# Foundations of System Development

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# Functional Models: Interpretation of Interfaces through Structures

## Goals

- Learn to understand the relationship between signature, term and mathematical structures
- Understand formulas and their interpretation in structures
- Understand the notions of  $\Sigma$ -homomorphisms
- Abstract data types, initial and reachable algebras
- Learn to put in relationship similar algebras through  $\Sigma\text{-homomorphisms}$

## **Algebras and Structures**

- A  $\Sigma$ -algebra has for
- every sort a carrier set,
- every function symbol a function.

If signatures  $\Sigma$  also include predicate symbols, so you call them  $\Sigma\text{-structures}.$ 

**Definition 1** ( $\Sigma$ -Algebra):

Let  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  be a signature.

- 1. A  $\Sigma$ -algebra A consists of
  - (a) a family  $(A_s)_{s\in S}$  of not empty carrier sets and
  - (b) (total) functions  $f^A : A_{s_1} \times \ldots \times A_{s_n} \to A_s$ , for all  $f \in F_{\langle \langle s_1, \ldots, s_n \rangle, s \rangle}$ .
- 2. Moreover a  $\Sigma$ -structure has relations  $p^A \subseteq A_{s_1} \times \ldots \times A_{s_n}$ , for all  $p \in P_{\langle s_1, \ldots, s_n \rangle}$
- 3. The class of all  $\Sigma$ -algebras is called  $Alg(\Sigma)$ , the class of all  $\Sigma$ -structures is called  $Struct(\Sigma)$ .

**Example 1** (sig(BOOL0)-Algebras without "and", "or", "implies"):

1. The standard model  ${\cal B}$  of boolean values

$$B_{Bool} = \{T, F\},\$$
  

$$true^B = T, \qquad false^B = F,\$$
  

$$not^B(T) = F, \qquad not^B(F) = T.$$

2. The structure NB on the natural numbers with

$$NB_{Bool} = \mathbb{N},$$
  

$$true^{NB} = 1, \qquad false^{NB} = 0,$$
  

$$not^{NB}(2i) = 2i + 1, \quad not^{NB}(2i + 1) = 2i$$

3. The structure ZB on integers

$$ZB_{Bool} = \mathbb{Z},$$
  

$$true^{ZB} = 1, \quad false^{ZB} = 0,$$
  

$$not^{ZB}(1) = 0, \quad not^{ZB}(0) = 1,$$
  

$$not^{ZB}(i) = i, \quad \text{for } i \text{ different from } 0, 1.$$

4. The structure ZB1 on integers with

$$ZB1_{Bool} = \mathbb{Z},$$
  
 $true^{ZB1} = 1,$   $false^{ZB1} = 0,$   
 $not^{ZB}(1) = 0,$   $not^{ZB}(0) = 1,$   
 $not^{ZB1}(i) = i + 1,$  for *i* different from 0, 1.

5. The trivial structure UB with

$$UB_{Bool} = 1,$$
  

$$true^{UB} = false^{UB} = 1,$$
  

$$not^{UB}(1) = 1,$$

#### **Example 2** (Algebras for SET0 (set signature)):

1. Finite sets on  $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{Elem}_{P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})} &=_{def} \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathsf{Set}_{P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})} &=_{def} \{M | M \subseteq \mathbb{Z}, \ M \text{ finite} \} \\ \{z\}^{P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})} &=_{def} \{z\} \end{split}$$

 $\operatorname{empty}^{P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})} =_{def} \emptyset$  $M_1 \cup^{P^{fin}(\mathbb{Z})} M_2 =_{def} M_1 \cup M_2$ 

2. Finite or infinite sets of integers:  $P(\mathbb{Z})$ 

Elem<sub>P(Z)</sub> =<sub>def</sub> Z  
Set<sub>P(Z)</sub> =<sub>def</sub> {
$$M | M \subseteq Z$$
}  
for operations see previous example

3. AVL-Trees on natural numbers

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Elem}_{AVL} =_{def} \mathbb{N} \\ \mathsf{Set}_{AVL} =_{def} \text{``all AVL-Trees''} \\ \mathsf{empty}^{AVL} =_{def} \text{``empty AVL-Tree''} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \{z\}^{AVL} =_{def} \text{``one element AVL-Trees''} \\ AV_1 \cup^{AVL} AV_2 =_{def} \text{'`unification of AVL-Trees''} \end{array} \end{array}$ 

4. The one element structure  $\boldsymbol{U}$  for Set

#### 5. Numbers for set

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{Elem}_{ZZ} =_{def} \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathsf{Set}_{ZZ} =_{def} \mathbb{Z} \\ \{z\}^{ZZ} =_{def} z \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{empty}^{ZZ} =_{def} 0 \\ z_1 \cup^{ZZ} z_2 =_{def} z_1 + z_2 \end{array} \end{array}$$

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### Term Algebra

Let  $\Sigma = (S, F)$  be a sensible signature. The term algebra structure: We use T for  $T(\Sigma, X)$ . The carrier sets of T are the sets  $T(\Sigma, X)_s$  for  $s \in S$ . The interpretation of function symbols is defined by:

$$f^T(a_1,\ldots,a_n) =_{def} f(a_1,\ldots,a_n) \quad \text{for } a_i \in T_{s_i}$$

**Example 3** (Term algebra T): Ground term algebra T = T(BOOL0) with

$$\begin{split} T_{\mathsf{Bool}} &= T(\mathsf{BOOL0})_{Bool} & \{\mathsf{true},\mathsf{false}\}\\ \mathsf{true}^T &= \mathsf{true} & \mathsf{false}^T &= \mathsf{false}\\ \mathsf{not}^T(t) &= \mathsf{not}(t) & \mathsf{and so on.} \end{split}$$

## **Interpretation of Terms**

#### **Definition 2** (Term Interpretation):

Given  $\Sigma$ , X,  $\Sigma$ -algebra A

- 1. A assignment from X to A is a family of mappings  $(v_s : X_s \to A_s)_{s \in S}$ , written  $v : X \to A$ .
- 2. The interpretation  $I_v: T(\Sigma, X) \to A$  of terms in A concerning v defines the following family of mappings:

(a) 
$$(I_{v_s})(x) = v_s(x)$$
 for  $s \in S$   
(b)  $I_{v_s}(f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)) = f^A(I_{v_{s1}}(t_1), \ldots, I_{v_{sn}}(t_n)),$   
for all  $f \in F_{\langle \langle s_1, \ldots, s_n \rangle, s \rangle}, t_1 \in T(\Sigma, X)_{s1, \ldots, t_n} \in T(\Sigma, X)_{sn}$   
Instead of  $I_{v_s}$  we write  $I_v$   
For  $t \in T(\Sigma, \{\emptyset\})$  we write  $t^B$ .

## $\Sigma\text{-}\textbf{Formulas}$

## **Definition 3** ( $\Sigma$ -Formulas):

Let  $\Sigma = (S, F, P)$  be a signature and X be a S-sorted family of variables.

1. An atomic  $\Sigma\text{-}{\rm formula}$  has the form

$$p(t_1,\ldots,t_n)$$
 for  $p \in P_{\langle s_1,\ldots,s_n \rangle}, t_1 \in T(\Sigma,X)_{s_1},\ldots,t_n \in T(\Sigma,X)_{s_n}$ 

Moreover for every sort  $s \in S$  and all terms  $t_1, t_2 \in T(\Sigma, X)_s$  ,  $t_1 =_s t_2$ 

is an atomic formula.

- 2. The set of  $\Sigma$ -formulas  $WFF(\Sigma)$  (well-formed formula) is the smallest set, that fulfils following properties (inductive definition):
  - (a) every atomic  $\Sigma$ -formula is in  $WFF(\Sigma)$ ,
  - (b) if  $G_1, G_2$  in  $WFF(\Sigma)$ , so  $(\neg G_1)$  and  $(G_1 \land G_2)$  as well,
  - (c) if G in  $WFF(\Sigma)$ ,  $x \in X_s$ , so  $(\forall x : s. G)$  in  $WFF(\Sigma)$ .

3. Further operators are defined as abreviations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (G_1 \lor G_2) &=_{def} &\neg((\neg G_1) \land (\neg G_2)) \\ (G_1 \Longrightarrow G_2) &=_{def} & ((\neg G_1) \lor G_2) \\ (G_1 \equiv G_2) &=_{def} & ((G_1 \Longrightarrow G_2) \land (G_2 \Longrightarrow G_1) \\ (\exists x:s. \ G) &=_{def} & (\neg(\forall x:s. \ (\neg G))) \end{array}$$

The set of free variables of G is called FV(G). A formula G is called closed, if  $FV(G) = \emptyset$ .

- 4. A quantifier free formula is a  $\Sigma$ -formula without quantors.
- 5. A Horn formula has the form

$$\forall x_1: s_1, \dots, \forall x_m: s_m. \ G_1 \land \dots \land G_n \implies G$$

for atomic formulas  $G_i$  and G. If all G and  $G_i$  are equations we speak of a conditional equational formula or short of conditional equation.

#### **Example 4** ( $\Sigma$ -Formulas):

1.  $\forall x, y, z : \mathsf{Elem.} (x \circ y) \circ z = x \circ (y \circ z)$ 

is an universally quantified equation for the description of associativity.

- 2.  $\forall x, y : \text{Nat. succ}(x) = \text{succ}(y) \implies x = y$ is a conditional equation for the description of injectivity of succ.
- 3.  $\forall x : \text{Bool. } x = \text{true} \lor x = \text{false}$ defines, that the sort Bool has at most two elements.
- 4.  $\forall x : \text{Bool. not}(\text{not}(x)) = x$ describes the idempotency of not.

## Properties of Algebras: Homomorphism, initial and reachable Structures

**Definition 4** ( $\Sigma$ -Homomorphism):

Let  $\Sigma = (S, F)$  be the signature and let A, B be  $\Sigma$ -algebras

1. A  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $(\rho : A \rightarrow B)$  is a family of mappings

$$(\rho_s: A_s \to B_s)_{s \in S}$$

with following properties:

For all function symbols  $f \in F_{\langle \langle s_1, \dots, s_n \rangle s \rangle}$ , and all  $a_i \in A_{s_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$\rho_s(f^A(a_1,\ldots,a_n)) = f^B(\rho_{s_1}(a_1),\ldots,\rho_{s_n}(a_n))$$

2. A bijective  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism is called  $\Sigma$ -isomorphism. Two  $\Sigma$ -algebras A, B are called isomorphic, if there is a  $\Sigma$ -isomorphism from A to B.



#### Notice:

1. The equality is preserved by  $\Sigma$ -homomorphisms:

$$a_1 \stackrel{A}{=} a_2 \Rightarrow \rho_s(a_1) \stackrel{B}{=} \rho_s(a_2)$$

but **not** the inequality:

$$a_1 \neq^A a_2 \Rightarrow \rho_s(a_1) \neq^B \rho_s(a_2)$$

2. For structures a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism requires additionally, that predicates are preserved:

for  $p \in P_{\langle s_1, \ldots, s_n \rangle}$  and  $a_i \in A_{s_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ :

$$(a_1,\ldots,a_n) \in p^A \Rightarrow (\rho_{s_1}(a_1),\ldots,\rho_{s_n}(a_n)) \in p^B$$

#### **Example 5** (NAT0-Algebras):

Let

- $N = \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, -+1 \rangle$  the standard model of natural numbers.
- $Z = \langle \mathbb{Z}, 0, -+1 \rangle$  the standard model of integers
- $N_2 = \langle \{0, 1\}, 0, -+1 \pmod{2} \rangle$
- $N_1 = \langle \{0\}, 0, id \rangle.$

be given. Then

- $in: N \to Z$  with in(x) = x "Embedding Homomorphism"
- $\rho_2: N \to N_2$  resp.  $\rho_2^Z: Z \to N_2$  with  $\rho_2(x) = \rho_2^Z(x) = x \mod 2$
- $\rho_1: N_2 \to N_1$  with  $\rho_1(x) = 0$

are homomorphisms.

**Proof** Homomorphism condition for  $\rho_2 : N \to N_2$ :  $\rho_2(\operatorname{zero}^N) = 0 = \operatorname{zero}^{N2}$   $\rho_2(\operatorname{succ}^N(x)) = \rho_2(x+1) = (x+1) \mod 2$   $\operatorname{succ}^{N2}(\rho_2(x)) = \operatorname{succ}^{N2}(x \mod 2) =$  $((x \mod 2) + 1) \mod 2 = (x+1) \mod 2$ 



#### **Lemma 1** ( $\Sigma$ -Homomorphism) Let be $\rho : A \to B$ a $\Sigma$ -homomorphism. Then for any ground term $t \in T(\Sigma)$ :

$$\rho(t^A) = t^B$$

**Proof** : By structural induction

#### **Example 6** (Non-Existence of Homomorphisms):

1. There is no Nat0-homomorphism  $\rho: N_2 \rightarrow N$ .

#### **Proof** by contradiction

Assume there is such a homomorphism. Then according to Lemma 1 we would have

$$\rho(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{zero}))^{N_2}) = \operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{zero}))^N = 2, \quad \rho(\operatorname{zero}^{N_2}) = \operatorname{zero}^N = 0$$

and

$$\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{zero}))^{N_2} = \operatorname{zero}^{N_2}$$

thus we obtain a contradiction:

$$2 = \rho(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{succ}(\operatorname{zero}))^{N_2}) = \rho(\operatorname{zero}^{N_2}) = 0$$

So there is no homomorphism  $\rho: N_2 \to N$ .

#### **Definition 5** (Initiality):

A  $\Sigma$ -algebra I is called initial in K, if

1.  $I \in K$ 

2. for all  $B \in K$  there exists exactly one  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $\rho: I \to B$ .

#### **Example 7** (Initiality):

Let  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  be a sensible signature.

- 1. The ground term algebra  $T(\Sigma)$  is initial in  $Alg(\Sigma)$ : Let  $A \in Alg(\Sigma)$ . The family of mappings  $eval_s : T(\Sigma)_s \to A_s$  with  $eval(t) = t^A$  is a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism. Because of  $eval(f(t_1, \ldots, t_n)) = f^A(eval(t_1), \ldots, eval(t_n))$  eval is a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism.
- 2. The standard model  $N = \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, -+1 \rangle$  of natural numbers is initial in  $Alg(NAT\theta)$ .

$$\mathbb{N} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ zero & succ(zero) & succ(succ(zero)) \end{array}$$

3. Other interpretations of  $sig(NAT\theta)$  like Z,  $N_2$ ,  $N_1$  are not initial in  $Alg(NAT\theta)$ .

**Theorem 1** (Equality in initial algebras) Let  $\Sigma = (S, F)$  be a sensible signature, K a class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras and  $I \in K$  initial in K. Then for all ground terms  $t_1, t_2 \in T(\Sigma)_s$ ,  $s \in S$  the following holds:

$$I \models t_1 = t_2 \qquad \text{iff} \qquad K \models t_1 = t_2$$

**Proof** Initiality

" $\Rightarrow$ " Let  $I \models t_1 = t_2$  and  $A \in K$ . By definition  $t_1^I = t_2^I$  holds. As I is initial, there is exactly one  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $\rho: I \to A$ . Thus Lemma 1 implies:

$$t_1^A = \rho(t_1^I) = \rho(t_2^I) = t_2^A$$

"  $\leftarrow$ " Let  $K \models t_1 = t_2$ . Because of  $I \in K$  we have  $I \models t_1 = t_2$ .

#### **Example 8** (SETNATI): Let SETNATI be following signature: **sig** SETNATI =

sorts	Set, Nat
ops	empty : Set
	$\{\_\}:Nat oSet$
	$\_ \cup \_: Set \times Set \to Set$
	zero : Nat
	succ:Nat oNat

#### end

and let  $K \subseteq Alg(\mathsf{SETNATI})$  be the class of algebras, that fulfil following properties: 1.  $G \cup (H \cup K) = (G \cup H) \cup K$ 

- 2.  $G \cup H = H \cup G$
- 3.  $G \cup G = G$
- 4.  $G \cup empty = G$

Then the algebra of finite sets of natural numbers is initial and satisfies exactly the properties of K.

**Lemma 2** (Let K be a class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras and  $I \in K$  initial in K.) If  $I' \in K$  is isomorphic to I, then I' is also initial in K.

#### **Proof** :

Let  $A \in K$  be given. As  $I' \in K$  is isomorphic to I there is exactly one  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $\phi : I' \to I$ .

As I is initial, there is exactly one  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism  $\rho: I \to A$ . So  $\rho \circ \phi: I' \to A$  is a unique  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism from  $I' \to A$ .

#### **Definition 6** (Abstract Data Type):

A class K of  $\Sigma$ -algebras is called abstract data type, if K is closed under isomorphism, i.e. if  $A \in K$  and B is isomorphic to A, so  $B \in K$  as well.

**Example 9** (Abstract Data Type):

- 1. The class of initial algebras of K forms an abstract data type.
- 2. The stroke number model and the binary number model form two isomorphic elements of the class of initial algebras from NAT0.

# **Definition 7** ( $\Sigma$ -reachable): A $\Sigma$ -algebra A is called $\Sigma$ -reachable, if every element of A is the interpretation of a ground term, i.e. for all $s \in S$ and $a \in A_s$ there is a ground term $t \in T(\Sigma)$ with $t^A = a$ .

#### **Example 10** ( $\Sigma$ -reachable):

2.  $N_2$ 

1. The standard model  $N = (\mathbb{N}, 0, -+1)$  is NAT0-reachable.

3. Z is not NAT0-reachable (because there is no surjective NAT0-homomorphism of the term algebra of signature NAT0 to Z).

$$\underbrace{\cdots - 2 \quad - 1}_{\uparrow} \qquad \begin{array}{c} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{''junk'' (Burstall, Goguen ca. 1980)} & \text{zero}^N & \text{succ}(\text{zero})^N & \text{succ}(\text{succ}(\text{zero}))^N \end{array}$$

#### **Lemma 3** (Characterisation of $\Sigma$ -reachability)

A  $\Sigma$ -algebra A is  $\Sigma$ -reachable, iff there is a surjective  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism from  $T(\Sigma)$  to A.

#### **Proof** :

Let  $\rho: T(\Sigma) \to A$  be a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism. Obviously the surjectivity of  $\rho$  is equivalent to the reachability of A.

## **Corollary** (Uniqueness of $\Sigma$ -homomorphism) Let A be $\Sigma$ -reachable. Then there is at most one $\Sigma$ -homomorphism $\rho: A \to B$ from A to B, which is defined by $\rho(t^A) = t^B$ .

#### **Proof** :

Let  $\rho: A \to B$  be a  $\Sigma$ -homomorphism. According to Lemma 1,  $\rho(t^A) = t^B$  for any ground term t. As A is  $\Sigma$ -reachable,  $\rho$  is uniquely defined for all elements of carrier sets of A.

**Theorem 2** (Characterisation of Initiality)

Let  $\Sigma$  be a sensible signature, K a class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras, that are characterised by a set E of axioms of the form:

 $\forall x_1: s_1 \dots x_n: s_n. G$  G without quantifiers

- A  $\Sigma$ -algebra I is initial in K iff
- 1. E holds in I,
- 2. I is  $\Sigma$ -reachable,
- 3. for all ground terms  $t_1, t_2 \in T(\Sigma)_s$ ,  $s \in S$  we have:

 $I \models t_1 = t_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad K \models t_1 = t_2$ 

**Theorem 3** (Existence of initial algebras)

Let  $\Sigma$  be a sensible signature, K a class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras, which is characterised by a set E of conditional equations of the form:

 $u_1 = v_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge u_n = v_n \implies u = v.$ 

Then there exists an initial algebra  $I \in K$  such that for all ground  $\Sigma$ -terms  $t_1, t_2$ 

 $I \models t_1 = t_2$  iff  $E \vdash t_1 = t_2$ .

#### **Theorem 4** (Structural Induction)

Let  $\Sigma = (S, C)$ , G first order  $\Sigma$ -formula, K be a class of reachable  $\Sigma$ -algebras and  $s \in S$ . If

- 1.  $K \models G[c/x]$  for all  $c \in C_{\epsilon,s}$  ("G holds for all constants") and
- 2.  $K \models \forall y_1 : s_1 \dots \forall x_1, \dots, x_n : s. \ G[x_1] \land \dots \land G[x_n] \implies G[f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots)]$ for all  $f \in C_{\langle \langle s, \dots, s, s_1, \dots, \rangle s \rangle}$

holds, then:  $K \models \forall x : s. \ G[x]$  holds.

#### **Example 11** (Structural Induction):

1. The structural induction schema for natural numbers is:

$$\frac{G(\mathsf{zero}) \qquad \forall x : \mathsf{Nat.} \ G[x] \implies G[\mathsf{succ}(x)]}{\forall x : \mathsf{Nat.} \ G[x]}$$

$$(Signature NAT0 = ({Nat}, {zero, succ}))$$

2. The structural induction schema for boolean values is:

$$\frac{G[\mathsf{true}] \qquad G[\mathsf{false}]}{\forall x : \mathsf{Bool.} \ G[x]}$$

3. The structural induction schema for the sort list of LISTNATI is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G[\mathsf{nil}] & \forall y : \mathsf{Nat.} \ \forall s : \mathsf{List.} \ G[s] \implies G[\mathsf{cons}(y,s)] \\ & \forall s : \mathsf{List.} \ G[s] \end{array}$$

Notice, that this induction schema does not refer to the function symbols for natural numbers and therefore applies to the signature LIST0:

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sig LIST0 =
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sorts	List, Elem
ops	nil : List
	$cons:Elem\timesList\toList$

#### end

LISTO is not sensible, because there is no ground term for Elem. Therefore, the notion of initiality can not be used.

#### The Generalisation of Initiality: Free Extension

**Definition 8** (Free Extension):

Let  $\Sigma_0 = (S_0, F_0), \Sigma_1$  be signatures with  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma_1$ .

1. Let A be a  $\Sigma_1$ -algebra. The  $\Sigma_0$ -Reduct  $A|_{\Sigma_0}$  of A is constructed by leaving out the sorts and function symbols of A, that do not occur in  $\Sigma_0$ , formally:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (A|_{\Sigma_0})_s &=_{def} & A_s & \text{ for all } s \in S_0 \\ f^{A|_{\Sigma_0}} &=_{def} & f^A & \text{ for all } f \in F_0 \end{array}$$

2. Let K be a class of  $\Sigma_1$ -algebras. A is called free extension of  $A|_{\Sigma_0}$ , if for every  $B \in K$  and every  $\Sigma_0$ -homomorphism  $h : A|_{\Sigma_0} \to B|_{\Sigma_0}$  there is exactly one  $\Sigma_1$ -homomorphism  $h^* : A \to B$  with  $h^*|_{\Sigma_0} = h$ .



## Summary

- Signatures are a formal approach to describe interfaces. A signature consists of sorts, function symbols and predicate symbols.
- Interpretations can be given to interfaces by  $\Sigma\text{-algebras}$  and  $\Sigma\text{-structures}.$
- Properties of interfaces resp. structures are described by Σ-formulas. We distinguish propositional logic formulas, equations, conditional equations and general formulas of predicate first order logic.
- In the class of  $\Sigma$ -algebras, initial and reachable algebras are of particular interest. Reachability implies the validity of structural induction. Initiality describes an abstract data type, that fulfils exactly the required equations and is executable.
- The free extension generalizes the initiality theorem for generic data types.