derivation to the field of fractions.

**Conclusions** Our language provides the useful notions of “domains” and “categories” for the abstract description of algorithms for computational algebra. Domains are the algebraic structures on which computation is performed. Categories are groupings of domains with common operations and attributes.

There are several advantages to our design. Algorithms can be written to operate over any group, ring, or field, independently of how that algebraic structure is defined or represented in the computer. The algorithm implementor need not know about which domains have actually been created. Rather they need only specify a category which gives the required operations and essential algebraic properties of the algorithm. Also, as required by many algebraic algorithms, domains and categories are dynamically computed objects.

The language we have presented leads to a computer algebra system which is easily extended by any user. All categories are defined in the language and are available for user modification. All domains are created by functions which, with the exception of a few that are built-in, are also defined in the language and can be changed by the user. New domains and categories can be designed and implemented with minimal effort by extending or combining existing structures.

The language permits considerable code economy. An algorithm is implemented by a single function which is applicable to any domain of a declared category. A matrix functor, for example, will use the same compiled function to compute the product of two matrices, regardless of whether the actual matrix coefficients are integers, polynomials, or other matrices. Parameterized functors help to minimize redundant code by providing a set of pre-compiled functions for all domains they can produce. The universal applicability of such functors as `QuotientField` provide powerful methods for constructing new algebraic objects.

Our primary goal in presenting a language which deals with algebraic objects was to take advantage of as much of the structure implicit in the problem domain as possible. The natural algebraic notions of domains extending one another, and collecting domains with common properties into categories have been shown to be useful computational devices. By preserving this natural structure, we hope to have eased the task of finding computational models for algebraic structures.

Figure 6. Definition of Localization Functors

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```

Localize(isZeroDivisor,M,D) : Module(R) == C where
  R:Ring
  M: Module(R)
  D: Monoid | D ⊆ R
  isZeroDivisor: M → Boolean
  C == capsule ...
    [representation]
      Rep := Struct(num:M, den:D)
    [declarations]
      x,y: $
      n: Integer
      r:R ; d:D
    [definitions]
      0 == Rep(0,1)
      -x == Rep(-x.num,x.den)
      x=y == isZeroDivisor(y.den × x.num - x.den × y.num)
      x+y == Rep(y.den × x.num + x.den × y.num, x.den × y.den)
      n × x == Rep(n × x.num,x.den)
      r × x == if r=x.den then Rep(x.num,1) else Rep(r × x.num,x.den)
      x / d == Rep(x.num,d × x.den)

LocalAlgebra(isZeroDivisor,A,D): T == C where
  R: Ring
  A: Algebra(R)
  isZeroDivisor: A → Boolean
  D: Monoid | D ⊆ R
  T == Algebra(R) with if A has commutative('×') then commutative('×')
  C == Localize(isZeroDivisor,A,D) add ...
    1 == Rep(1,1)
    x × y == Rep(x.num × y.num, x.den × y.den)
    characteristic == A.characteristic

QuotientField(R; IntegralDomain) : T == C where
  T == (Field,Algebra(R)) with if R of DifferentialRing then DifferentialRing
  C == LocalAlgebra($1 = 0,R,R) add ...
    if R has gcd: (R,R) → R then
      x + y == ...
      x × y == ...
      where cancelGcd(x:$):$ == ...
    if R of DifferentialRing then
      if R has gcd: (R,R) → R
        then deriv(x) == ...
        else deriv(x) == ...

RationalFunction(x:Expression, R:Ring) == QuotientField(Polynomial(x,R))

RationalNumber == QuotientField(Integer)

```

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# Chapter 2

## Details for Programmers

Axiom maintains internal representations for domains. There are functions for examining the internals of objects of a particular domain.

### 2.1 Examining Internals

One useful function is **devaluate** which takes an object and returns a Lisp pair. The CAR of the pair is the Axiom type. The CDR of the pair is the object representation. For instances, consider the session where we create a list of objects using the domain **List(Any)**.

```
(1) -> w:=[1,7.2,"luanne",3*x^2+5,_,
          (3*x^2+5)::FRAC(POLY(INT)),_,
          (3*x^2+5)::POLY(FRAC(INT)),_,
          (3*x^2+5)::EXPR(INT)]$LIST(ANY)
```

```
(1) [1,7.2,"luanne",3x2 + 5,3x2 + 5,3x2 + 5,3x2 + 5]
```

Type: List(Any)

The first object, **1** is a primitive object that has the domain **PI** and uses the underlying Lisp representation for the number.

```
(2) -> devaluate(1)$Lisp
```

```
(2) 1
```

Type: SExpression

The second object, **7.2** is a primitive object that has the domain **FLOAT** and uses the underlying Lisp representation for the number, in this case, itself a pair whose CAR is the floating point base and whose CDR is the mantissa,

```
(3) -> devaluate(7.2)$Lisp
```

```
(3) (265633114661417543270 . - 65)
```

Type: SExpression

The third object, **"luanne"** is from the domain **STRING** and uses the Lisp string representation.

```
(4) -> devaluate("luanne")$Lisp
```

```
(4)  luanne
```

```
      Type: SExpression
```

Now we get more complicated. We illustrate various ways to store the formula  $3x^2 + 5$  in different domains. Each domain has a chosen representation.

```
(5) -> devaluate(3*x^2+5)$Lisp
```

```
(5)  (1 x (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5))
```

```
      Type: SExpression
```

The fourth object,  $3x^2 + 5$  is from the domain **POLY(INT)**. It is stored as the list

```
(1 x (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5))
```

From the domain **POLY** (Vol 10.3, POLY) we see that

```
Polynomial(R:Ring): ...
  == SparseMultivariatePolynomial(R, Symbol) add ...
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **SMP(INT,SYMBOL)**. From this domain we see that

```
SparseMultivariatePolynomial(R: Ring, VarSet: OrderedSet): ...
  == add
     --representations
     D := SparseUnivariatePolynomial(%)
```

So objects from this domain are represented as a **SUP(INT)**

```
SparseUnivariatePolynomial(R:Ring): ...
  == PolynomialRing(R, NonNegativeInteger) add
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **PR(INT,NNI)**

```
PolynomialRing(R:Ring, E: OrderedAbelianMonoid): ...
  FreeModule(R, E) add
  --representations
  Term:= Record(k:E, c:R)
  Rep:= List Term
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **FM(INT,NNI)**

```
FreeModule(R:Ring, S: OrderedSet):
  == IndexedDirectProductAbelianGroup(R, S) add
  --representations
  Term:= Record(k:S, c:R)
  Rep:= List Term
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **IDPAG(INT,NNI)**

```
IndexedDirectProductAbelianGroup(A: AbelianGroup, S: OrderedSet):
  == IndexedDirectProductAbelianMonoid(A, S) add
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **IDPAM(INT,NNI)**

```
IndexedDirectProductAbelianMonoid(A: AbelianMonoid, S: OrderedSet):
  == IndexedDirectProductObject(A, S) add
  --representations
  Term:= Record(k:S, c:A)
  Rep:= List Term
```

So objects from this domain are represented as **IDPO(INT,NNI)**

```
IndexedDirectProductObject(A:SetCategory,S:OrderedSet):
```

```
== add
```

```
-- representations
```

```
Term:= Record(k:S,c:A)
```

```
Rep:= List Term
```

```
(6) -> devaluate((3*x^2+5)::FRAC(POLY(INT)))$Lisp
```

```
(6) ((1 x (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5)) 0 . 1)
```

```
Type: SExpression
```

```
(7) -> devaluate((3*x^2+5)::POLY(FRAC(INT)))$Lisp
```

```
(7) (1 x (2 0 3 . 1) (0 0 5 . 1))
```

```
Type: SExpression
```

```
(8) -> devaluate((3*x^2+5)::EXPR(INT))$Lisp
```

```
(8) ((1 [[x,0,%symbol()()()],NIL,1,1024] (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5)) 0 . 1)
```

```
Type: SExpression
```

```
(9) -> devaluate(w)$Lisp
```

```
(9)
```

```
((PositiveInteger) . 1) ((Float) 265633114661417543270 . - 65)
```

```
((String) . luanne) ((Polynomial (Integer)) 1 x (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5))
```

```
((Fraction (Polynomial (Integer))) (1 x (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5)) 0 . 1)
```

```
((Polynomial (Fraction (Integer))) 1 x (2 0 3 . 1) (0 0 5 . 1))
```

```
((Expression (Integer))
```

```
(1 [[x,0,%symbol()()()],NIL,1,1024] (2 0 . 3) (0 0 . 5)) 0 . 1)
```

```
)
```

```
Type: SExpression
```

## 2.2 Makefile

This book is actually a literate program [Knut92] and can contain executable source code. In particular, the Makefile for this book is part of the source of the book and is included below.



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