

Enhancing B language reasoners with SMT techniques

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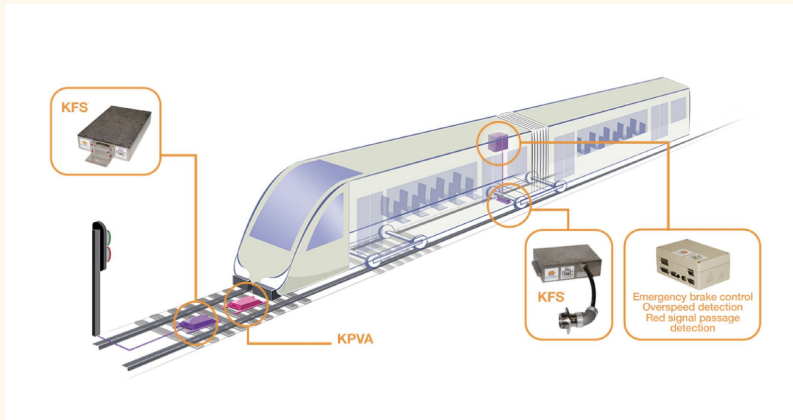
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- Formal method for software and hardware development
- Based on ZFC + Predicate Logic
- Structured around abstract machines, variables, invariants, and operations.

Atelier B

- Suite of tools for B development
- Includes a proof obligation generator and a (FO) predicate prover
- Tries to automatically discharge proof obligations

SMT-LIB

- Standard input format for SMT solvers (e.g. z3, cvc5, veriT)
- Based on many-sorted first-order logic
- Comes with many theories (e.g. arrays, integer and real linear arithmetic)

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^? \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. f\ x \neq \text{none} \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq x \\ \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. f\ x \neq \text{none} \Rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}. a \leq y \wedge y \leq b \wedge f\ x = \text{some } y \end{array} \right.$$

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(declare-const f (→ Int (Option Int)))  
(assert (forall ((x Int)) (= (not (= (f x) none)) (<= 0 x))))  
(assert (forall ((x Int)) (⇒ (not (= (f x) none))  
  (exists ((y Int)) (and (<= a y) (<= y b) (= (f x) (some y))))))  
  ))
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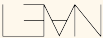
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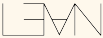
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