

## Refinement

- Refinement is the process of moving from abstract specifications to less abstract specifications while preserving the behaviour of the former
- Refinement is based on data or operation transformation which allows the behaviour of the abstract system to be simulated by the more refined (concrete, detailed) system
- Two kinds of refinement:
  - data refinement
  - refinement of nondeterminism



## Refinement (cont.)

- Intermediate specifications are presented in REFINEMENT components
- A REFINES clause identifies the component that this refinement is refining
- The abstract component M and the concrete component N are two alternative descriptions of the same system, with the same external interface, but with different internal implementations



## Refinement (cont.)

- The states of the abstract machine  $M$  and the concrete refinement  $N$  must be composed of distinct sets of variables
- These states are linked by a refinement relation which expresses the correspondence between the abstract and concrete states
- This correspondence must be
  - established as a result of corresponding initialisations
  - preserved by each of the operations



## Sequential composition

- In addition to the AMN statements introduced so far, in refinements we are allowed to use sequential composition of several statements
- The syntax:  $S; T$
- The standard meaning – the statement  $T$  is executed after the statement  $S$  (if the latter terminates)
- The weakest precondition rule:  
$$[S; T] P = [S] ([T] P)$$



## Data refinement

- In data refinement we represent abstract data by data that is more concrete:
  - sets by sequences
  - sequences by arrays
  - relations by two arrays
  - ...



## Refinement of nondeterminism

- In refinement of nondeterminism we resolve nondeterminism presented in a specification by describing how the choice is to be made.

Examples:

- $e \in S \sqsubseteq$  (is refined by)  $e := \min(S)$
- CHOICE  $S1$  OR  $S2$  END  $\sqsubseteq S1$
- PRE  $P$  THEN  $S$  END  $\sqsubseteq$   
IF  $P$  THEN  $S$  ELSE skip END
- ANY  $zz$  WHERE  $P$  THEN  $S$  END  $\sqsubseteq$   
ANY  $zz$  WHERE  $P \wedge Q$  THEN  $S$  END



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MACHINE Team
SETS ANSWER = {in, out}
VARIABLES team
INVARIANT team  $\subseteq$  1..22  $\wedge$  card(team) = 11
INITIALISATION team := 1..11
OPERATIONS
  substitute(pp, rr) =
    PRE
      pp  $\in$  team  $\wedge$  rr  $\in$  1..22  $\wedge$  rr  $\notin$  team
    THEN
      team := (team  $\cup$  {rr}) - {pp}
    END;
  aa  $\leftarrow$  query(pp) =
    PRE pp  $\in$  1..22
    THEN
      IF pp  $\in$  team THEN aa := in
      ELSE aa := out END
    END;
END

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REFINEMENT TeamR
REFINES Team
VARIABLES teamr
INVARIANT
  teamr  $\in$  1..11  $\twoheadrightarrow$  1..22  $\wedge$ 
  ran(teamr) = team
INITIALISATION teamr := id(1..11)
OPERATIONS
  substitute(pp, rr) =
    BEGIN
      teamr ( $\sim$ teamr(pp)) := rr
    END;
  aa  $\leftarrow$  query =
    IF pp  $\in$  ran(teamr)
    THEN aa := in
    ELSE aa := out
    END
END

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REFINEMENT TeamR
REFINES Team
VARIABLES teama
INVARIANT
  teama ∈ 1..22 → ANSWER ∧
  team = ~teama [{in}]
INITIALISATION
  teama := (1..11)×{in} ∪ (12..22)×{out}
OPERATIONS
  substitute(pp, rr) =
    BEGIN
      teama(pp) := out;
      teama(rr) := in
    END;
  aa ← query =
    BEGIN
      aa := teama(pp)
    END
END

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REFINEMENT JukeboxR
REFINES Jukebox
CONSTANTS freefreq
PROPERTIES freefreq ∈ NAT1
VARIABLES creditr, playlist, free
INVARIANT
  creditr ∈ NAT ∧ creditr = credit ∧
  playlist ∈ iseq(TRACK) ∧
  ran(playlist) = playset ∧
  free ∈ 0..freefreq
INITIALISATION
  creditr, playlist := 0, {}
OPERATIONS
  pay(cc) =
    BEGIN
      creditr := creditr + cc
    END;
  ...

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select(tt) =  
  BEGIN  
    IF tt  $\notin$  ran(playlist)  
    THEN playlist := playlist  $\leftarrow$  tt  
    END;  
    IF free = freefreq  
    THEN  
      free := 0  
    ELSE  
      free := free + 1;  
      creditr := creditr - 1  
    END  
  END;  
tt  $\leftarrow$  play =  
  BEGIN  
    tt := first(playlist);  
    playlist := tail(playlist)  
  END  
END
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