Distributed Event-Based System — Addendum

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### 1.1 Formal background — Temporal logic

- **Trace**: a sequence of states: \( \sigma = s_0, s_1, s_2, \ldots \)
  - Subtrace: \( \sigma|_i \) is the trace \( s_i, s_{i+1}, s_{i+2}, \ldots \)

- Atomic predicate \( P \) is true for every trace whose first state satisfies \( P \)

- **Formula \( \Psi \)**: \( P \) with quantifiers (\( \forall, \exists \)) and logical operators (\( \vee, \wedge, \Rightarrow, \neg \))

- **Temporal operators**:
  - \( \Box \) ("always")
    - \( \Box \Psi \) is true for traces \( \sigma \) iff \( \forall i \geq 0, \Psi \) is true for \( \sigma|_i \)
    - \( \Box P \) means \( P \) always holds, i.e. for all subtraces
  - \( \Diamond \) ("eventually")
    - \( \Diamond \Psi \) is true for traces \( \sigma \) iff \( \exists i \geq 0 : \Psi \) is true for \( \sigma|_i \)
    - \( \Diamond P \) means \( P \) will hold eventually, i.e. there is a subtrace for which \( P \) holds
  - \( \bigcirc \) ("next")
    - \( \bigcirc \Psi \) is true for traces \( \sigma \) iff \( \Psi \) is true for \( \sigma|_1 \)
    - \( \bigcirc P \) means \( P \) holds for the subtrace starting at the second place of the trace
1.1.1 Exercise

? □◇P

? ◇□P

? □[P \implies □P]

? □[P \implies ◇Q]

? □[P \implies ○□¬P]

? P \implies ◇□Q

? □¬P \lor □¬Q \equiv \neg(◇P \land ◇Q)
1.2 Changes of the state caused by interface operations (w/o advertisements)

- $X$: a component of a system (being a producer and/or a consumer)
- $\mathcal{C}$: the set of all the components
- $S_X$: a set of active subscriptions for component $X$
- $P_X$: a set of published notifications by component $X$
- $D_X$: a set of delivered notifications to component $X$
- $\mathcal{N}$: the set of all the notifications, $N \subseteq \mathcal{N}$: a set of notifications
  - \[ n \in N(S_X) : X \text{ has a subscription that matches } n \in \mathcal{N} \]

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<td>Component $X$ is notified about $n$</td>
<td>$D'_X = D_X \cup {n}$</td>
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- «'» indicates the state of a variable after the execution of the interface operation
1.2.1 Exercise

? □ notify(X, n)

? □¬ unsub(X, F)

? □[notify(X, n) → □□¬ notify(X, n)]

? □[notify(X, n) → n ∈ N(SX)]

? □[notify(Y, n) → n ∈ ∪_{X∈C}PX]
1.3 Trace-based specification of simple event-based system (w/o advertisements)

- A component receives
  
  (a) only notifications it is currently subscribed to
  (b) only notifications that have previously been published
  (c) a notification at most once
  (d) all future notifications matching one of its active subscriptions

- **Safety**: demands that “something irremediably bad” will never happen

  \[ \Box \left[ \text{notify} \left( Y, n \right) \implies \left[ n \in N \left( S_Y \right) \right] \wedge \left[ n \in \bigcup_{X \in C} P_X \right] \wedge \left[ \Box \neg \text{notify} \left( Y, n \right) \right] \right] \]

- **Liveness**: requires that “something good” will eventually happen

  \[ \Box \left[ \Box \left( F \in S_Y \right) \implies \Diamond \Box \left[ \text{pub} \left( X, n \right) \wedge n \in N \left( F \right) \implies \Diamond \text{notify} \left( Y, n \right) \right] \right] \]
1.4 Changes of the state caused by the adding advertisements

- \( A_X \): set of all active advertisements of component \( X \)
- \( n \in N(A_X) \): \( X \) has an advertisement that matches \( n \in N \)

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1.5 Safety specification of simple event system with advertisements

(a) + (b) + (c) +

(e) If a notification is published that does not match any of the active advertisements of the publishing component, the notification should not be delivered to any component

\[ \begin{aligned}
\Box \left[ \text{notify}(Y, n) \implies \Diamond \Box \neg \text{notify}(Y, n) \right] & \quad (=c) \\
\land \left[ \text{notify}(Y, n) \implies n \in \bigcup_{X \in C} P_X \cap N(S_Y) \right] & \quad (=b,a) \\
\land \left[ \text{pub}(X, n) \land n \notin N(A_X) \implies \Box \neg \text{notify}(Y, n) \right] & \quad (=e)
\end{aligned} \]
1.6 Liveness specification of simple event system with advertisements

f1) If a client $Y$ is always subscribed to $F$ and a client $X$ always advertises $G$

f2) then there exists a future time where a notification $n$ published by $X$
matches $F$ and $G$

f3) will lead to the delivery of $n$ to $Y$.

$$\square \left[ \square (F \in S_Y) \land \square (G \in A_X) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \diamond \square (pub(X, n) \land n \in N(F) \cap N(G)) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \diamond notify(Y, n))] \right]$$
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2.1 Architecture of the distributed service

- The notification service forms an overlay network in the underlying system
- The overlay consists of event brokers that run as processes on nodes
  - Local brokers put the first message into the network
  - Border and inner brokers forward the message to neighbouring brokers according to filter-based routing tables and routing strategies
  - Messages are sent to local brokers
  - Local brokers deliver the message to the application components
2.2 Distributed system model for notification routing

- Each node runs one or more processes
- Processes interact by passing messages via links between them
- A link connects a pair of processes and transmits messages asynchronously
- A FIFO ordering of messages is applied
- Acyclic connected topologies

- The topology of the overlay network of brokers is static
- Clients are stationary
- Communication channels are reliable and respect FIFO message ordering
- Message delay is unknown but finite, and system is not overloaded and fault-free
- System without advertisements
2.3 Notations for notification forwarding and delivery

- $T^D_B$: set of filters of the routing table of broker $B$ regarding single destination $D$
  \[ T^D_B = \{ F | \exists (F, D) \in T_B \} \]

- $T^D_B$: set of filters regarding all but single destination $D$
  \[ T^D_B = \{ F | \exists (F, E) \in T_B \land E \neq D \} \]

- $N(T^D_B)$: set of notifications that match $T^D_B$

- $N_B$: set of neighbouring brokers
2.4 Valid routing

- Valid routing algorithm = adapts the routing configuration by preserving the safety and liveness properties of the DEBS

- Additional notations:
  - $\theta(Y)$: identity of the broker that manages consumer $Y$
  - Simple directed path connecting a broker with $\theta(Y)$—i.e., the access broker
    - $B_1, ..., B_j$ simple path in the network of brokers
    - $\gamma(B_1, ..., B_j)$: set of notifications such that if a notification is published at $B_j$ and stays in this set, it reaches $B_1$ over this path
      - $\gamma(B_1, ..., B_j) = \bigcap_{1 < k \leq j} N(T_{B_k}^{B_{k-1}})$
2.5 Safety and liveness conditions of valid routing

- To guarantee safety, the local routing configuration ensures that only matching notifications are delivered

  - Local subset validity

    \[ \square \left[ N(T_{\theta(Y)}) \subseteq N(S_Y) \right] \quad (=r1) \]

- To guarantee liveness, when a consumer Y subscribes to a filter F and stays subscribed, then from some time, every notification that is published at any broker B and that matches F should be delivered to Y

  - Eventual super-set validity

    \[ \square \left[ \square(F \in S_Y) \implies \Diamond \square \left[ N(T_{\theta(Y)}) \supseteq N(F) \right] \right] \quad (=r2: \text{ From } \theta(Y) \text{ to } Y) \]

    \[ \square \left[ \square(F \in S_Y) \land B \neq \theta(Y) \land n \in N(F) \right] \]

    \[ \implies \Diamond \square \left[ n \in \gamma(\theta(Y), \ldots, B) \right] \quad (=r3: \text{ From } B \text{ to } \theta(Y)) \]
2.6 Monotone valid routing algorithms

- Drawbacks of valid routing
  - Local subset validity does not require immediate delivery
  - Eventual super-set validity is a property of the routing configuration of the entire topology

- Improvements
  - Immediate delivery
    - Local consumer subscription followed by local publisher publication should imply local notification of the consumer
  - Set of notifications forwarded is monotonically increasing for any path
    - Notifications sent over $B_{i+1} \rightarrow B_i$ are sent over $B_{i+2} \rightarrow B_{i+1}$
      - Only depends on the routing configurations of neighbouring brokers
2.7 Safety and liveness conditions of monotone valid routing

- Reminder:
  - $T_B^D = \{ F | \exists (F, D) \in T_B \}$
  - $T_B^D = \{ F | \exists (F, E) \in T_B \land E \neq D \}$

- Local validity $\equiv$ immediate delivery

$$\square \left[ N(T_\theta^Y) = N(S_Y) \right] \quad (= \text{merging of r1 and r2 + strengthness})$$

- Eventual monotone remote validity

$$\square \left[ \square \left[ n \in N(T_{B_i}^j) \right] \implies \Diamond \square \left[ n \in N(T_{B_j}^{B_i}) \right] \right]$$

1. If $n$ is forwarded to $B_k \neq B_j \in N_{B_i}$ then $n$ comes from $B_j$. 
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3.1.1 Main program

The main program starts when the broker is created:

1. Initialise the routing table $T_B$ of the broker $B$
2. Initialise a delivery queue $Q_C$ for each local consumer $C$
3. Enter an infinite loop that dispatches messages arriving from neighbouring brokers to the `handleMessage` procedure

Program `ContentBasedRouting()`

1. initialise $T_B$
2. initialise $Q_C$ for all $C \in L_B$
3. loop
4. wait until a message is available
5. $m \leftarrow$ next selected message
6. `handleMessage(m)`

Routing table of B1

$T_B = (F_1, X_2), (F_2, X_3), (F_3, B_2), (F_4, B_3)$
3.1.2 handleMessage procedure

- handleMessage dispatches a message based on message type

- Two types of messages are exchanged among neighbouring brokers
  1. forward(n): to disseminate a notification n in the network of brokers
  2. admin(S, U): to propagate routing table updates
     - S: set of subscriptions
     - U: set of unsubscriptions
  3. administer(S, U): to compute the admin messages to send
     - MS: set of pairs (filter_sub, destination) for sending admin messages
     - MU: set of pairs (filter_unsub, destination) for sending admin messages

1. procedure handleMessage(Message m)
2.   if m is forward(n) from neighbour u then
3.     handleNotification(u, n)
4.   if m is admin(S, U) from neigh. u then
5.     (MS, MU) ← administer(u, S, U)
6.     handleAdminMessage(u, MS, MU)
3.1.3 **handleNotification procedure**

- `handleNotification` sends forward messages to neighbouring brokers.
- `handleNotification` notifies local consumers.
  - `notify` is called by the broker to notify a local consumer about a notification.
  - The notification is appended to the delivery queue $Q_Y$ of the consumer $Y$.

```plaintext
procedure handleNotification(Neighbour D, Notification n)
    send "forward(n)" to all the neighbours $\in F_B(n) \setminus \{D\}$
    forall local consumers $C \in F_B(n)$ do
        notify($C, n$)
procedure notify(Consumer Y, Notification n)
    $Q_Y \leftarrow$ append($Q_Y, n$)
```

![Diagram showing message flow between brokers](diagram.png)
3.1.4 Preliminary words about the generic administer procedure

- The code of administer is implemented by framework instantiations to realise a concrete routing algorithm
  - Flooding
  - Simple
  - Identity-based
  - Covering-based
  - Perfect merging
  - Imperfect merging

- administer returns two sets that are pairs: \((\text{filter}_{\text{sub}}, \text{destination})\) or \((\text{filter}_{\text{unsub}}, \text{destination})\)

- Send an admin message to destination for \(\text{filter}_{\text{sub}}\)
  - Sending done in handleAdminMessage, as explained in next slide
3.1.5 `handleAdminMessage` procedure

- The values returned by `administer` are used as input to `handleAdminMessage`
- `handleAdminMessage` sends admin messages to neighbouring brokers

```
procedure handleAdminMessage(Dest D, Set MS, Set MU)
for all Bi ∈ NB\{D}
    S' ← {F|(F, Bi) ∈ MS}
    U' ← {F|(F, Bi) ∈ MU}
if S' ≠ ∅ ∨ U' ≠ ∅ then
    send “admin(S', U')” to Bi
```
### 3.1.6 pub, sub and unsub procedures

- **pub** is called by a local publisher to publish a notification
- **sub** is called by a local consumer to subscribe to a filter
- **unsub** is called by a local consumer to unsubscribe to a filter

```plaintext
1 procedure pub (Publisher X, Notification n)
2   handleNotification(X, n)
3 procedure sub (Consumer Y, Filter F)
4   (M_S, M_U) ← administer(Y, {F}, ∅)
5   handleAdminMessage(Y, M_S, M_U)
6 procedure unsub (Consumer Y, Filter F)
7   (M_S, M_U) ← administer(Y, ∅, {F})
8   handleAdminMessage(Y, M_S, M_U)
```
### 3.2 Flooding

- **Idea:** a broker forwards a notification to all its neighbours
  - Each broker is initialised to the set \( \{(F_T, U) | U \in N_B\} \) with \( \forall n \in N, F_T(n) = true \)
- Each broker updates its routing table (RT) regarding its local consumers
  - If a consumer \( Y \) subscribes to a filter \( F \), the broker adds \( (F, Y) \) to its RT
  - If a consumer \( Y \) unsubscribes to a filter \( F \), the broker deletes \( (F, Y) \) from its RT
- Flooding does not require the remote routing configuration to be updated

```plaintext
procedure administer(Dest s, Set S, Set U)

T_B ← T_B \cup \{(F, s) | F \in S\}
T_B ← T_B \setminus \{(F, s) | F \in U\}
return (\emptyset, \emptyset);
```
3.3 Simple routing

- Idea: use filter forwarding to update the routing configuration in reaction to subscribing and unsubscribing consumers
  - Initially, $\forall B, T_B = \emptyset$

1. **procedure** `administer` (Dest $D$, Set $S$, Set $U$)
   2. $T_B \leftarrow T_B \cup \{(F, D) | F \in S\}$
   3. $T_B \leftarrow T_B \setminus \{(F, D) | F \in U\}$
   4. $M_S \leftarrow \{(F, H) | H \in N_B \setminus \{D\} \land F \in S\}$;
   5. $M_U \leftarrow \{(F, H) | H \in N_B \setminus \{D\} \land F \in U\}$;
   6. return $(M_S, M_U)$;
3.4 Identity-based routing

Reminder:

- \( T^D_B = \{ F \mid \exists (F, D) \in T_B \} \)
- \( T^D_B = \{ F \mid \exists (F, E) \in T_B \land E \neq D \} \)

Idea: a subscription (unsubscription) is only forwarded to a neighbour \( H \) if there is no identical subscription in the RT for a destination distinct from \( H \)

The superscript stands for Identical

- \( C^I_B(F, D) \): set of routing entries in \( T_B \) of which the filter is identical to the filter \( F \) and of which the destination equals the destination \( D \)
  - \( C^I_B(F, D) = \{ (G, D) \mid (G, D) \in T_B \land F \equiv G \} \)

- \( D^I_B(F) \): set of neighbours \( H \) for which there is no routing entry \((G, D)\) in \( T_B \), where \( G \) is identical to \( F \) and \( D \) is distinct from \( H \)
  - \( D^I_B(F) = \{ H \in N_B \mid \exists G \in T^H_B : F \equiv G \} \)
3.4.1 Algorithm

- If a broker $B$ receives a(n) (un)subscription from a neighbour or a consumer $D$:
  - $B$ updates its RT (lines 4-6):
    - If $D$ is a neighbour, $B$ removes $C^l_B(F, D)$ (line 5)
    - If $D$ is a local consumer, $B$ removes solely $(F, D)$ (line 6)
  - $B$ forwards $F$ to all neighbours that are in $D^l_B(F)$ except $D$ (lines 7–10 and 13)
  - If $F$ is a subscription, $B$ inserts a routing entry $(F, D)$ into its RT (line 11)

```plaintext
1 procedure administer(Dest D, Set S, Set U)
2    $M_S \leftarrow \emptyset$;
3    $M_U \leftarrow \emptyset$;
4    forall $F \in S \cup U$ do
5        if $D \in N_B$ then
6            $T_B \leftarrow T_B \setminus C^l_B(F, D)$;
7        else $T_B \leftarrow T_B \setminus (F, D)$;
8        $A \leftarrow \{(F, H) | H \in D^l_B(F) \setminus \{D\}\}$;
9        if $F \in U$ then $M_U \leftarrow M_U \cup A$;
10       else
11           $M_S \leftarrow M_S \cup A$;
12           $T_B \leftarrow T_B \cup \{(F, D)\}$;
13       endif
14    return $(M_S, M_U)$;
```
3.4.2 An example (1/3)
3.4.3 An example (2/3)
3.4.4 An example (3/3)

F' identical to F

1. sub(F')
   (F', S2)

2. admin({F'}, {})
   (F, S)
   (F', B4)
   (F, B1)

3.a → (F', S2)

3.b. → (F', B4)

2. admin({F'}, {})

1. sub(F')

(F, B1)

(F, B1)

(F, B4)

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3.4.5 Exercise

? Execute the algorithm for the new subscription $F_3$ of $S_3$ and then the new subscription $F_4$ of $S_4$
4 Content-based data and filter models

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4.1 Data model and Filter model

- **Data model**: how the content of notifications is structured

- **Filter model**: how subscriptions can be specified
  - How notifications can be selected by applying filters that evaluate predicates over the content of notifications
4.2 Tuples

- **Data model:**
  - A notification is a tuple: an ordered set of attributes

- **Filter model:**
  - A subscription is defined as a template
  - The attributes of notifications and templates are matched to each other according to their position

- **Example:** the notification \((\text{StockQuote}, \text{“Foo Inc”}, 45)\) is matched by the subscription template \((\text{StockQuote}, \text{“Foo Inc”}, *)\)

  - Tuples with templates provide a simple model that is not flexible
  - Because attributes cannot be optional
4.3 Structured records

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4.3.1 Data model

- A notification $n$ is a nonempty set of attributes $\{a_1, ..., a_n\}$
- $a_i$ is a (name,value) pair: $(n_i, v_i)$
- Attribute names are unique: $i \neq j \Rightarrow n_i \neq n_j$
- Example of notification: $\{(\text{type, StockQuote}), (\text{name,“Infineon”}), (\text{price, 45.0})\}$

- More powerful than tuples since attributes can be optional in subscriptions and notifications
4.3.2 Filter model

- Attribute filter: triple $A_i = (n_i, Op_i, C_i)$
  with $n_i =$ attribute name, $Op_i =$ test operator, $C_i =$ value for the test

- $L_A(A_i) =$ set of values $v_i$ that cause an attribute filter to match attribute $n_i$
  - $L_A(A_i) = \{ v_i | Op_i(v_i, C_i) = true \}$
  - Usually $L_A(A_i) \neq \emptyset$

- Filter $F =$ boolean function applied to a notification $n$: $F(n) \rightarrow \{ true, false \}$

- The set of matching notifications $N(F) = \{ n | F(n) = true \} \subseteq N$

- Simple filter = filter consisting of a single atomic predicate

- Compound filter = conjunction of simple filters: $F = A_1 \land ... \land A_n$
  - E.g., $(type = \text{StockQuote}) \land (\text{name} = \text{"Foo Inc"}) \land (\text{price} \notin [30, 40])$

- A notification $n$ matches a filter $F$ iff it satisfies all the attributes filters of $F$

+ Attributes can be optional in the notification

+ New attributes can be added without affecting existing filters
4.3.3 Identity, overlapping, covering of attribute filters

- **Identity:**
  - \( A_1 \equiv A_2 \) iff \( n_1 = n_2 \land L_A(A_1) = L_A(A_2) \)
  - *E.g.*, \((price \in \{20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25\})\) is identical to \((price \in [20, 25])\)

- **Overlapping:**
  - \( A_1 \cap A_2 \) iff \( n_1 = n_2 \land L_A(A_1) \cap L_A(A_2) \neq \emptyset \)
  - *E.g.*, \((price > 25)\) overlaps \((price \in [20, 30])\)

- **Covering:**
  - \( A_1 \supseteq A_2 \) iff \( n_1 = n_2 \land L_A(A_1) \supseteq L_A(A_2) \)
  - *E.g.*, \( A_1 = (price > 10)\) covers \( A_2 = (price \in [20, 30])\)

- **Disjoint**
  - \( A_1 \not\cap A_2 \) iff \( n_1 = n_2 \land L_A(A_1) \cap L_A(A_2) = \emptyset \)
  - \{\textit{price} < 10\} and \{\textit{price} > 20\} are disjoint
4.3.4 Routing optimisations with identity

- An identity test among filters is necessary to implement identity-based routing to avoid redundant routing entries and unnecessary forwarding of (un)subscriptions.

- Given two filters $F_1 = A_1^1 \land \ldots \land A_n^1$ and $F_2 = A_1^2 \land \ldots \land A_m^2$ that are conjunctions of attribute filters with at most one attribute filter per attribute, $F_1 \equiv F_2$ iff they contain the same number of attributes filters $\land (\forall i, \exists j : A_i^1 \equiv A_j^2)$.

- E.g., $F_1 = \{x = 4\} \land \{y > 5\}$ not identical to $F_2 = \{x = 4\} \land \{y > 5\} \land \{z \in [3, 5]\}$. 
4.3.5 Routing optimisations with covering

- A covering test among filters is necessary to implement covering-based routing to avoid redundant routing entries and unnecessary forwarding of (un)subscriptions to get rid of the obsolete^{2} routing entries.

- Given two filters $F_1 = A_1^1 \land \ldots \land A_n^1$ and $F_2 = A_1^2 \land \ldots \land A_m^2$ that are conjunctions of attribute filters with at most one attribute filter per attribute, $F_1 \sqsupseteq F_2$ iff $\forall i, \exists j : A_i^1 \sqsupseteq A_j^2$

- E.g., $F_1 = \{x = 4\} \land \{y > 5\}$ covers $F_2 = \{x = 4\} \land \{y > 5\} \land \{z \in [3, 5]\}$

- E.g., $F_3 = \{x \geq 2\} \land \{y > 5\}$ covers $F_4 = \{x = 4\} \land \{y = 7\} \land \{z \in [3, 5]\}$

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2. A routing entry covers another routing entry, which becomes obsolete
4.3.6 Covering with types and comparison

- \( n_1 = n_2 \)

- Covering among notification types
  - A notification \( n \) is an instance of Type \( T \): \( n \text{ instanceof } T \)

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<th>( A_1 )</th>
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<th>( A_1 \sqsupseteq A_2 \text{ iff } )</th>
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<td>( n \text{ instanceof } T_1 )</td>
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- Covering among comparison constraints on simple values

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<td>( x \neq c_1 )</td>
<td>( x &lt; c_2 )</td>
<td>( c_1 \geq c_2 )</td>
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<td>( x &gt; c_1 )</td>
<td>( x &gt; c_2 )</td>
<td>( c_1 \leq c_2 )</td>
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- \( E.g., \ A_1 = (x \neq 15) \) and \( A_2 = (x < 10) \Rightarrow A_1 \sqsupseteq A_2 \)
- \( E.g., \ A_1 = (x > 10) \) and \( A_2 = (x > 20) \Rightarrow A_1 \sqsupseteq A_2 \)
4.3.7 Covering with intervals and strings

- \( n_1 = n_2 \)

- Covering among interval constraints on simple values

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<td>( I_1 \supseteq I_2 )</td>
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<td>( x \notin I_1 )</td>
<td>( x \notin I_2 )</td>
<td>( I_1 \subseteq I_2 )</td>
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- E.g. \( A_1 = (x \in [3, 10]) \) and \( A_2 = (x \in [4, 6]) \) \( \implies A_1 \supseteq A_2 \)

- Covering among constraints on strings

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<td>( s ) hasPrefix ( S_1 )</td>
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<td>( s ) hasPostfix ( S_1 )</td>
<td>( s ) hasPostfix ( S_2 )</td>
<td>( S_2 ) hasPostfix ( S_1 )</td>
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<tr>
<td>( s ) hasSubstring ( S_1 )</td>
<td>( s ) hasSubstring ( S_2 )</td>
<td>( S_2 ) hasSubstring ( S_1 )</td>
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- E.g. \( A_1 = (s \) hasPrefix “abc”) and \( A_2 = (s \) hasPrefix “abcd”) \( \implies A_1 \supseteq A_2 \)
4.3.8 Covering with sets

- \( n_1 = n_2 \)

- Covering among set constraints on simple values

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A_1 & A_2 & A_1 \supseteq A_2 \text{ iff} \\
\hline
x \in M_1 & x \in M_2 & M_1 \supseteq M_2 \\
x \notin M_1 & x \notin M_2 & M_1 \subseteq M_2 \\
\end{array}
\]

- Covering among set constraints on multi values

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A_1 & A_2 & A_1 \supseteq A_2 \text{ iff} \\
\hline
X \subseteq M_1 & X \subseteq M_2 & M_1 \supseteq M_2 \\
X \text{ contains } a_1 & X \supseteq M_2 & a_1 \in M_2 \\
X \supseteq M_1 & X \supseteq M_2 & M_1 \subseteq M_2 \\
X \text{ notContains } a_1 & X \text{ disjunct } M_2 & a_1 \in M_2 \\
X \text{ disjunct } M_1 & X \text{ disjunct } M_2 & M_1 \subseteq M_2 \\
X \text{ overlaps } M_1 & X \text{ overlaps } M_2 & M_1 \supseteq M_2 \\
\end{array}
\]
4.3.9 Routing optimisations with overlapping

- An overlapping test among filters is necessary to use advertisements in subscription-based routing optimisations
- Advertisement and subscription routing tables are used to route (un)subscriptions from consumers to producers
  - A subscription can be served by an advertisement if both overlap

Given two filters \( F_1 = A_1^1 \land ... \land A_n^1 \) and \( F_2 = A_1^2 \land ... \land A_m^2 \), that are conjunctions of attribute filters with at most one attribute filter per attribute,

- \( F_1 \) and \( F_2 \) are disjoint iff \( \exists i, j : (n_i^1 = n_j^2) \land (L_A(A_i^1) \cap L_A(A_j^2) = \emptyset) \)
  - E.g., \( F_1 = \{x \geq 2\} \land \{y > 5\} \) and \( F_2 = \{x < 1\} \land \{y < 7\} \) are disjoint because \( \{x \geq 2\} \) and \( \{x < 1\} \) are disjoint
- \( F_1 \) and \( F_2 \) overlap iff \( \nexists i, j : (n_i^1 = n_j^2) \land (L_A(A_i^1) \cap L_A(A_j^2) = \emptyset) \)
  - E.g., \( F_1 = \{x \geq 2\} \land \{y > 5\} \) and \( F_2 = \{x < 5\} \land \{y < 7\} \) because \( \{x \geq 2\} \) overlaps \( \{x < 5\} \) and \( \{y > 5\} \) overlaps \( \{y < 7\} \)
4.3.10 Routing optimisations with merging

- **Merging of conjunctive filters**
  - A merging test among filters is necessary to implement merging-based routing to reduce the number of subscriptions and advertisements stored by brokers
  - Examples:
    - \( F_1 = \{x = 5\} \land \{y \in \{2, 3\}\} \) and \( F_2 = \{x = 5\} \land \{y \in \{4, 5\}\} \) can be merged to \( F = \{x = 5\} \land \{y \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\}\} \)
    - \( F_1 = \{y = 3\} \land \{x = 5\} \) and \( F_2 = \{y = 3\} \land \{x \neq 5\} \) can be merged to \( F = \{y = 3\} \)

- **Example of **PERFECT** merging rules for attribute filters**

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<tr>
<th>( A_1 )</th>
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<th>Condition</th>
<th>( A_1 \cup A_2 )</th>
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<td>( x \in M_1 )</td>
<td>( x \in M_2 )</td>
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<td>( x \notin M_1 )</td>
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<td>( M_1 \cap M_2 = \emptyset )</td>
<td>( \exists x ) (i.e., no att. filter) ( x \notin M_1 \cap M_2 )</td>
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<td>( X \text{ overlaps } M_1 )</td>
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4.4 Semi-structured records

4.4.1 Data model
4.4.2 Filter model
4.4.1 Data model

**Notification** = XML document = set of elements arranged in a tree

- **Element** = set of attributes + subordinate child elements
  - Attributes = pairs \((name, value)\)
  - Sibling attributes can have same name \(\implies\) names address sets of attr.

```xml
<notification>
  <auction endtime="05/18/02 22:17:42"
         minprice="50">
    <seller name="Smith" id="1234"/>
    <item>
      <board ... />
    </item>
    <item>
      <cpu manufacturer="AMD"
          type="Athlon" clock="800"/>
    </item>
  </auction>
</notification>
```
4.4.2 Filter model I

- A filter model uses a path expression (e.g., XPath)
  - Select a set of attributes and Impose constraints on the selected attributes
- A filter is a conjunction of path filters: \( F = \land_i P_i \)
- A path filter \( P = (S, C) \) consists of an element selector \( S \) and an element filter \( C \)
- An element selector selects a subset of the elements of a notification
  - An absolute path: e.g. //notification/auction/item/cpu
  - An abbreviated path: e.g. //cpu
- An element filter is a conjunction of a nonempty set of attribute filters:
  \( C = \land_i A_i \)
  - e.g. \([@manufacturer = “AMD” \land @clock \geq 700]\)
- Example of path filter:
  \(/[notification/auction/item/cpu[@manufacturer = “AMD” \land @clock \geq 700]]\)
4.4.2 Filter model II

- \( L_A(A) \): set of all values that cause an attribute filter \( A \) to match an attribute

- \( A_1 = (n_1, Q_1) \) covers \( A_2 = (n_2, Q_2) \),
  \( A_1 \sqsupseteq A_2 \) iff \( n_1 = n_2 \land L_A(A_1) \supseteq L_A(A_2) \)

  - Example: \([@\text{clock} \geq 600]\) covers \([@\text{clock} \geq 700]\)

- \( L_E(C) \): set of all elements that match an element filter \( C \)

- \( C_1 \) covers \( C_2 \), \( C_1 \sqsupseteq C_2 \) iff \( L_E(C_1) \supseteq L_E(C_2) \)

  - Example: \([@\text{clock} \geq 600]\) covers \([@\text{manufacture} = \text{"AMD"} \land @\text{clock} \geq 700]\)

- \( C_1 \) is disjoint with \( C_2 \) if there exists no attribute that is constrained in both element filters

  - Example: \([@\text{minprice} \not\geq 100]\) is disjoint with \([@\text{name} = \text{"Pu"}]\)

- \( L_S(S) \): set of all elements that are selected by an element selector \( S \)

- \( S_1 \) covers \( S_2 \), \( S_1 \sqsupseteq S_2 \) iff \( L_S(S_1) \supseteq L_S(S_2) \)
4.4.2 Filter model III

- \( S_1 \) is disjoint with \( S_2 \) iff \( L_S(S_1) \cap L_S(S_2) = \emptyset \)

- An absolute path covers another absolute path iff both are identical

- An abbreviated path covers another (abbreviated/absolute) path iff the former is a suffix of the later

  - Example: \(/\text{cpu} \) covers \(/\text{item/cpu} \) because \(/\text{cpu} \) selects all elements named \text{cpu}, \(/\text{item/cpu} \) only selects those elements named \text{cpu} which are a sub-element of an element \text{item}

- \( L_P(P) \): set of all elements that match a path filter \( P \)

- \( P_1 = (S_1, C_1) \) covers \( P_2 = (S_2, C_2) \), \( P_1 \supseteq P_2 \) iff \( L_P(P_1) \supseteq L_P(P_2) \)

  - Example: \(/\text{cpu[@manufacturer = “AMD”]} \) covers \(/\text{cpu[@manufacturer = “AMD”] \land @clock \geq 700} \)

- \( P_1 \) is disjoint with \( P_2 \) iff \( S_1 \) is disjoint with \( S_2 \) or \( C_1 \) is disjoint with \( C_2 \)
4.4.2 Filter model IV

- **Lemma**: Given two path filters $P_1 = (S_1, C_1)$ and $P_2 = (S_2, C_2)$:
  
  \[ P_1 \sqsupseteq P_2 \iff S_1 \sqsupseteq S_2 \land C_1 \sqsupseteq C_2 \]

  A filter $F_1$ covers $F_2$, $F_1 \sqsupseteq F_2$ iff $N(F_1) \supseteq N(F_2)$

- **Lemma**: Given two filters $F_1 = P_1^1 \land \ldots \land P_1^n$ and $F_2 = P_2^1 \land \ldots \land P_2^m$:
  
  \[ F_1 \sqsupseteq F_2 \iff \forall i \exists j \text{ such that } P_i^1 \sqsupseteq P_j^2 \]

- **Example**: the filter \{\text{//cpu[@type = "Athlon"]}\} covers

  \{\text{//seller[@name = "Pu"] } \land \text{//cpu[@type = "Athlon" \land @clock \geq 600]}\}
4.5 Objects

- Model notifications and filters as objects

- Calling methods on attribute objects
  - Methods can be invoked on the objects embedded in the notification
  - The return value of the method can be a boolean value that is interpreted as a result of the attribute filter or a value that is used to evaluate the constraint

  **Example:** An instance of a class `StockQuote` has been embedded in a notification
  - The object possesses an attribute with the name `quote`
  - \[ A = (quote.id() = \text{"IBM"}) \]
  - A covers
    \[ (quote.isRealTime()) \land (quote.id() = \text{"IBM"}) \land (quote.price() > 45.0)) \]