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ISO 10303 is organized as a series of parts, each published separately. The structure of ISO 10303 is described in ISO 10303-1.

Each part of ISO 10303 is a member of one of the following series: description methods, implementation methods, conformance testing methodology and framework, integrated generic resources, integrated application resources, application protocols, abstract test suites, application interpreted constructs, and application modules. This part is a member of the description methods series.

A complete list of parts of ISO 10303 is available from the Internet:

<<http://www.tc184-sc4.org/titles/>>

0 Introduction

0.1 General

ISO 10303 is an International Standard for the computer-interpretable representation of product information and for the exchange of product data. The objective is to provide a neutral mechanism capable of describing products throughout their life cycle. This mechanism is suitable not only for neutral file exchange, but also as a basis for implementing and sharing product databases, and as a basis for archiving.

This part of ISO 10303 specifies the elements of the EXPRESS language. Each element of the language is presented in its own context with examples. Simple elements are introduced first, then more complex ideas are presented in an incremental manner.

The changes that lead to this edition were driven by requirements from multi-schema specifications. The new concepts constitute an architecture for extensible data models. The following keywords have been added to this edition:

- BASED_ON;
- END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
- EXTENSIBLE;
- GENERIC_ENTITY;
- RENAMED;
- SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
- TOTAL_OVER;
- WITH.

Schemas that contain these words as EXPRESS identifiers become invalid under this edition. Else, the modifications that are incorporated in this edition are upwardly compatible with the previous edition.

0.2 Language overview

EXPRESS is the name of a formal information requirements specification language. It is used to specify the information requirements of other parts of ISO 10303. It is based on a number of design goals among which are:

- the size and complexity of ISO 10303 demands that the language be parsable by both computers and humans. Expressing the information elements of ISO 10303 in a less formal manner would eliminate the possibility of employing computer automation in checking for inconsistencies in presentation or for creating any number of secondary views, including implementation views;
- the language is designed to enable partitioning of the diverse material addressed by ISO 10303. The schema is the basis for partitioning and intercommunication;

- the language focuses on the definition of entities, which represent objects of interest. The definition of an entity is in terms of its properties, which are characterized by specification of a domain and the constraints on that domain;
- the language seeks to avoid, as far as possible, specific implementation views. However, it is possible to manufacture implementation views (such as static file exchange) in an automatic and straightforward manner.

In EXPRESS, entities are defined in terms of attributes: the traits or characteristics considered important for use and understanding. These attributes have a representation which might be a simple data type (such as integer) or another entity type. A geometric point might be defined in terms of three real numbers. Names are given to the attributes which contribute to the definition of an entity. Thus, for a geometric point the three real numbers might be named *x*, *y* and *z*. A relationship is established between the entity being defined and the attributes that define it, and, in a similar manner, between the attribute and its representation.

NOTE 1 A number of languages have contributed to EXPRESS, in particular, Ada, Algol, C, C++, Euler, Modula-2, Pascal, PL/I and SQL. Some facilities have been invented to make EXPRESS more suitable for the job of expressing an information model.

NOTE 2 The examples of EXPRESS usage in this manual do not conform to any particular style rules. Indeed, the examples sometimes use poor style to conserve space or to show flexibility. The examples are not intended to reflect the content of the information models defined in other parts of ISO 10303. They are crafted to show particular features of EXPRESS. Any similarity between the examples and the normative information models specified in other parts of ISO 10303 should be ignored.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 10303 specifies a language by which aspects of product data can be defined. The language is called EXPRESS.

This part of ISO 10303 also specifies a graphical representation for a subset of the constructs in the EXPRESS language. This graphical representation is called EXPRESS-G.

EXPRESS is a data specification language as defined in ISO 10303-1. It consists of language elements that allow an unambiguous data definition and specification of constraints on the data defined.

The following are within the scope of this part of ISO 10303:

- data types;
- constraints on instances of the data types.

The following are outside the scope of this part of ISO 10303:

- definition of database formats;
- definition of file formats;
- definition of transfer formats;
- process control;
- information processing;
- exception handling.

EXPRESS is not a programming language.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10303-1:1994, *Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange — Part 1: Overview and fundamental principles*

ISO/IEC 8824-1:2002, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*

ISO/IEC 10646:2003, *Information technology — Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 Terms defined in ISO 10303-1

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10303, the following terms defined in ISO 10303-1 apply.

- Conformance requirement;
- Context;
- Data;
- Data specification language;
- Information;
- Information model;
- PICS proforma;

3.2 Terms defined in ISO/IEC 10646

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10303, the following term defined in ISO/IEC 10646 applies.

- Graphic character.

NOTE This definition includes only those characters in ISO/IEC 10646 that have a defined visual representation; this explicitly excludes any cells that are empty or crosshatched.

3.3 Other terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 10303, the following definitions apply.

3.3.1**complex entity data type**

a representation of an entity. A complex entity data type establishes a domain of values defined by the common attributes and constraints of an allowed combination of entity data types within a particular subtype/supertype graph.

3.3.2**complex entity (data type) instance**

a named complex entity data type value. The name of a complex entity instance is used for referencing the instance.

3.3.3**complex entity (data type) value**

a unit of data that represents a unit of information within the class defined by a complex entity data type. It is a member of the domain established by this complex entity data type.

3.3.4**constant**

a named unit of data from a specified domain. The value cannot be modified.

3.3.5**data type**

a domain of values.

3.3.6**entity**

a class of information defined by common properties.

3.3.7**entity data type**

a representation of an entity. An entity data type establishes a domain of values defined by common attributes and constraints.

3.3.8**entity (data type) instance**

a named entity data type value. The name of an entity instance is used for referencing the instance.

3.3.9**(single) entity (data type) value**

a unit of data which represents a unit of information within the class defined by an entity data type. It is a member of the domain established by this entity data type.

3.3.10**instance**

a named value.

3.3.11**multi-leaf complex entity (data type)**

a complex entity data type that consists of more than one entity data types that do not have further subtypes within this complex entity data type.

3.3.12

multi-leaf complex entity (data type) instance

a named multi-leaf complex entity data type value. The name of a multi-leaf complex entity instance is used for referencing the instance.

3.3.13

multi-leaf complex entity (data type) value

a unit of data that represents a unit of information within the class defined by a multi-leaf complex entity data type. It is a member of the domain established by this multi-leaf complex entity data type.

3.3.14

partial complex entity data type

a potential representation of an entity. A partial complex entity data type is a grouping of entity data types within a subtype/supertype graph which may form part or all of a complex entity data type.

3.3.15

partial complex entity value

a value of a partial complex entity data type. This has no meaning on its own and must be combined with other partial complex entity values and a name to form a complex entity instance.

3.3.16

population

a collection of entity data type instances.

3.3.17

primary schema

a schema in a group of interrelated schemas that form a, possibly cyclic, directed graph. A primary schema is a schema of interest. There can be one or more primary schemas within the graph, where the other schemas in the graph are only there to support the primary schema. The primary schema has a special role in the conversion of a shortform schema into a longform schema (see G).

3.3.18

root schema

a schema in a group of interrelated schemas that form a, possibly cyclic, directed graph. The root schema is not the target of any interface specification, but all the other schemas can be reached from the root schema. The root schema can be considered to be representative of the graph. The root schema has a special role in the conversion of a shortform schema into a longform schema (see G).

3.3.19

simple entity (data type) instance

a named unit of data which represents a unit of information within the class defined by an entity. It is a member of the domain established by a single entity data type.

3.3.20

subtype/supertype graph

a declared collection of entity data types. The entity data types declared within a subtype/supertype graph are related via the subtype statement. A subtype/supertype graph defines one or more complex entity data types.

3.3.21**token**

a non-decomposable lexical element of a language.

3.3.22**value**

a unit of data.

4 Conformance requirements

4.1 Formal specifications written in EXPRESS

4.1.1 Lexical language

A formal specification written in EXPRESS shall be consistent with a given level as specified below. A formal specification is consistent with a given level when all checks identified for that level and all lower levels are verified for the specification.

Levels of checking

Level 1: Reference checking. This level consists of checking the formal specification to ensure that it is syntactically and referentially valid. A formal specification is syntactically valid if it matches the syntax generated by expanding the primary syntax rule (**syntax**) given in annex A. A formal specification is referentially valid if all references to EXPRESS items are consistent with the scope and visibility rules defined in clauses 10 and 11.

Level 2: Type checking. This level consists of checking the formal specification to ensure that it is consistent with the following:

- expressions shall comply with the rules specified in clause 12;
- assignments shall comply with the rules specified in 13.3;
- inverse attribute declarations shall comply with the rules specified in 9.2.1.3;
- attribute redeclarations shall comply with the rules specified in 9.2.3.4.

Level 3: Value checking. This level consists of checking the formal specification to ensure that it complies with statements of the form ‘A shall be greater than B’ as specified in clause 7 to clause 16. This is limited to those places where both A and B can be evaluated from literals and/or constants.

Level 4: Complete checking. This level consists of checking a formal specification to ensure that it complies with all statements of requirement as specified in this part of ISO 10303.

EXAMPLE This part of ISO 10303 states that functions shall specify a return statement in each of the possible paths a process may take when that function is invoked. This would have to be checked.

4.1.2 Graphical form

A formal specification written in EXPRESS-G shall be consistent with a given level as specified below. A formal specification is consistent with a given level when all checks identified for that level and all lower levels are verified for the specification.

Levels of checking

Level 1: Symbols and scope checking. This level consists of checking the formal specification to ensure that it is consistent with either an entity level or a schema level specification as defined in D.5 and D.6 respectively. This includes checking that the formal specification uses symbols as defined in D.2, D.3 and D.4. The formal specification will also be checked to ensure that page references and redeclared attributes comply with D.4.1 and D.5.5 respectively.

Level 2: Complete checking. This level consists of checking a formal specification to identify those places which do not conform to either a complete entity level or complete schema level specification as defined in annex D and the requirements defined in clause 7 through clause 16.

4.2 Implementations of EXPRESS

4.2.1 EXPRESS language parser

An implementation of an EXPRESS language parser shall be able to parse any formal specification written in EXPRESS, consistent with the constraints as specified in the annex E associated with that implementation. An EXPRESS language parser shall be said to conform to a particular checking level (as defined in 4.1.1) if it can apply all checks required by the level (and any level below that) to a formal specification written in EXPRESS.

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall state any constraints which the implementation imposes on the number and length of identifiers, on the range of processed numbers, and on the maximum precision of real numbers. Such constraints shall be documented in the form specified by annex E for the purposes of conformance testing.

4.2.2 Graphical editing tool

An implementation of an EXPRESS-G editing tool shall be able to create and display a formal specification in EXPRESS-G, consistent with the constraints as specified in the annex E associated with that implementation. An EXPRESS-G editing tool shall be said to conform to a particular checking level if it can create and display a formal specification in EXPRESS-G which is consistent with the specified level of checking (and any level below that).

The implementor of an EXPRESS-G editing tool shall state any constraints which the implementation imposes on the number and length of identifiers, the number of symbols available per page of the model, and the maximum number of pages. Such constraints shall be documented in the form specified by annex E for the purposes of conformance testing.

5 Fundamental principles

The reader of this document is assumed to be familiar with the following concepts.

A schema written in the EXPRESS language describes a set of conditions which establishes a domain. Instances can be evaluated to determine if they are in the domain. If the instances meet all the conditions, then they are asserted to be in the domain. If the instances fail to meet any of the conditions, then the instances have violated the conditions and thus are not in the domain. In the case where the instances do not contain values for optional attributes and some of the conditions involve those optional attributes, it may not be possible to determine whether the instances meet all the conditions. In this case, the instances are considered in the domain.

Many of the elements of the EXPRESS language are assigned names. The name allows other language elements to reference the associated representation. The use of the name in the definition of other language elements constitutes a reference to the underlying representation. While the syntax of the language uses an identifier for the name, the underlying representation must be examined to understand the structure.

The specification of an entity data type in the EXPRESS language describes a domain. The individual members of the domain are assumed to be distinguished by some associated identifier which is unique. EXPRESS does not specify the content or representation of these identifiers.

The declaration of a constant entity instance defines an identifiable member of the domain described by the entity data type. These entity instances shall not be modified or deleted by operations performed on the domain.

The procedural description of constraints in EXPRESS may declare or make reference to additional entity instances, as local variables, which are assumed to be transient identifiable members of the domain. These procedural descriptions may modify these additional entity instances, but cannot modify persistent members of the domain. These transient members of the domain are only accessible within the scope of the procedural code in which they were declared, and cease to exist upon termination of that code. Transient members may violate uniqueness constraints, global rules, and where rules. This standard does not define the behaviour of functions or procedures when instances that violate these constraints are passed to them as actual parameters.

The EXPRESS language does not describe an implementation environment. In particular, EXPRESS does not specify:

- how references to names are resolved;
- how other schemas are known;
- how or when constraints are checked;
- what an implementation shall do if a constraint is not met;
- whether or not instances that do not conform to an EXPRESS schema are allowed to exist in an implementation;
- whether, when or how instances are created, modified or deleted in an implementation.

6 Language specification syntax

The notation used to present the syntax of the EXPRESS language is defined in this clause.

The full syntax for the EXPRESS language is given in annex A. Portions of those syntax rules are reproduced in various clauses to illustrate the syntax of a particular statement. Those portions are not always complete. It will sometimes be necessary to consult annex A for the missing rules. The syntax portions within this part of ISO 10303 are presented in a box. Each rule within the syntax box has a unique number toward the left margin for use in cross references to other syntax rules.

6.1 The syntax of the specification

The syntax of EXPRESS is defined in a derivative of Wirth Syntax Notation (WSN).

NOTE See annex L.1 under 3 for a reference.

The notational conventions and WSN defined in itself are given below.

syntax	= { production } .
production	= identifier '=' expression '.' .
expression	= term { ' ' term } .
term	= factor { factor } .
factor	= identifier literal group option repetition .
identifier	= character { character } .
literal	= ''' character { character } ''' .
group	= '(' expression ')'
option	= '[' expression ']' .
repetition	= '{' expression '}' .

- The equal sign '=' indicates a production. The element on the left is defined to be the combination of the elements on the right. Any spaces appearing between the elements of a production are meaningless unless they appear within a literal. A production is terminated by a period '.'.
- The use of an identifier within a factor denotes a nonterminal symbol which appears on the left side of another production. An identifier is composed of letters, digits and the underscore character. The keywords of the language are represented by productions whose identifier is given in uppercase characters only.
- The word literal is used to denote a terminal symbol which cannot be expanded further. A literal is a case independent sequence of characters enclosed in apostrophes. Character, in this case, stands for any character as defined by ISO/IEC 10646 cells 21-7E in group 00, plane 00, row 00. For an apostrophe to appear in a literal it must be written twice.
- The semantics of the enclosing braces are defined below:
 - curly brackets '{ }' indicates zero or more repetitions;
 - square brackets '[']' indicates optional parameters;
 - parenthesis '(')' indicates that the group of productions enclosed by parenthesis shall be used as a single production;

- vertical bar '|' indicates that exactly one of the terms in the expression shall be chosen.

EXAMPLE 1 The syntax for a string type is as follows:

Syntax:

```
311 string_type = STRING [ width_spec ] .
341 width_spec = '(' width ')' [ FIXED ] .
340 width = numeric_expression .
```

The complete syntax definition (annex A) contains the definitions for **STRING**, **numeric_expression** and **FIXED**.

EXAMPLE 2 Following the syntax given in example 1, the following alternatives are possible:

- a) `string`
- b) `string ( 22 )`
- c) `string ( 19 ) fixed`

The rule for **numeric_expression** is quite complex and allows many other things to be written.

6.2 Special character notation

The following notation is used to represent entire character sets and certain special characters which are difficult to display:

- `\a` represents characters in cells 21-7E of row 00, plane 00, group 00 of ISO/IEC 10646;
- `\n` represents a newline (system dependent) (see 7.1.5.2);
- `\q` is the quote (apostrophe) (') character and is contained within `\a`;
- `\s` is the space character;
- `\x9`, `\xA`, and `\xD` represent the characters in positions 9, 10, and 13 respectively of 00, plane 00, group 00 of ISO/IEC 10646.

7 Basic language elements

This clause specifies the basic elements from which an EXPRESS schema is composed: the character set, remarks, symbols, reserved words, identifiers and literals.

The basic language elements are composed into a stream of text, typically broken into physical lines. A physical line is any number (including zero) of characters ended by a newline (see 7.1.5.2).

NOTE A schema is easier to read when statements are broken into lines and whitespace is used to layout the different constructs.

EXAMPLE The following are equivalent

```
entity point;x,y,z:real;end_entity;
```

```
ENTITY point;
```

```
    x,
```

```
    y,
```

```
    z : REAL;
```

```
END_ENTITY;
```

7.1 Character set

A schema written in EXPRESS shall use only the characters in the following character set: characters allocated to cells 09, 0A, 0D, the graphic characters lying in the range 20 to 7E of ISO/IEC 10646, and the special character \n signifying the newline. This set of characters is called the EXPRESS character set. A member of this set is referred to by the cell of the standard in which this character is allocated; these cell numbers are specified in hexadecimal. The printable characters from this set (cells 21–7E of ISO/IEC 10646) are combined to form the tokens for the EXPRESS language. The EXPRESS tokens are keywords, identifiers, symbols or literals. The EXPRESS character set is further classified below:

The character set thus specified is an abstract character set; it is independent of its representation in an implementation.

NOTE 1 ISO/IEC 6429 specifies semantics for the characters in positions 09, 0A and 0D in ISO/IEC 10646. This part of ISO 10303 does not require the semantics prescribed in ISO/IEC 6429; neither does it preclude them.

NOTE 2 This clause only refers to the characters used to specify an EXPRESS schema, and does not specify the domain of characters allowed within a string data type.

7.1.1 Digits

EXPRESS uses the Arabic digits 0-9 (cells 30 - 39 of the EXPRESS character set).

Syntax:

```
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .
```

7.1.2 Letters

EXPRESS uses the upper and lower case letters of the English alphabet (cells 41 - 5A and 61 - 7A of the EXPRESS character set). The case of letters is significant only within explicit string literals.

NOTE EXPRESS may be written using upper, lower or mixed case letters (see example 7).

Syntax:

```
128 letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h' | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' |  
            'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p' | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x' |  
            'y' | 'z' .
```

7.1.3 Special characters

The special characters (printable characters which are neither letters nor digits) are used mainly for punctuation and as operators. The special characters are in cells 21-2F, 3A-3F, 40, 5B-5E, 60 and 7B-7E of the EXPRESS character set.

Syntax:

```

137 special = not_paren_star_quote_special | '(' | ')' | '*' | ' ' | '.'
132 not_paren_star_quote_special = '!' | '"' | '#' | '$' | '%' | '&' | '+' | ',' |
                                '-' | '.' | '/' | ':' | ';' | '<' | '=' | '>' |
                                '?' | '@' | '[' | '\' | ']' | '^' | '_' | '`' |
                                '{' | '|' | '}' | '~' .

```

7.1.4 Underscore

The underscore character (`_`, cell 5F of the EXPRESS character set) may be used in identifiers and keywords, with the exception that the underscore character shall not be used as the first character.

7.1.5 Whitespace

Whitespace is defined by the following sub-clauses and by 7.1.6. Whitespace shall be used to separate the tokens of a schema written in EXPRESS.

NOTE Liberal, and consistent, use of whitespace can improve the structure and readability of a schema.

7.1.5.1 Space character

One or more spaces (cell 20 of the EXPRESS character set) can appear between two tokens. The notation `\s` may be used to represent a blank space character in the syntax of the language.

7.1.5.2 Newline

A newline marks the physical end of a line within a formal specification written in EXPRESS. Newline is normally treated as a space but is significant when it terminates a tail remark or abnormally terminates a string literal. A newline is represented by the notation `\n` in the syntax of the language.

The representation of a newline is implementation specific.

7.1.5.3 Other characters

The characters in cells 09, 0A and 0D shall be treated as whitespace, unless within a string literal. The notation `\xn` where `n` is one of the characters 9, A, and D shall be used to represent these characters in the syntax of the language.

7.1.6 Remarks

A remark is used for documentation and shall be interpreted by an EXPRESS language parser as whitespace. There are two forms of remark, embedded remark and tail remark. Both forms of remark may be associated with an identified construct using a remark tag.

7.1.6.1 Embedded remark

The character pair (* denotes the start of an embedded remark and the character pair *) denotes its end. An embedded remark may appear between any two tokens.

Syntax:

```

145 embedded_remark = '(' [ remark_tag ] { ( not_paren_star { not_paren_star } ) |
      lparen_then_not_lparen_star | ( '*' { '*' } ) |
      not_rparen_star_then_rparen | embedded_remark } '*' )' .
147 remark_tag = ''' remark_ref { '.' remark_ref } ''' .
148 remark_ref = attribute_ref | constant_ref | entity_ref | enumeration_ref |
      function_ref | parameter_ref | procedure_ref | rule_label_ref |
      rule_ref | schema_ref | subtype_constraint_ref | type_label_ref |
      type_ref | variable_ref .
131 not_paren_star = letter | digit | not_paren_star_special .
128 letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h' | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' |
      'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p' | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x' |
      'y' | 'z' .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .
133 not_paren_star_special = not_paren_star_quote_special | '"""' .
132 not_paren_star_quote_special = '!' | '"' | '#' | '$' | '%' | '&' | '+' | ',' |
      '-' | '.' | '/' | ':' | ';' | '<' | '=' | '>' |
      '?' | '@' | '[' | '\' | ']' | '^' | '_' | '`' |
      '{' | '|' | '}' | '~' .
129 lparen_then_not_lparen_star = '(' { '(' } not_lparen_star { not_lparen_star } .
130 not_lparen_star = not_paren_star | ')' .
138 not_rparen_star_then_rparen = not_rparen_star { not_rparen_star } ')' { ')' } .
135 not_rparen_star = not_paren_star | '(' .

```

Any character within the EXPRESS character set may occur between the start and end of an embedded remark including the newline character; therefore, embedded remarks can span several physical lines.

Embedded remarks may be nested.

NOTE Care must be taken when nesting remarks to ensure that there are matched pairs of symbols.

EXAMPLE The following is an example of nested embedded remarks.

```
(* The '(' symbol starts a remark, and the '*' symbol ends it *)
```

7.1.6.2 Tail remark

The tail remark is written at the end of a physical line. Two consecutive hyphens (--) start the tail remark and the following newline terminates it.

Syntax:

```

149 tail_remark = '--' [ remark_tag ] { \a | \s | \x9 | \xA | \xD } \n .
147 remark_tag = ''' remark_ref { '.' remark_ref } ''' .
148 remark_ref = attribute_ref | constant_ref | entity_ref | enumeration_ref |
      function_ref | parameter_ref | procedure_ref | rule_label_ref |
      rule_ref | schema_ref | subtype_constraint_ref | type_label_ref |
      type_ref | variable_ref .

```

EXAMPLE -- this is a remark that ends with a newline

7.1.6.3 Remark tag

A remark may be related to a named item, that is, an item which is associated with an identifier, by placing a remark tag as the first sequence of characters within the remark. The remark tag shall immediately follow the pair of characters that is used to identify the remark. The remark tag itself consists of a reference to the identifier declared in the item that is enclosed by quotation mark signs.

Syntax:

```
147 remark_tag = ''' remark_ref { '.' remark_ref } ''' .
148 remark_ref = attribute_ref | constant_ref | entity_ref | enumeration_ref |
               function_ref | parameter_ref | procedure_ref | rule_label_ref |
               rule_ref | schema_ref | subtype_constraint_ref | type_label_ref |
               type_ref | variable_ref .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **remark_ref** shall follow the visibility rules defined in 10.2.
- b) A qualified remark reference shall use the visibility rules defined in 10.2 in the following manner: the reference to the left of the '.' shall identify the scope in which to find the reference to the right.

NOTE A qualified remark reference is a remark reference that uses the '.'-notation (see syntax rule 147 above).

- c) If a remark reference is not found according to the visibility rules identified above, the remark is not to be associated with any item.
- d) A tagged remark that contains other tagged remarks (via nesting) shall be associated completely (including nested remarks) with the item referenced. The inner tagged remarks shall be associated with their identified items also.
- e) If both the nested remark and the enclosing remark refer to the same identified item, the nested remark shall be associated with that item twice; once inside the enclosing remark, and once directly.

EXAMPLE 1 The tagged remark in the example below refers to the attribute **attr** in the scope of **ent**.

```
ENTITY ent;
  attr: INTEGER;
END_ENTITY;
(*"ent.attr" The attr attribute ... *)
```

EXAMPLE 2 The reference to a SCHEMA **my_second_schema** may in a tagged remark be followed by any identifier that is declared directly within the scope of that SCHEMA, for example, by the name of the FUNCTION **a_complicated_function** in the example below.

```
SCHEMA my_second_schema;
...
FUNCTION a_complicated_function;
```

```

...
END_FUNCTION;
(*"my_second_schema.a_complicated_function" This complicated function ... *)
...
END_SCHEMA;

```

7.2 Reserved words

The reserved words of EXPRESS are the keywords and the names of built-in constants, functions and procedures. The reserved words shall not be used as identifiers. The reserved words of EXPRESS are described below.

7.2.1 Keywords

The EXPRESS keywords are shown in Table 1.

NOTE Keywords have an uppercase production which represents the literal. This is to enable easier reading of the syntax productions.

Table 1 – EXPRESS keywords

ABSTRACT	AGGREGATE	ALIAS	ARRAY
AS	BAG	BASED_ON	BEGIN
BINARY	BOOLEAN	BY	CASE
CONSTANT	DERIVE	ELSE	END
END_ALIAS	END_CASE	END_CONSTANT	END_ENTITY
END_FUNCTION	END_IF	END_LOCAL	END_PROCEDURE
END_REPEAT	END_RULE	END_SCHEMA	END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT
END_TYPE	ENTITY	ENUMERATION	ESCAPE
EXTENSIBLE	FIXED	FOR	FROM
FUNCTION	GENERIC	GENERIC_ENTITY	IF
INTEGER	INVERSE	LIST	LOCAL
LOGICAL	NUMBER	OF	ONEOF
OPTIONAL	OTHERWISE	PROCEDURE	QUERY
REAL	RENAMED	REFERENCE	REPEAT
RETURN	RULE	SCHEMA	SELECT
SET	SKIP	STRING	SUBTYPE
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT	SUPERTYPE	THEN	TO
TOTAL_OVER	TYPE	UNIQUE	UNTIL
USE	VAR	WHERE	WHILE
WITH			

7.2.2 Reserved words which are operators

The operators defined by reserved words are shown in Table 2. See clause 12 for the definition of these operators.

Table 2 – EXPRESS reserved words which are operators

AND	ANDOR	DIV	IN
LIKE	MOD	NOT	OR
XOR			

7.2.3 Built-in constants

The names of the built-in constants are shown in Table 3. See clause 14 for the definitions of these constants.

Table 3 – EXPRESS reserved words which are constants

?	SELF	CONST_E	PI
FALSE	TRUE	UNKNOWN	

7.2.4 Built-in functions

The names of the built-in functions are shown in Table 4. See clause 15 for the definitions of these functions.

Table 4 – EXPRESS reserved words which are function names

ABS	ACOS	ASIN	ATAN
BLENGTH	COS	EXISTS	EXP
FORMAT	HIBOUND	HIINDEX	LENGTH
LOBOUND	LOG	LOG2	LOG10
LOINDEX	NVL	ODD	ROLESOF
SIN	SIZEOF	SQRT	TAN
TYPEOF	USEDIN	VALUE	VALUE_IN
VALUE_UNIQUE			

7.2.5 Built-in procedures

The names of the built-in procedures are shown in Table 5. See clause 16 for the definitions of these procedures.

Table 5 – EXPRESS reserved words which are procedure names

INSERT	REMOVE
--------	--------

7.3 Symbols

Symbols are special characters or groups of special characters which have special meaning in EXPRESS. Symbols are used in EXPRESS as delimiters and operators. A delimiter is used to begin, separate or terminate adjacent lexical or syntactic elements. Interpretation of these elements would be impossible without separators. Operators denote that actions shall be performed on the operands which are associated with the operator; see clause 12 for an explanation of operators. The EXPRESS symbols are shown in Table 6.

7.4 Identifiers

Identifiers are names given to the items declared in a schema (see 9.3), including the schema itself. An identifier shall not be the same as an EXPRESS reserved word.

Table 6 – EXPRESS symbols

.	,	;	:
*	+	-	=
%	'	\	/
<	>	[	]
{	}		e
(	)	<=	<>
>=	<*	:=	
**	--	(*	*)
:=:	:<>:		

Syntax:

```

143 simple_id = letter { letter | digit | '_' } .
128 letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h' | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' |
           'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p' | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x' |
           'y' | 'z' .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .

```

The first character of an identifier shall be a letter. The remaining characters, if any, may be any combination of letters, digits and the underscore character.

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall specify the maximum number of characters of an identifier which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

7.5 Literals

A literal is a self-defining constant value. The type of a literal depends on how characters are composed to form a token. The literal types are binary, integer, real, string and logical.

Syntax:

```

251 literal = binary_literal | logical_literal | real_literal | string_literal .

```

7.5.1 Binary literal

A binary literal represents a value of a binary data type and is composed of the % symbol followed by one or more bits (0 or 1).

Syntax:

```

139 binary_literal = '%' bit { bit } .
123 bit = '0' | '1' .

```

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall specify the maximum number of bits in a binary literal which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

EXAMPLE A valid binary literal

```
%0101001100
```

7.5.2 Integer literal

An integer literal represents a value of an integer data type and is composed of one or more digits.

Syntax:

```
141 integer_literal = digits .
125 digits = digit { digit } .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .
```

NOTE The sign of the integer literal is not modelled within the syntax since EXPRESS uses the concept of unary operators within the expression syntax.

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall specify the maximum integer value of an integer literal which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

EXAMPLE Valid integer literals

```
4016
38
```

7.5.3 Real literal

A real literal represents a value of a real data type and is composed of a mantissa and an optional exponent; the mantissa shall include a decimal point.

Syntax:

```
142 real_literal = integer_literal |
                    ( digits '.' [ digits ] [ 'e' [ sign ] digits ] ) .
125 digits = digit { digit } .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .
304 sign = '+' | '-' .
```

NOTE The sign of the real literal is not modelled within the syntax since EXPRESS uses the concept of unary operators within the expression syntax.

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall specify the maximum precision and maximum exponent of a real literal which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

EXAMPLE 1 Valid real literals

```
1.E6      "E" may be written in upper or lower case
3.5e-5
359.62
```

EXAMPLE 2 Invalid real literals

```
.001      At least one digit must precede the decimal point
1e10      A decimal point must be part of the literal
1. e10    A space is not part of the real literal
```

7.5.4 String literal

A string literal represents a value of a string data type. There are two forms of string literal, the simple string literal and encoded string literal. A simple string literal is composed of a sequence of characters in the EXPRESS character set (see 7.1) enclosed by apostrophes ('). An apostrophe within a simple string literal is represented by two consecutive apostrophes. An encoded string literal is a four octet encoded representation of each character in a sequence of ISO/IEC 10646 characters enclosed in quotation marks ("). The encoding is defined as follows:

- a) first octet = ISO/IEC 10646 group in which the character is defined;
- b) second octet = ISO/IEC 10646 plane in which the character is defined;
- c) third octet = ISO/IEC 10646 row in which the character is defined;
- d) fourth octet = ISO/IEC 10646 cell in which the character is defined.

The sequence of octets shall identify one of the valid characters of ISO/IEC 10646.

A string literal shall never span a physical line boundary; that is, a newline shall not occur between the apostrophes enclosing a string literal.

Syntax:

```

310 string_literal = simple_string_literal | encoded_string_literal .
144 simple_string_literal = \q { ( \q \q ) | not_quote | \s | \x9 | \xA | \xD } \q .
134 not_quote = not_paren_star_quote_special | letter | digit | '(' | ')' | '*' .
132 not_paren_star_quote_special = '!' | '"' | '#' | '$' | '%' | '&' | '+' | ',' |
    '-' | '.' | '/' | ':' | ';' | '<' | '=' | '>' |
    '?' | '@' | '[' | '\' | ']' | '^' | '_' | '`' |
    '{' | '|' | '}' | '~' .
128 letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h' | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' |
    'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p' | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x' |
    'y' | 'z' .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .
140 encoded_string_literal = '"' encoded_character { encoded_character } '"' .
126 encoded_character = octet octet octet octet .
136 octet = hex_digit hex_digit .
127 hex_digit = digit | 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' .

```

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall specify the maximum number of characters of a simple string literal which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

The implementor of an EXPRESS language parser shall also specify the maximum number of octets (must be a multiple of four) of an encoded string literal which can be read by that implementation, using annex E.

EXAMPLE 1 Valid simple string literals

'Baby needs a new pair of shoes!'
Reads ... Baby needs a new pair of shoes!

'Ed's Computer Store'
Reads ... Ed's Computer Store

EXAMPLE 2 Invalid simple string literals`'Ed's Computer Store'`

There must always be an even number of apostrophes.

`'Ed' 's Computer
Store'`

Spans a physical line

EXAMPLE 3 Valid encoded string literals`"00000041"`

Reads A

`"000000C5"`

Reads Å

`"0000795E00006238"`

These are the Japanese ideographs 神戸 for Kobe.

EXAMPLE 4 Invalid encoded string literals`"000041"`

Octets must be supplied in groups of four

`"00000041 000000C5"`

Only hexadecimal characters are allowed between ""

7.5.5 Logical literal

A logical literal represents a value of a logical or boolean data type and is one of the built-in constants TRUE, FALSE, or UNKNOWN.

NOTE UNKNOWN is not compatible with a boolean data type.

Syntax:

```
255 logical_literal = FALSE | TRUE | UNKNOWN .
```

8 Data types

This clause defines the data types provided as part of the language. Every attribute, local variable or formal parameter has an associated data type.

Data types are classified as simple data types, aggregation data types, named data types, constructed data types, and generalized data types. Data types are also classified according to their usage as base data types, parameter data types, and underlying data types. The relationships between these two classifications are described in 8.6.

The operations that may be performed on values of these data types are defined in clause 12.

8.1 Simple data types

The simple data types define the domains of the atomic data units in EXPRESS. That is, they cannot be further subdivided into elements that EXPRESS recognizes. The simple data types are NUMBER, REAL, INTEGER, STRING, BOOLEAN, LOGICAL, and BINARY.

8.1.1 Number data type

The NUMBER data type has as its domain all numeric values in the language. The NUMBER data type shall be used when a more specific numeric representation is not important.

Syntax:

```
261 number_type = NUMBER .
```

EXAMPLE Since we may not know the context of **size**, we do not know how to correctly represent it. The size of the crowd at a football game, for example, would be an INTEGER, whereas the area of the pitch would be a REAL.

```
size : NUMBER ;
```

NOTE In future editions of this standard there may be further specializations of the NUMBER data type, for example, complex numbers.

8.1.2 Real data type

The REAL data type has as its domain all rational, irrational and scientific real numbers. It is a specialization of the NUMBER data type.

Syntax:

```
278 real_type = REAL [ '(' precision_spec ')' ] .
268 precision_spec = numeric_expression .
```

Rational and irrational numbers have infinite resolution and are exact. Scientific numbers represent quantities which are known only to a specified precision. The **precision_spec** is stated in terms of significant digits.

A real number literal is represented by a mantissa and optional exponent. The number of digits making up the mantissa when all leading zeros have been removed is the number of significant digits. The known precision of a value is the number of leading digits that are necessary to the application.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **precision_spec** gives the minimum number of digits of resolution that are required. This expression shall evaluate to a positive integer value.
- b) When no resolution specification is given the precision of the real number is unconstrained.

8.1.3 Integer data type

The INTEGER data type has as its domain all integer numbers. It is a specialization of the REAL data type.

Syntax:

```
241 integer_type = INTEGER .
```

EXAMPLE This example uses an INTEGER data type to represent an attribute named **nodes**. The domain of this attribute is all integers, with no further constraint.

```
ENTITY foo;
  nodes : INTEGER;
  ...
END_ENTITY;
```

8.1.4 Logical data type

The LOGICAL data type has as its domain the three literals TRUE, FALSE, and UNKNOWN.

Syntax:

```
256 logical_type = LOGICAL .
```

The following ordering holds for the values of the LOGICAL data type: FALSE < UNKNOWN < TRUE. The LOGICAL data type is compatible with the BOOLEAN data type, except that the value UNKNOWN cannot be assigned to a boolean variable.

8.1.5 Boolean data type

The BOOLEAN data type has as its domain the two literals TRUE and FALSE. The BOOLEAN data type is a specialization of the LOGICAL data type.

Syntax:

```
182 boolean_type = BOOLEAN .
```

The same ordering holds for values of the BOOLEAN data type as for values of the LOGICAL data type, that is: FALSE < TRUE.

EXAMPLE In this example, an attribute named **planar** is represented by the BOOLEAN data type. The value for **planar** associated with an instance of **surface** can be either TRUE or FALSE.

```
ENTITY surface;
  planar : BOOLEAN;
  ...
END_ENTITY;
```

8.1.6 String data type

The STRING data type has as its domain sequences of characters. The characters that are permitted as part of a string value are those characters allocated to cells 09, 0A, 0D and the

graphic characters lying in the ranges 20 to 7E and A0 to 10FFFFE of ISO/IEC 10646.

Syntax:

```
311 string_type = STRING [ width_spec ] .  
341 width_spec = '(' width ')' [ FIXED ] .  
340 width = numeric_expression .
```

A STRING data type may be defined as either fixed or varying width (number of characters). If it is not specifically defined as fixed width (by using the FIXED reserved word in the definition) the string has varying width.

The domain of a fixed width STRING data type is the set of all character sequences of exactly the width specified in the type definition.

The domain of a varying width STRING data type is the set of all character sequences of width less than or equal to the maximum width specified in the type definition.

If no width is specified, the domain is the set of all character sequences, with no constraint on the width of these sequences.

Substrings and individual characters may be addressed using subscripts as described in 12.5.

The case (upper or lower) of letters within a string is significant.

Rules and restrictions:

The width expression shall evaluate to a positive integer value.

EXAMPLE 1 The following defines a varying length string; values of which have no defined maximum length.

```
string1 : STRING;
```

EXAMPLE 2 The following defines a string that is a maximum of ten characters in length; values of which may vary in actual length from zero to ten characters.

```
string2 : STRING(10);
```

EXAMPLE 3 The following defines a string that is exactly ten characters in length; values of which must contain ten characters.

```
string3 : STRING(10) FIXED;
```

8.1.7 Binary data type

The BINARY data type has as its domain sequences of bits, each bit being represented by 0 or 1.

Syntax:

```
181 binary_type = BINARY [ width_spec ] .  
341 width_spec = '(' width ')' [ FIXED ] .  
340 width = numeric_expression .
```

A BINARY data type may be defined as either fixed or varying width (number of bits). If it is not specifically defined as fixed width (by using the FIXED reserved word in the definition) the binary data type has varying width.

The domain of a fixed width BINARY data type is the set of all bit sequences of exactly the width specified in the type definition.

The domain of a varying width BINARY data type is the set of all bit sequences of width less than or equal to the maximum width specified in the type definition. If no width is specified, the domain is the set of all bit sequences, with no constraint on the width of these sequences.

Subbinaries and individual bits may be addressed using subscripts as described in 12.3.

Rules and restrictions:

The width expression shall evaluate to a positive integer value.

EXAMPLE The following might be used to hold character font information.

```
ENTITY character;
  representation : ARRAY [1:20] OF BINARY (8) FIXED ;
END_ENTITY;
```

8.2 Aggregation data types

Aggregation data types have as their domains collections of values of a given base data type (see 8.6.1). These base data type values are called elements of the aggregation collection. EXPRESS provides for the definition of four kinds of aggregation data types: ARRAY, LIST, BAG, and SET. Each kind of aggregation data type attaches different properties to its values. The AGGREGATE data type is the generalization of these four aggregation data types (see 9.5.3.1).

- An ARRAY is a fixed-size ordered collection. It is indexed by a sequence of integers.

EXAMPLE 1 A transformation matrix (for geometry) may be defined as an array of arrays (of numbers).

- A LIST is a sequence of elements which can be accessed according to their position. The number of elements in a list may vary, and can be constrained by the definition of the data type.

EXAMPLE 2 The operations of a process plan might be represented as a list. The operations are ordered, and operations can be added to or removed from a process plan.

- A BAG is an unordered collection in which duplication is allowed. The number of elements in a bag may vary, and can be constrained by the definition of the data type.

EXAMPLE 3 The collection of fasteners used in an assembly problem could be represented as a bag. There might be a number of elements which are equivalent bolts, but which one is used in a particular hole is unimportant.

- A SET is an unordered collection of elements in which no two elements are instance equal. The number of elements in a set may vary, and can be constrained by the definition of the data type.

EXAMPLE 4 The population of people in this world is a set.

NOTE EXPRESS aggregations are one dimensional. Objects usually considered to have multiple dimensions (such as mathematical matrices) can be represented by an aggregation data type whose base type is another aggregation data type. Aggregation data types can be thus nested to an arbitrary depth, allowing any number of dimensions to be represented.

EXAMPLE 5 One could define a LIST[1:3] OF ARRAY[5:10] OF INTEGER, which would in effect have two dimensions.

8.2.1 Array data type

An ARRAY data type has as its domain indexed, fixed-size collections of like elements. The lower and upper bounds, which are integer-valued expressions, define the range of index values, and thus the size of each array collection. An ARRAY data type definition may optionally specify that an array value cannot contain duplicate elements. It may also specify that an array value need not contain an element at every index position.

Syntax:

```

175 array_type = ARRAY bound_spec OF [ OPTIONAL ] [ UNIQUE ] instantiable_type .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .

```

Given that m is the lower bound and n is the upper bound, there are exactly $n - m + 1$ elements in the array. These elements are indexed by subscripts from m to n , inclusive (see 12.6.1).

NOTE 1 The bounds may be positive, negative or zero, but may not be indeterminate (?) (see 14.2).

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Both expressions in the bound specification, **bound_1** and **bound_2**, shall evaluate to integer values. Neither shall evaluate to the indeterminate (?) value.
- b) **bound_1** gives the lower bound of the array. This shall be the lowest index which is valid for an array value of this data type.
- c) **bound_2** gives the upper bound of the array. This shall be the highest index which is valid for an array value of this data type.
- d) **bound_1** shall be less than or equal to **bound_2**.
- e) If the OPTIONAL keyword is specified, an array value of this data type may have the indeterminate (?) value at one or more index positions.
- f) If the OPTIONAL keyword is not specified, an array value of this data type shall not contain an indeterminate (?) value at any index position.
- g) If the UNIQUE keyword is specified, each element in an array value of this data type shall be different from (that is, not instance equal to) every other element in the same array value.

NOTE 2 Both OPTIONAL and UNIQUE may be specified in the same ARRAY data type definition. This does not preclude multiple indeterminate (?) values from occurring in a single array value. This is because

comparisons between indeterminate (?) values result in UNKNOWN, so the uniqueness constraint is not violated.

EXAMPLE This example shows how a multi-dimensioned array is declared.

```
sectors : ARRAY [ 1 : 10 ] OF          -- first dimension
          ARRAY [ 11 : 14 ] OF        -- second dimension
          UNIQUE something;
```

The first array has 10 elements of data type `ARRAY[11:14] OF UNIQUE something`. There is a total of 40 elements of data type `something` in the attribute named `sectors`. Within each `ARRAY[11:14]`, no duplicates may occur; however, the same `something` instance may occur in two different `ARRAY[11:14]` values within a single value for the attribute named `sectors`.

8.2.2 List data type

A LIST data type has as its domain sequences of like elements. The optional lower and upper bounds, which are integer-valued expressions, define the minimum and maximum number of elements that can be held in the collection defined by a LIST data type. A LIST data type definition may optionally specify that a list value cannot contain duplicate elements.

Syntax:

```
250 list_type = LIST [ bound_spec ] OF [ UNIQUE ] instantiable_type .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The `bound_1` expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to zero. It gives the lower bound, which is the minimum number of elements that can be in a list value of this data type. `bound_1` shall not produce the indeterminate (?) value.
- b) The `bound_2` expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to `bound_1`, or an indeterminate (?) value. It gives the upper bound, which is the maximum number of elements that can be in a list value of this data type.

If this value is indeterminate (?) the number of elements in a list value of this data type is not bounded from above.

- c) If the `bound_spec` is omitted, the limits are `[0:?]`.
- d) If the `UNIQUE` keyword is specified, each element in a list value of this data type shall be different from (that is, not instance equal to) every other element in the same list value.

EXAMPLE This example defines a list of arrays. The list can contain zero to ten arrays. Each array of ten integers shall be different from all other arrays in a particular list.

```
complex_list : LIST[0:10] OF UNIQUE ARRAY[1:10] OF INTEGER;
```

8.2.3 Bag data type

A BAG data type has as its domain unordered collections of like elements. The optional lower and upper bounds, which are integer-valued expressions, define the minimum and maximum number of elements that can be held in the collection defined by a BAG data type.

Syntax:

```

180 bag_type = BAG [ bound_spec ] OF instantiable_type .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **bound_1** expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to zero. It gives the lower bound, which is the minimum number of elements that can be in a bag value of this data type. **bound_1** shall not produce the indeterminate (?) value.
- b) The **bound_2** expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to **bound_1**, or an indeterminate (?) value. It gives the upper bound, which is the maximum number of elements that can be in a bag value of this data type.

If this value is indeterminate (?), the number of elements in a bag value of this data type is not be bounded from above.

- c) If the **bound_spec** is omitted, the limits are [0:?].

EXAMPLE This example defines an attribute as a bag of point (where point is a named data type assumed to have been declared elsewhere):

```
a_bag_of_points : BAG OF point;
```

The value of the attribute named **a_bag_of_points** can contain zero or more points. The same point instance may appear more than once in the value of **a_bag_of_points**.

If the value is required to contain at least one element, the specification can provide a lower bound, as in:

```
a_bag_of_points : BAG [1:?] OF point;
```

The value of the attribute named **a_bag_of_points** now must contain at least one point.

8.2.4 Set data type

A SET data type has as its domain unordered collections of like elements. The SET data type is a specialization of the BAG data type. The optional lower and upper bounds, which are integer-valued expressions, define the minimum and maximum number of elements that can be held in the collection defined by a SET data type. The collection defined by SET data type shall not contain two or more elements which are instance equal.

Syntax:

```

303 set_type = SET [ bound_spec ] OF instantiable_type .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **bound_1** expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to zero. It gives the lower bound, which is the minimum number of elements that can be in a set value of this data type. **bound_1** shall not produce the indeterminate (?) value.
- b) The **bound_2** expression shall evaluate to an integer value greater than or equal to **bound_1**, or an indeterminate (?) value. It gives the upper bound, which is the maximum number of elements that can be in a set value of this data type.

If this value is indeterminate (?), the number of elements in a set value of this data type is not be bounded from above.

- c) If the **bound_spec** is omitted, the limits are [0:?].
- d) Each element in an occurrence of a SET data type shall be different from (that is, not instance equal to) every other element in the same set value.

EXAMPLE This example defines an attribute as a set of points (a named data type assumed to have been declared elsewhere).

```
a_set_of_points : SET OF point;
```

The attribute named **a_set_of_points** can contain zero or more points. Each point instance (in the set value) is required to be different from every other point in the set.

If the value is required to have no more than 15 points, the specification can provide an upper bound, as in:

```
a_set_of_points : SET [0:15] OF point;
```

The value of the attribute named **a_set_of_points** now may contain no more than 15 points.

8.2.5 Value uniqueness on aggregates

Uniqueness among the elements of an aggregation is based upon instance comparison (see 12.2.2). Aggregates can be constrained to be value unique among their elements through the use of the **VALUE_UNIQUE** function (see 15.29).

EXAMPLE A set is constrained to be value unique.

```

TYPE value_unique_set = SET OF a;
WHERE
    wr1 : value_unique(SELF);
END_TYPE;

```

NOTE Modeller-defined value uniqueness can be specified via a pair of functions, called, for example, **my_equal** and **my_unique**, as shown in the following pseudo-code.

```

FUNCTION my_equal(v1,v2: GENERIC:gen): LOGICAL;
  (*"my_equal" Returns TRUE if v1 'equals' v2 *)
END_FUNCTION;

FUNCTION my_unique(c: AGGREGATE OF GENERIC): LOGICAL;
  (*"my_unique" Returns FALSE if two elements of c have the same 'value'
  Else returns UNKNOWN if any element comparison is UNKNOWN
  Otherwise returns TRUE *)
LOCAL
  result    : LOGICAL;
  unknownp  : BOOLEAN := FALSE;
END_LOCAL;
IF (SIZEOF(c) = 0) THEN
  RETURN(TRUE); END_IF;
REPEAT i := LOINDEX(c) TO (HIINDEX(c) - 1);
  REPEAT j := (i+1) TO HIINDEX(c);
    result := my_equal(c[i], c[j]);
    IF (result = TRUE) THEN
      RETURN(FALSE); END_IF;
    IF (result = UNKNOWN) THEN
      unknownp := TRUE; END_IF;
  END_REPEAT;
END_REPEAT;
IF unknownp THEN
  RETURN(UNKNOWN);
ELSE
  RETURN(TRUE);
END_IF;
END_FUNCTION;

```

The function `my_equal` should have the following properties which enable the building of equivalence classes. In the following $\mathcal{S}$ is the set of objects under consideration and `my_equal(i, j)`, where i and j are in $\mathcal{S}$, returns one of [FALSE, UNKNOWN, TRUE].

- a) `my_equal(i, i)` is TRUE for all i in $\mathcal{S}$ (since indeterminate (?) is not in $\mathcal{S}$, this does not require `my_equal(?, ?)` to be TRUE);
- b) `my_equal(i, j) = my_equal(j, i)` for all i, j in $\mathcal{S}$;
- c) `(my_equal(i, j) = TRUE) AND (my_equal(j, k) = TRUE)` implies `(my_equal(i, k) = TRUE)` for all i, j, k in $\mathcal{S}$.

8.3 Named data types

The named data types are the data types that may be declared in a formal specification. There are two kinds of named data types: entity data types and defined data types. This subclause covers the referencing of named data types; the declaration of these data types is covered in clause 9.

8.3.1 Entity data type

Entity data types are established by ENTITY declarations (see 9.2). An entity data type is assigned an entity identifier by the user. An entity data type is referenced by this identifier.

Syntax:

```
152 entity_ref = entity_id .
```

Rules and restrictions:

entity_ref shall be a reference to an entity which is visible in the current scope (see clause 10).

EXAMPLE 1 This example uses a **point** entity data type as the representation of an attribute.

```
ENTITY point;
    x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY line;
    p0, p1 : point;
END_ENTITY;
```

The line entity has two attributes named **p0** and **p1**. The data type of each of these attributes is **point**.

8.3.2 Defined data type

Defined data types are declared by **TYPE** declarations (see 9.1). A defined data type is assigned a type identifier by the user. A defined data type is referenced by this identifier.

Syntax:

```
162 type_ref = type_id .
```

Rules and restrictions:

type_ref shall be the name of a defined data type which is visible in the current scope (see clause 10).

EXAMPLE The following is a defined data type used to indicate the units of measure associated with an attribute.

```
TYPE volume = REAL;
END_TYPE;

ENTITY PART;
...
    bulk : volume;
END_ENTITY;
```

The attribute named **bulk** is represented as a real number, but the use of the defined data type, **volume**, helps to clarify the meaning and context of the real number. The real number means volume, rather than some other thing that might be represented by a **REAL**.

8.4 Constructed data types

There are two kinds of constructed data types in EXPRESS: **ENUMERATION** data types and **SELECT** data types. These data types have similar syntactic structures and may only be used to provide underlying representations of defined data types (see 9.1).

8.4.1 Enumeration data type

An ENUMERATION data type has as its domain a set of names. The extent of this set of names is determined depending on the type of ENUMERATION data type. The following types of ENUMERATION data types are distinguished:

- ENUMERATION that is extensible;
- ENUMERATION that is extending an extensible ENUMERATION, in other words: that is based on an extensible ENUMERATION;
- ENUMERATION that is neither extensible nor extending.

The names that an ENUMERATION declares are the only valid values of the ENUMERATION data type. Each name in the domain is referred to as an enumeration item, and is designated by an `enumeration_id`.

An ENUMERATION data type that is neither an extensible nor an extending ENUMERATION data type has as its domain the ordered set of enumeration items in its declaration.

An extensible ENUMERATION data type has as its domain the set of the enumeration items in its declaration plus the union of the sets of enumeration items comprising the domains of all extending enumeration data types. An extensible enumeration data type is a generalization of the enumeration data types that are based on it. An extensible ENUMERATION data type is specified using the EXTENSIBLE reserved word.

An extending enumeration data type has as its domain the set of enumeration items in its declaration plus the enumeration items specified directly, not via extension, in the extensible enumeration data type upon which it is based. An extending ENUMERATION data type is specified using the BASED_ON reserved word.

An enumeration data type may be both an extensible and an extending enumeration data type. An extensible ENUMERATION may be specified without enumeration items and may be based on another extensible ENUMERATION and not specify any enumeration items extending that base ENUMERATION. The based-on relationship is transitive, that is, an extending enumeration is still based on the highest level extensible enumeration even through several levels of based-on relationships; it includes all enumeration items of both the intermediate extensible enumerations and the highest level extensible enumeration.

NOTE 1 An extensible enumeration that is extended two or more times in a single context may have a larger domain than its extensions, in which case it really is a generalization.

NOTE 2 In the first edition of this part of ISO 10303 the ordering of the enumeration items defined a value ordering. In this edition of this part of ISO 10303, no ordering is defined except as noted in rule (d) below. This is to allow for extensible enumeration data types, in which the ordering of the extensions cannot be determined.

Syntax:

```

213 enumeration_type = [ EXTENSIBLE ] ENUMERATION [ ( OF
                        enumeration_items ) | enumeration_extension ] .
211 enumeration_items = '(' enumeration_id { ',' enumeration_id } ')' .
209 enumeration_extension = BASED_ON type_ref [ WITH enumeration_items ] .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) An enumeration data type shall only be used as the underlying data type of a defined data type.
- b) An enumeration data type may be extended only if the reserved word **EXTENSIBLE** is specified in its definition.
- c) The **type_ref** in an **enumeration_extension** shall refer to an extensible enumeration type.
- d) For comparison purposes, the ordering of the values of an enumeration data type that is neither extensible nor extending may be determined by their relative position in the **enumeration_id** list; the first occurring item shall be less than the second; the second less than the third, and so on.
- e) There is no ordering of the values of an extensible enumeration or an extending enumeration.
- f) An enumeration that is neither extensible nor extending shall specify enumeration items as its domain.
- g) An enumeration that is not extensible, but extending shall specify enumeration items that extend the domain of the extensible enumeration upon which it is based.
- h) Two different **ENUMERATION** data types may contain the same **enumeration_id** in their sets of names. If these enumeration data types are not extensions to the same extensible enumeration data type, their **enumeration_ids** describe different concepts, even though their local names may be identical. In this case, any reference to the **enumeration_id** (for example, in an expression) shall be qualified with the data type identifier to ensure that the reference is unambiguous. The reference then appears as: **type_id.enumeration_id**.

NOTE 3 A **type_id** for use in qualifying an **enumeration_id** is always defined as an **ENUMERATION** data type.

EXAMPLE 1 This example uses **ENUMERATION** data types to show how different kinds of vehicles might travel.

```

TYPE car_can_move = ENUMERATION OF
    (left, right, backward, forward);
END_TYPE;

TYPE plane_can_move = ENUMERATION OF
    (left, right, backward, forward, up, down);
END_TYPE;
```

The enumeration item **left** has two independent definitions, one being given by each data type of which it is a component. There is no connection between these two definitions of the identifier **left**. A reference to **left** or **right**, by itself, is ambiguous. To resolve the ambiguity, a reference to either of these values is qualified by the data type name, for example, **car_can_move.left**.

- i) An extensible enumeration and its extensions define a domain consisting of **enumeration_ids**. Within that domain all occurrences of the same **enumeration_id** designate the same value even when the **enumeration_id** is specified in multiple enumeration data types contributing to that domain.

EXAMPLE 2 The following EXPRESS results in a single enumeration item named **red** as both **stop_light** and **canadian_flag** extend the domain of **colour**.

```
TYPE colour = EXTENSIBLE ENUMERATION; END_TYPE;
```

```
TYPE stop_light = ENUMERATION BASED_ON colour WITH (red, yellow, green); END_TYPE;
```

```
TYPE canadian_flag = ENUMERATION BASED_ON colour WITH (red, white); END_TYPE;
```

- j) The type declaration which declares the enumeration data type shall not include a domain (where) rule.

NOTE 4 The above rules ensure that a defined data type names an enumeration data type, and the defined data type is not a specialization of the enumeration data type.

EXAMPLE 3 The following example shows how an extensible enumeration may be used to model a context dependent concept of approval. **general_approval**, as its name suggests, is the most general concept of approval explicitly defining only two values. By declaring **general_approval** to be an extensible enumeration allows it to take on context dependent values in schemas which declare extensions to it. If used to represent the domain of an attribute, the allowed values of the attribute are context dependent.

```
SCHEMA s1;
```

```
TYPE general_approval = EXTENSIBLE ENUMERATION OF (approved, rejected); END_TYPE;
```

```
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA s2;
```

```
USE FROM s1 (general_approval);
```

```
TYPE domain2_approval = EXTENSIBLE ENUMERATION BASED_ON general_approval WITH (pending); END_TYPE;
```

```
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA s3;
```

```
USE FROM s1 (general_approval);
```

```
TYPE domain3_approval = EXTENSIBLE ENUMERATION BASED_ON general_approval WITH (cancelled); END_TYPE;
```

```
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA s4;
```

```
USE FROM s2 (domain2_approval);
```

```
REFERENCE FROM s3 (domain3_approval);
```

```
TYPE specific_approval = ENUMERATION BASED_ON domain2_approval WITH (rework); END_TYPE;
```

END_SCHEMA;

SCHEMA s5;

USE FROM s1 (general_approval);

TYPE redundant_approval = ENUMERATION BASED_ON general_approval WITH (approved);
END_TYPE;

END_SCHEMA;

In the context of schema s1:

— general_approval has the domain (approved, rejected).

In the context of schema s2:

— general_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, pending);

— domain2_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, pending).

In the context of schema s3:

— general_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, cancelled);

— domain3_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, cancelled).

In the context of schema s4:

— general_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, pending, cancelled, rework);

— domain2_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, pending, rework);

— domain3_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, cancelled);

— specific_approval has the domain (approved, rejected, pending, rework).

In the context of schema s5:

— general_approval has the domain (approved, rejected).

— redundant_approval has the domain (approved, rejected).

8.4.2 Select data type

A SELECT data type defines a data type that enables a choice among several named data types. The SELECT data type is a generalization of these named data types in its domain. The defined type for which the SELECT data type is the underlying representation, may add constraints on its domain by declaring local rules. A SELECT data type may be EXTENSIBLE or not.

A SELECT data type that is neither EXTENSIBLE nor extending has as its domain the union of the domains of the named data types in its select list.

An EXTENSIBLE SELECT data type has as its domain the union of the domains of the named data types in its own select list, plus the union of the domains of all extending SELECT data types. An EXTENSIBLE SELECT data type is specified using the EXTENSIBLE reserved word.

An extending SELECT data type has as its domain the named data types in its own select list, plus the named data types specified directly, not via extension, in the EXTENSIBLE SELECT data type upon which it is based. An extending SELECT data type is specified using the BASED_ON reserved word.

A SELECT data type may be both an EXTENSIBLE and an extending SELECT data type. An EXTENSIBLE SELECT may be specified without a select list and may be based on another EXTENSIBLE SELECT and not specify a select list extending that base SELECT.

An EXTENSIBLE SELECT data type and only an EXTENSIBLE one may be constrained to have only ENTITY instances in its domain by using the reserved word GENERIC_ENTITY. In this case, all SELECT elements shall be generic-entity elements, where generic-entity element is defined as being either an ENTITY data type or a SELECT of generic-entity elements. All extensions of that SELECT data type shall be generic-entity SELECT data types and shall specify the GENERIC_ENTITY reserved word.

Syntax:

```

302 select_type = [ EXTENSIBLE [ GENERIC_ENTITY ] ] SELECT
                  [ select_list | select_extension ] .
301 select_list = '(' named_types { ',' named_types } ') '
300 select_extension = BASED_ON type_ref [ WITH select_list ] .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Each item in the select list shall be an ENTITY data type or a defined data type.
- b) A SELECT data type shall only be used as the underlying type of a defined data type.
- c) A SELECT data type may be extended only if the reserved word EXTENSIBLE is specified in its definition.
- d) The type_ref in an select_extension shall refer to an extensible select type.
- e) A SELECT that is neither extensible nor extending shall specify a non-empty select list as its domain.
- f) A SELECT that is not extensible, but extending shall specify a non-empty select list that extends the domain of the extensible SELECT upon which it is based.

NOTE The value of a SELECT data type may be a value of more than one of the named data types specified in the select list for that SELECT data type.

EXAMPLE 1 If *a* and *b* are subtypes of *c*, and if they are related by an ANDOR expression, and if there is a data type defined by SELECT (a,b), then it may be that the value of the SELECT data type is an *a* and a *b* at the same time.

EXAMPLE 2 A choice must be made among several types of things in a given context.

```

TYPE attachment_method = EXTENSIBLE SELECT(nail, screw);
END_TYPE;

```

```

TYPE permanent_attachment = SELECT BASED ON attachment_method WITH (glue, weld);
END_TYPE;

```

```

ENTITY nail;
    length      : REAL;
    head_area   : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY screw;
    length : REAL;
    pitch  : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY glue;
    composition : material_composition;
    solvent      : material_composition;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY weld;
    composition : material_composition;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY wall_mounting;
    mounting : product;
    on        : wall;
    using     : attachment_method;
END_ENTITY;

```

A **wall_mounting** attaches a **product** onto a **wall** using an attachment method. The initial attachment method describes temporary attachment methods. These methods are then extended to add permanent attachment methods. A value of a **wall_mounting** will have a **using** attribute that is a value of one of **nail**, **screw**, **glue**, or **weld**.

8.5 Generalized data types

Syntax:

```

223 generalized_types = aggregate_type | general_aggregation_types |
                           generic_entity_type | generic_type .

```

The generalized data types are used to specify a generalization of certain other data types, and can only be used in certain very specific contexts. The **GENERIC** type is a generalization of all data types. The **AGGREGATE** data type is a generalization of all aggregation data types. The general aggregation data type is a generalization of the aggregation data types that relaxes some of the constraints normally applied to aggregation data types. A **GENERIC_ENTITY** data type is a generalization of all **ENTITY** data types and a subtype of the **GENERIC** data type. The **GENERIC_ENTITY** data type is used to constrain **EXTENSIBLE SELECT** data types (see 8.4.2). It is also a valid parameter data type for the formal parameters in functions and procedures and for the type representation of attributes in **ABSTRACT ENTITY** data type declarations. (see 9.5.3.3). All of these data types are defined in 9.5.3.

8.6 Data type usage classification

In this clause (8), **EXPRESS** data types are classified according to their nature as: simple data types, aggregation data types, constructed data types, named data types, and generalized data types. This subclause defines the classification of data types according to their usage.

Data types are used in six different ways in EXPRESS:

- as the data types of the elements of aggregation data types;
- as the members of a select list in defining or extending a select data type;
- as the underlying types of data types;
- as the data types of attributes of entity data types;
- as the data types of constants;
- as the data types of formal parameters and local variables in functions and procedures.

In addition, there are several special usages of entity data types, specified in 9, that apply to no other class of data type, and are not considered here.

Data types are classified according to their usage as follows:

- instantiable data types are used as representations for aggregation elements and as the data types of constants;
- parameter data types are used as representations for explicit and derived attributes and for formal parameters, function results, and local variables in functions and procedures;
- underlying data types are used as representations for defined data types;
- named data types are used as the members of a select list — the possible representations of a value of the SELECT data type.

Some classes of data types can be used in any of these ways, while others can only be used in certain contexts. These distinctions are summarized in Table 7.

Table 7 – The use of data types

					a) Instantiable data types — representation of aggregation elements and constants.
Type	a	b	c	d	b) Parameter data types — representation of an explicit or derived attribute, a formal parameter, local variable, or function result.
Simple Data Types	•	•	•		
Aggregation Data Types	•	•	•		
Named Data Types	•	•	• ¹⁾	•	c) Underlying data types — representation of a defined type (see 9.1).
Constructed Data Types			•		
Generalized Data Types		•			d) Named data types — possible representations of a SELECT data type.
					¹⁾ Only the defined data type from the named data types may be used as an underlying data type.

Named data types are exactly as specified in 8.3. Instantiable data types, parameter data types, and underlying data types are defined below.

8.6.1 Instantiable data types

Instantiable data types are used as the representations of constants, as the representations of elements of aggregation data types, and as the representations of attributes of non-abstract entity data types (see 9.2.1).

The instantiable data types are the simple data types, the aggregation data types, and the named data types.

Syntax:

```
240 instantiable_type = concrete_types | entity_ref .
193 concrete_types = aggregation_types | simple_types | type_ref .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The data type of a constant shall not be an abstract entity data type (see 9.4).
- b) The data type of every attribute of a non-abstract entity data type shall be, or shall be redclared to be, an instantiable data type (see 9.2.1).

8.6.2 Parameter data types

Parameter data types are used as the representation of attributes of entity data types or as the representation of formal parameters to algorithms (functions and procedures). The parameter data types may also be used to represent the return types of functions and the local variables declared in algorithms.

The parameter data types are the instantiable data types and the generalized data types. That is, all EXPRESS data types are parameter data types (but constructed data types can only be used as the defined data types that are based on them).

Syntax:

```
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
223 generalized_types = aggregate_type | general_aggregation_types |
                        generic_entity_type | generic_type .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Any parameter type that satisfies the specifications for an instantiable type is considered to be an instantiable type for those usages in which an instantiable type is required.
- b) Any general aggregation type (see 9.5.3.5) whose base type is an instantiable data type is considered to be an instantiable type.

NOTE A syntactic construct such as `ARRAY[1:3] OF REAL` satisfies two syntactic productions — `aggregation_type` and `general_aggregation_type`. It is considered to be instantiable no matter which production it is required to satisfy in the syntax.

8.6.3 Underlying data types

Underlying data types are used as the representation for defined data types.

The underlying data types are the simple data types, the aggregation data types, the constructed data types, and the defined data types.

Syntax:

```
332 underlying_type = concrete_types | constructed_types .
193 concrete_types = aggregation_types | simple_types | type_ref.
```

9 Declarations

This clause defines the various declarations available in EXPRESS. An EXPRESS declaration creates a new EXPRESS item and associates an identifier with it. The EXPRESS item may be referenced elsewhere by writing the name associated with it (see clause 10).

The principal capabilities of EXPRESS are found in the following declarations:

- Type;
- Entity;
- Subtype_constraint;
- Schema;
- Constant;
- Function;
- Procedure;
- Rule.

Declarations may be either explicit or implicit. This clause describes explicit declarations. Implicit declarations are described in this and subsequent subclauses, along with the items and conditions under which they are established.

9.1 Type declaration

A type declaration creates a defined data type (see 8.3.2) and declares an identifier to refer to it. Specifically, the **type_id** is declared as the name of a defined data type. The representation of this data type is the **underlying_type**. The domain of the defined data type is the same as the domain of the **underlying_type**, further constrained by the **where_clause** (if present). The defined data type is a specialization of the underlying type and is therefore compatible with the underlying type. An exception to this is for constructed data types where the defined data type is used to name the constructed data type and is, in fact, not a specialization of the constructed data type even in the case of a SELECT data type constrained by a where rule.

NOTE 1 Multiple defined data types may be associated with the same representation. The names can help the reader to understand the intent (or context) of the use of the **underlying_type**.

Syntax:

```

327 type_decl = TYPE type_id '=' underlying_type ';' [ where_clause ] END_TYPE ';' .
332 underlying_type = concrete_types | constructed_types .

```

Rules and restrictions:

TYPE declarations shall not result in cyclic type definitions.

EXAMPLE 1 The following declaration declares a defined data type named **person_name** with an underlying representation of STRING. The defined type **person_name** is then available for use as the representation of attributes, local variables and formal parameters. This conveys more meaning than simply using STRING.

```

TYPE person_name = STRING;
END_TYPE;

```

Domain rules (WHERE clause)

Domain rules specify constraints that restrict the domain of the defined data type. The domain of the defined data type is the domain of its underlying representation constrained by the domain rule(s). Domain rules follow the WHERE keyword.

Syntax:

```

338 where_clause = WHERE domain_rule ';' { domain_rule ';' } .

```

Each **domain_rule** may be given a rule label.

NOTE 2 When given, rule labels may be used in remark tags (see 7.1.6.3) or to identify rules to implementations, for example, in documentation, error reports, and enforcement specifications. The labelling of rules for these purposes is encouraged.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Each domain rule shall evaluate to either a logical (TRUE, FALSE or UNKNOWN) value or indeterminate (?).
- b) The keyword SELF (see 14.5) shall appear at least once in each domain rule. A domain rule is evaluated for a particular value in the domain of the underlying type by replacing each occurrence of SELF in the rule with that value.
- c) A domain rule shall be asserted when the expression evaluates to a value of TRUE; it shall be violated when the expression evaluates to a value of FALSE; and it shall be neither violated nor asserted when the expression evaluates to an indeterminate (?) or UNKNOWN value.
- d) The domain of the defined data type consists of all values of the domain of the underlying type which do not violate any of the domain rules.
- e) Domain rule labels shall be unique within a given TYPE declaration.

EXAMPLE 2 A defined data type could be created which constrains the underlying integer data type to allow only positive integers.

```
TYPE positive = INTEGER;  
WHERE  
    notnegative : SELF > 0;  
END_TYPE;
```

Any attribute, local variable or formal parameter declared to be of type **positive** is then constrained to have only positive integer values.

9.2 Entity declaration

An ENTITY declaration creates an entity data type and declares an identifier to refer to it.

Each attribute represents a property of an entity and may be associated with a value in each entity instance. The data type of the attribute establishes the domain of possible values.

Each constraint represents one of the following properties of the entity:

- limits on the number, kind and organization of values of attributes. These are specified in the attribute declarations.
- required relationships among attribute values or restrictions on the allowed attribute values for a given instance. These appear in the where clause, and are referred to as domain rules.
- required relationships among attribute values over all instances of the entity data type. These appear in:
 - the uniqueness clause, where they are referred to as uniqueness constraints,
 - the inverse clause, where they are referred to as cardinality constraints,
 - global rules (see 9.6).
- required relationships among instances of more than one entity type. These do not appear in the entity declaration itself, but rather as global rules (see 9.6).

An entity instance may only be created in EXPRESS by means of an entity constructor (see 9.2.6) or a complex entity construction operator (see 12.10).

Syntax:

```
206 entity_decl = entity_head entity_body END_ENTITY ';' .  
207 entity_head = ENTITY entity_id subsuper ';' .  
208 entity_body = { explicit_attr } [ derive_clause ] [ inverse_clause ]  
                [ unique_clause ] [ where_clause ] .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Each attribute identifier and label declared in the entity declaration shall be unique within the declaration.

- b) A subtype shall not declare an attribute having the same identifier as an attribute of one of its supertypes, except when a subtype redeclares an attribute inherited from one of its supertypes (see 9.2.3.4).

9.2.1 Attributes

The attributes of an ENTITY data type represent the essential traits, qualities, or properties of an entity. An attribute declaration establishes a relationship between the ENTITY data type and the data type referenced by the attribute.

The name of an attribute represents the role played by its associated value in the context of the ENTITY in which it appears.

There are three kinds of attribute:

Explicit: An attribute whose value shall be supplied by an implementation in order to create an entity instance.

Derived: An attribute whose value is computed in some manner.

Inverse: An attribute whose value consists of the entity instances which use the entity in a particular role.

Every attribute establishes relationships between an instance of the declaring entity data type and some other instance or instances. An attribute represented by a non-aggregation data type establishes a simple relationship to this data type. An attribute represented by an aggregation data type establishes both collective relationships to aggregate values and distributive relationships to the elements of those aggregate values. In addition, every attribute establishes an implicit inverse relationship between its base data type and the declaring entity data type.

NOTE See annex H for further discussion of these relationships.

9.2.1.1 Explicit attribute

An explicit attribute represents a property whose value shall be supplied by an implementation in order to create an instance. Each explicit attribute identifies a distinct property. An explicit attribute declaration creates one or more explicit attributes having the indicated domain, and assigns an identifier to each.

Syntax:

```

215 explicit_attr = attribute_decl { ',' attribute_decl } ':' [ OPTIONAL ]
                    parameter_type ';' .
177 attribute_decl = attribute_id | redeclared_attribute .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .

```

NOTE 1 The syntax for `redeclared_attribute` provides for attribute redeclaration, which is described in 9.2.3.4.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Unless an explicit attribute is declared `OPTIONAL`, every instance of the entity data type shall have a value for that attribute.

NOTE 2 If the data type of an explicit attribute is an extensible enumeration type for which no enumeration items are specified, the entity can not be instantiated unless some extension of the enumeration type is declared with at least one enumeration item. If the data type of an explicit attribute is an extensible select type for which no select element is specified, the entity can not be instantiated unless some extension of the select type is declared with at least one named type.

- b) The keyword **OPTIONAL** indicates that, in a given entity instance, the attribute need not have a value. If the attribute has no value, the value is said to be indeterminate (?).
- c) An explicit attribute shall neither directly nor indirectly be declared to be of the data type **GENERIC**.

NOTE 3 This is in spite of the fact that the syntax production allows such a declaration.

NOTE 4 **OPTIONAL** indicates that the attribute is always meaningful for instances of this entity type, but that for some instances there may be no value which plays the role specified by the attribute. **OPTIONAL** does not indicate that the attribute is meaningless for some instances of the entity data type. The case where an attribute is meaningless for some instances is properly modelled by subtyping (see 9.2.3).

NOTE 5 Attention must be given to references to optional attributes, particularly in rules, since they may have no value. The **EXISTS** built-in function can be used to determine whether a value is present or the **NVL** built-in function can be used to provide a default value for computation. If neither is used, unexpected results may be obtained.

EXAMPLE The following declarations are equivalent:

```
ENTITY point;
  x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY point;
  x : REAL;
  y : REAL;
  z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.1.2 Derived attribute

A derived attribute represents a property whose value is computed by evaluating an expression. Derived attributes are declared following the **DERIVE** keyword. The declaration consists of the attribute identifier, its representation type, and an expression to be used to compute the attribute value.

Syntax:

```
200 derived_attr = attribute_decl ':' parameter_type ':=' expression ';' .
177 attribute_decl = attribute_id | redeclared_attribute .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
```

NOTE 1 The syntax for **qualified_attribute** provides for attribute redeclaration, which is described in 9.2.3.4.

The expression may refer to any attribute, constant (including **SELF**) or function identifier which is in scope.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **expression** shall be assignment compatible (see 13.3) with the data type of the attribute.
- b) For a particular entity instance, the value of the derived attribute is determined by evaluating the expression, replacing each occurrence of **SELF** with the current instance, and each occurrence of an attribute reference with the corresponding attribute value.
- c) A derived attribute shall neither directly nor indirectly be declared to be of the data type **GENERIC**.

NOTE 2 This is in spite of the fact that the syntax production allows such a declaration.

EXAMPLE In the following example, a circle is defined by a centre, axis and radius. In addition to these explicit attributes, there is a need to account for important properties such as the area and perimeter. This is accomplished by defining them as derived attributes, giving the values as expressions.

```
ENTITY circle;
  centre : point;
  radius : REAL;
  axis   : vector;
DERIVE
  area      : REAL := PI*radius**2;
  perimeter : REAL := 2.0*PI*radius;
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.1.3 Inverse attribute

If another entity has established a relationship with the current entity by way of an explicit attribute, an inverse attribute may be used to describe that relationship in the context of the current entity. This inverse attribute may also be used to constrain the relationship further.

Inverse attributes are declared following the **INVERSE** keyword. Each inverse attribute shall be specified individually.

Cardinality constraints on the inverse relationship are specified by the bound specification for the inverse attribute in the same way as they are for explicit attributes.

NOTE 1 Annex H provides further information on the relationship between explicit attributes and inverse attributes.

An inverse attribute is represented by either an entity data type or a **BAG** or **SET** whose base type is an entity data type. The entity data type is referred to as the referencing entity.

An inverse attribute declaration also names an explicit attribute of the referencing entity. For a particular instance of the current entity data type, the value of the inverse attribute consists of the instance or instances of the referencing entity data types which use the current instance in the role specified. In case of ambiguities due to identical attribute names in the subtype/supertype graph of the referencing entity, the name of the explicit attribute shall be preceded by the name of the entity that originally declares the attribute.

Each of the three possible representation types for an inverse imposes certain constraints on the relationship between the two entities.

Bag data type: The bound specification, if present, specifies the minimum and maximum number of instances of the referencing entity which may use an instance of the current entity. Since a bag may contain a single instance more than once, one or more instances may reference the current instance, and a particular instance may reference the current instance more than once.

NOTE 2 If the inverted attribute is represented by a non-unique aggregation data type, that is, a list or array that does not specify the UNIQUE keyword or a bag, a particular instance of the current entity may be used more than once by a particular instance of the referencing entity.

NOTE 3 If the inverted attribute is represented by a unique aggregation data type, that is, a list or array that does specify the UNIQUE keyword or a set, a particular instance of the current entity may only be used once by a particular instance of the referencing entity.

Optionality of the inverse attribute is expressed by specifying a lower bound of 0, indicating that a given instance of the current entity need not be referenced by any instance of the referencing entity.

Set data type: As for BAG, with the additional constraint that the referencing instances must be instance unique. This restriction also means that a particular referencing instance can only use the current instance once in the inverted role.

NOTE 4 If the inverted attribute is represented by a unique aggregation data type, that is, a list or array that specifies the UNIQUE keyword or a set, the inverse adds no further constraint with respect to uniqueness.

Entity data type: The inverse attribute contains exactly that one instance of the referencing entity data type which uses the current instance in the specified role. The cardinality of the inverse relationship is 1 : 1 in this case.

Syntax:

```

248 inverse_attr = attribute_decl ':' [ ( SET | BAG ) [ bound_spec ] OF ] entity_ref
                        FOR [ entity_ref '.' ] attribute_ref ';' .
177 attribute_decl = attribute_id | redeclared_attribute .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The entity which defines the direct relationship to the current entity being declared shall do so as an explicit attribute.
- b) The data type of the explicit attribute in the entity defining the direct relationship shall be one of the following:
 - the current entity being declared;
 - a supertype of the entity being declared;
 - a defined data type based on a select data type containing one of the above;
 - an aggregation type whose fundamental type is one of the above.

- c) The entity referred to in the inverse attribute declaration may be a subtype of the entity that declared the direct relationship, in which case the inverse attribute only contains instances of that subtype. Subtypes referred to in this way shall not redeclare the direct attribute as a derived attribute.
- d) If the name of the explicit attribute in the entity defining the direct relationship is not unique within the subtype/supertype graph of that entity, the name of the entity data type shall be used to qualify the name of this explicit attribute following the FOR keyword.
- e) An inverse attribute shall neither directly nor indirectly be declared to be of the data type GENERIC.

NOTE 5 This is in spite of the fact that the syntax production allows such a declaration.

EXAMPLE Assuming we have the following declaration for a door assembly:

```
ENTITY door;
  handle : knob;
  hinges : SET [1:?] OF hinge;
END_ENTITY;
```

then we may wish to constrain the declaration of knob such that knobs can only exist if they are used in the role of **handle** in one instance of a door.

```
ENTITY knob;
...
INVERSE
  opens : door FOR handle;
END_ENTITY;
```

On the other hand, we may merely wish to specify that a knob is used by zero or one doors (it may, for example, be either on a door or has yet to be attached to a door).

```
ENTITY knob;
...
INVERSE
  opens : SET [0:1] OF door FOR handle;
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.2 Local rules

Local rules are assertions on the domain of entity instances and thus apply to all instances of that entity data type. There are two kinds of local rules. Uniqueness rules control the uniqueness of attribute values among all instances of a given entity data type. Domain rules describe other constraints on or among the values of the attributes of each instance of a given entity data type.

Each of the local rules may be given a rule label.

NOTE When given, rule labels may be used in remark tags (see 7.1.6.3) or to identify rules to implementations, for example, in documentation, error reports, and enforcement specifications. The labelling of rules for these purposes is encouraged.

9.2.2.1 Uniqueness rule

A uniqueness constraint for individual attributes or combinations of attributes may be specified in a uniqueness rule. The uniqueness rules follow the UNIQUE keyword, and specify either a single attribute name or a list of attribute names. A rule which specifies a single attribute name, called a simple uniqueness rule, specifies that no two instances of the entity data type in the domain shall use the same instance for the named attribute. A rule which specifies two or more attribute names, called a joint uniqueness rule, specifies that no two instances of the entity data type shall have the same combination of instances for the named attributes.

NOTE Comparisons are made via instance equality and not via value equality (see 12.2.2).

Syntax:

```

333 unique_clause = UNIQUE unique_rule ';' { unique_rule ';' } .
334 unique_rule = [ rule_label_id ':' ] referenced_attribute { ',' ,
                    referenced_attribute } .
280 referenced_attribute = attribute_ref | qualified_attribute .

```

Rules and restrictions:

When an explicit attribute which is marked as OPTIONAL (see 9.2.1.1) appears in a uniqueness rule, if the attribute has no value for a particular entity instance, the uniqueness rule is neither violated nor asserted, and therefore the entity instance is a member of the domain.

EXAMPLE 1 If an entity had three attributes called *a*, *b* and *c*, we could have:

```

ENTITY e;
a,b,c : INTEGER ;
UNIQUE
ur1 : a;
ur2 : b;
ur3 : c;
END_ENTITY;

```

This means that two instances of the entity data type being declared cannot have the same value for *a*, for *b* or for *c*.

EXAMPLE 2 A *person_name* entity might look like:

```

ENTITY person_name;
  last      : STRING;
  first     : STRING;
  middle    : STRING;
  nickname  : STRING;
END_ENTITY;

```

and it might be used as:

```

ENTITY employee;
  badge : NUMBER;
  name  : person_name;
  ...
UNIQUE
ur1: badge, name;

```

```
...
END_ENTITY;
```

In this example, two instances of the **person_name** entity could have the same set of values for the four attributes. In the case of an **employee**, however, there is a requirement that **badge** and **name** together have to be unique. Thus, two instances of **employee** may have the same value of **badge** and the same value of **name**. However, no two instances of **employee** may have the same instance of **name** and the same instance of **badge** since taken together this combination of instances shall be unique (see 9.6 for a method of describing attribute value uniqueness).

9.2.2.2 Domain rules (WHERE clause)

Domain rules constrain the values of individual attributes or combinations of attributes for every entity instance. All domain rules follow the WHERE keyword.

Syntax:

```
338 where_clause = WHERE domain_rule ';' { domain_rule ';' } .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Each domain rule expression shall evaluate to either a logical (TRUE, FALSE, or UNKNOWN) value or indeterminate (?).
- b) Every domain rule expression shall include a reference to SELF or attributes declared within the entity or any of its supertypes.
- c) An occurrence of the keyword SELF shall refer to an instance of the entity being declared.
- d) The domain rule shall be asserted when the expression evaluates to a value of TRUE; it shall be violated when the expression evaluates to a value of FALSE; and it shall be neither violated nor asserted when the expression evaluates to a indeterminate (?) or UNKNOWN value.
- e) No domain rule shall be violated for a valid instance of the entity (in the domain).

EXAMPLE 1 A **unit_vector** requires that the length of the vector be exactly one. This constraint can be specified by:

```
ENTITY unit_vector;
  a, b, c : REAL;
WHERE
  length_1 : a**2 + b**2 + c**2 = 1.0;
END_ENTITY;
```

Optional attributes in domain rules

A domain rule which contains an optional attribute shall be treated this way:

Rules and restrictions:

- a) When the attribute has a value, the domain rule shall be evaluated as any other domain rule.

- b) When the attribute has no value, the indeterminate (?) value is used as the attribute value in evaluating the domain rule expression. The evaluation of expressions containing the indeterminate (?) value is addressed in clause 12.

EXAMPLE 2 Consider this variation of example 1.

```
ENTITY unit_vector;
  a, b : REAL;
  c    : OPTIONAL REAL;
WHERE
  length_1 : a**2 + b**2 + c**2 = 1.0;
END_ENTITY;
```

The intent of the domain rule is to ensure that a `unit_vector` is unitized. However, when `c` has the indeterminate (?) value the domain rule always evaluates to UNKNOWN no matter what the values of `a` and `b` are.

The NVL standard function (see 15.18) may be used to supply a reasonable value when the optional attribute is indeterminate (?). When the optional attribute has a value, the NVL function returns that value; otherwise it returns a substitute value.

```
ENTITY unit_vector;
  a, b : REAL;
  c    : OPTIONAL REAL;
WHERE
  length_1 : a**2 + b**2 + NVL(c, 0.0)**2 = 1.0;
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.3 Subtypes and supertypes

EXPRESS allows for the specification of entities as subtypes of other entities, where a subtype entity is a specialization of its supertype. This establishes an inheritance (that is, subtype/supertype) relationship between the entities in which the subtype inherits the properties (that is, attributes and constraints) of its supertype. Successive subtype/supertype relationships establish an inheritance graph in which every instance of a subtype is an instance of its supertype(s).

The inheritance graph established by subtype/supertype relationships shall be acyclic.

An entity declaration which completely defines all the significant properties of that entity declares a simple entity data type. An entity declaration which establishes inheritance relationships with supertypes declares a complex entity data type. A complex entity data type within an inheritance graph shares characteristics of its supertype(s). A complex entity data type may have additional characteristics not contained within its supertype(s).

Syntax:

```
312 subsuper = [ supertype_constraint ] [ subtype_declaration ] .
```

The following facts pertain to subtype/supertype relationships. These facts refer to a subtype/supertype graph. A subtype/supertype graph is a multiply rooted directed acyclic graph where the nodes represent the entity types, and the edges represent the subtype/supertype relationships. Following the directed SUBTYPE OF edges leads to supertypes while following the directed SUBTYPE OF edges in the reverse leads from supertypes to subtypes.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The supertype constraint, if present, shall precede the subtype constraint, if present.
- b) A subtype may have more than one supertype.
- c) A supertype may have more than one subtype.
- d) A supertype may itself be a subtype of one or more other entity types. That is, paths in the subtype/supertype graph can traverse several nodes.
- e) The subtype/supertype relationship shall be transitive. That is, if A is a subtype of B, and B is a subtype of C, A is a subtype of C. The entities which are supertypes of a particular entity type shall be those entities to which it is possible to traverse, starting at the entity type and following the SUBTYPE OF links.
- f) A subtype shall not be the supertype of any type in the list of all its supertypes, that means, the subtype/supertype graph shall be acyclic.

9.2.3.1 Specifying subtypes

An entity is a subtype if it contains a SUBTYPE declaration. The subtype declaration shall identify all the entity's immediate supertype(s). An instance of an entity data type that is a subtype is an instance of each of its supertypes.

Syntax:

```
318 subtype_declaration = SUBTYPE OF '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')'
```

9.2.3.2 Specifying supertypes

An entity is a supertype through either an explicit or implicit specification. An entity is explicitly specified to be a supertype if it contains an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE declaration. An entity is implicitly specified to be a supertype if it is named in a SUBTYPE declaration of at least one other entity.

Syntax:

```
319 supertype_constraint = abstract_entity_declaration |
                           abstract_supertype_declaration | supertype_rule .
164 abstract_entity_declaration = ABSTRACT .
166 abstract_supertype_declaration = ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE [ subtype_constraint ] .
315 subtype_constraint = OF '(' supertype_expression ')' .
320 supertype_expression = supertype_factor { ANDOR supertype_factor } .
321 supertype_factor = supertype_term { AND supertype_term } .
323 supertype_term = entity_ref | one_of | '(' supertype_expression ')' .
263 one_of = ONEOF '(' supertype_expression { ',' supertype_expression } ')' .
322 supertype_rule = SUPERTYPE subtype_constraint .
```

Rules and restrictions:

All subtypes referred to in a supertype expression shall contain a subtype declaration which identifies the current entity as a supertype.

EXAMPLE The odd numbers are a subtype of the integer numbers, hence the integer numbers are a supertype of the odd numbers.

```
ENTITY integer_number;  
    val : INTEGER;  
END_ENTITY;  
  
ENTITY odd_number  
    SUBTYPE OF (integer_number);  
WHERE  
    not_even : ODD(val);  
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.3.3 Attribute inheritance

The attribute identifiers in a supertype are visible within the scope of the subtype (see clause 10). Thus, a subtype inherits all of the attributes of its supertype. This allows the subtypes to specify either constraints or their own attributes using the inherited attribute. If a subtype has more than one supertype, the subtype inherits all of the attributes from all of its supertypes. This is called multiple inheritance.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) An entity shall not declare an attribute with the same name as an attribute inherited from one of its supertypes unless it is redeclaring the inherited attribute (see 9.2.3.4).
- b) When a subtype inherits attributes from two supertypes which are themselves disjoint, it is possible that they have distinct attributes which have the same attribute identifier. The naming ambiguity shall be resolved by prefixing the identifier with the name of the supertype entity from which each attribute is inherited.

EXAMPLE This example shows how the entity **e12** inherits two attributes named **attr**, and that to identify which of the two attributes is being constrained the attribute name is prefixed.

```
ENTITY e1;  
    attr : REAL;  
    ...  
END_ENTITY;  
  
ENTITY e2;  
    attr : BINARY;  
    ...  
END_ENTITY;  
  
ENTITY e12  
    SUBTYPE OF (e1,e2);  
    ...  
WHERE  
    positive : SELF\e1.attr > 0.0 ; -- attr as declared in e1  
END_ENTITY;
```

A subtype may inherit the same attribute from different supertypes which in turn have inherited it from a single supertype. This is called repeated inheritance. In this case the subtype only inherits the attribute once; that is, there is only one value for this attribute in an instance of this ENTITY data type.

9.2.3.4 Attribute redeclaration

An attribute declared in a supertype may be redeclared in a subtype. The attribute remains in the supertype, but the allowed domain of values for that attribute is governed by the redeclaration given in the subtype.

The original declaration may be changed in the following general ways:

- the attribute may be given a different name;
- the data type of the attribute may be changed to a specialization of the original data type (see 9.2.7);

EXAMPLE 1 A NUMBER data type attribute may be changed to an INTEGER data type or to a REAL data type.

- if the original data type of the attribute is a defined data type based on a select, the type may be changed to either another select, which identifies a subset or specialization of items from the original select list, or a specialization of one of the items from the original select list;
- an optional attribute in the supertype may be changed to a mandatory attribute in the subtype;
- an explicit attribute in the supertype may be changed to a derived attribute in the subtype;
- an attribute in the supertype may be given a new identifier in the subtype. The new identifier obeys all the scope and visibility rules defined in clause 10 for an identifier for an attribute of the subtype whose declaration includes this redeclaration; but the identifier always refers to the original attribute in the supertype.

NOTE 1 The declaration of a new identifier does not remove the old identifier from the name scope. The old identifier remains available in this ENTITY data type and in any subtypes that are declared for this ENTITY data type.

Syntax:

```

279 redeclared_attribute = qualified_attribute [ RENAMED attribute_id ] .
275 qualified_attribute = SELF group_qualifier attribute_qualifier .
232 group_qualifier = '\' entity_ref .
179 attribute_qualifier = '.' attribute_ref .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The data type in the redeclaration shall be the same as, or a specialization of, the data type of the attribute declared in the supertype. The rules for specialization in 9.2.7 apply.
- b) The name of the redeclared attribute shall be given using the syntax of `qualified_attribute`.
- c) If the data type used to define the original attribute was constrained by a where rule, the data type used to define the redeclared attribute should be constrained such that the domain of the redeclared attribute is a subset of the domain of the original attribute.

- d) The `group_qualifier` in the `qualified_attribute` syntax shall identify either the entity data type in which the attribute was originally declared, or an entity data type that redeclares the attribute from another supertype.
- e) If an attribute of a supertype is redeclared in two non-mutually exclusive subtypes, an instance which contains both subtypes shall have a single value for that attribute which is valid for both redeclarations.
- f) If the attribute is given a new identifier, that identifier shall not be the same as the identifier for any attribute in any supertype of the current ENTITY data type.

NOTE 2 A WHERE rule that is specified against the original attribute remains applicable to redeclarations of that attribute (see 9.2.3.5).

EXAMPLE 2 Some geometry systems use floating point coordinates while others work in an integer coordinate space. The concepts of `GENERIC_ENTITY` and `RENAMED` enable specifications of general applicability and specialization to domain specific uses.

```
ENTITY point;
  x : NUMBER;
  y : NUMBER;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY integer_point
  SUBTYPE OF (point);
  SELF\point.x RENAMED integer_x : INTEGER;
  SELF\point.y RENAMED integer_y : INTEGER;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY line ABSTRACT;
  start : GENERIC_ENTITY;
  end : GENERIC_ENTITY;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY integer_point_line;
  SUBTYPE OF (line);
  SELF\line.start RENAMED integer_start : integer_point;
  SELF\line.end RENAMED integer_end : integer_point;
END_ENTITY;
```

EXAMPLE 3 This example shows changing of the elements in an aggregation data type to be unique, reduction of the number of elements in an aggregation data type, and changing an optional attribute to a mandatory one.

```
ENTITY super;
  things : LIST [3:?] OF thing;
  items : BAG [0:?] OF widget;
  may_be : OPTIONAL stuff;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY sub
  SUBTYPE OF (super);
  SELF\super.things : LIST [3:?] OF UNIQUE thing;
  SELF\super.items : SET [1:10] OF widget;
  SELF\super.may_be : stuff;
END_ENTITY;
```

EXAMPLE 4 In the following example, a circle is defined by a centre, axis and radius. A variant of circle is defined by the centre and two points through which it passes. These three points represent the data by which this type of circle is defined. In addition to these data there is a need to account for the other important traits – the radius and the axis. This is accomplished by redeclaring them as derived attributes, giving the value as an expression.

```

FUNCTION distance(p1, p2 : point) : REAL;
  ("distance" Compute the shortest distance between two points *)
END_FUNCTION;

FUNCTION normal(p1, p2, p3 : point) : vector;
  ("normal" Compute normal of a plane given three points on the plane *)
END_FUNCTION;

ENTITY circle;
  centre : point;
  radius : REAL;
  axis   : vector;
DERIVE
  area   : REAL := PI*radius**2;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY circle_by_points
  SUBTYPE OF (circle);
  p2 : point;
  p3 : point;
DERIVE
  SELF\circle.radius : REAL := distance(centre, p2);
  SELF\circle.axis   : vector := normal(centre, p2, p3);
WHERE
  not_coincident : (centre <> p2) AND
                   (p2 <> p3) AND
                   (p3 <> centre);
  is_circle      : distance(centre, p3) =
                   distance(centre, p2);
END_ENTITY;

```

In the subtype, the three defining points (**centre**, **p2**, and **p3**) are explicit attributes while **radius**, **axis**, and **area** are derived attributes. The values of these derived attributes are computed by the expression following the assignment operator. The values of **radius** and **axis** are obtained by means of a function call; the value of **area** is computed in line.

9.2.3.5 Rule inheritance

Every local or global rule that applies to all instances of a supertype applies to all instances of its subtypes. Thus, a subtype inherits all the rules of its supertype(s). If a subtype has more than one supertype, the subtype shall inherit all the rules constraining the supertypes.

It is not possible to change or delete any of the rules that are associated with a subtype via rule inheritance, but it is possible to add new rules which further constrain the subtype.

Rules and restrictions:

An entity instance shall be constrained by all constraints specified for each of its entity data types.

NOTE 1 If the constraints specified in two (or more) entity data types conflict, there can be no valid

instance that contains those entity data types.

EXAMPLE In the following, a **graduate** is a **person** who both teaches and takes courses. The **graduate** inherits both attributes and constraints from its supertypes (**teacher** and **student**) together with the attributes and constraints from their mutual supertype (**person**). A **graduate**, unlike a **teacher**, is not allowed to teach graduate level courses.

```

SCHEMA s;
ENTITY person;
    ss_no : INTEGER;
    born  : date;
    ...
DERIVE
    age : INTEGER := years_since(born);
UNIQUE
    un1 : ss_no;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY teacher
    SUBTYPE OF (person);
    teaches : SET [1:?] OF course;
    ...
WHERE
    old : age >= 21;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY student
    SUBTYPE OF (person);
    takes : SET [1:?] OF course;
    ...
WHERE
    young : age >= 5;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY graduate
    SUBTYPE OF (student, teacher);
    ...
WHERE
    limited : NOT (GRAD_LEVEL IN teaches);
END_ENTITY;

TYPE course = ENUMERATION OF (...., GRAD_LEVEL, ...);
END_TYPE;
...
END_SCHEMA; -- end of schema S

```

NOTE 2 If a subtype inherits mutually contradictory constraints from its supertypes, there cannot be a conforming instance of that subtype as any instance will violate one of the constraints.

9.2.4 Abstract entity data type

EXPRESS allows for the declaration of ENTITY data types that are not intended to be directly instantiated and may only be instantiated through their subtypes. An ABSTRACT ENTITY data type may declare explicit and derived attributes whose data types are generalized data types (see 8.5). These may then be redeclared as being of an instantiable data type in subtypes of the ABSTRACT ENTITY data type. If a subtype of an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type is itself an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type, it need not redeclare the uninstantiable inherited attributes to be of instantiable data types. In a subtype of an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type, that is not

itself an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type, no inherited or directly declared attributes shall be of an uninstantiable data type.

Type labels (see 9.5.3.4) may be used to ensure that two or more attributes whose data types are generalized data types are the same data types at time of invocation.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) An ABSTRACT ENTITY data type declaration includes the ABSTRACT keyword in the ENTITY data type declaration, but not the SUPERTYPE keyword (see 9.2.5.1 for ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE).
- b) An ABSTRACT ENTITY data type is not instantiable unless it is part of a complex ENTITY data type where all attributes whose data types are generalized data types have been redeclared to be of an instantiable data type.

NOTE 1 Rule (b) implies that every ABSTRACT ENTITY data type satisfies the ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE constraint (see 9.2.5.1).

NOTE 2 The redeclaration can occur directly in the instantiable subtype or in one of its supertypes (see 9.2.4).

EXAMPLE In a general approval model, we may wish to identify that a collection of things may be approved. This model could then be used in a number of other schemas and refined to identify the actual items approved.

```
ENTITY general_approval ABSTRACT;
  approved_items : BAG OF GENERIC_ENTITY;
  status         : approval_status;
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.5 Subtype/supertype constraints

An instance of an entity data type that is either explicitly or implicitly declared to be a supertype (see 9.2.3.2) may also be an instance of one or more of its subtypes (see H.2).

Syntax:

```
319 supertype_constraint = abstract_entity_declaration |
                          abstract_supertype_declaration | supertype_rule .
164 abstract_entity_declaration = ABSTRACT .
166 abstract_supertype_declaration = ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE [ subtype_constraint ] .
313 subtype_constraint = OF '(' supertype_expression ')' .
320 supertype_expression = supertype_factor { ANDOR supertype_factor } .
321 supertype_factor = supertype_term { AND supertype_term } .
323 supertype_term = entity_ref | one_of | '(' supertype_expression ')' .
263 one_of = ONEOF '(' supertype_expression { ',' supertype_expression } ')' .
322 supertype_rule = SUPERTYPE subtype_constraint .
```

It is possible to specify constraints on which subtype/supertype graphs may be instantiated. These constraints may be specified in the declaration of the supertype by means of the SUPERTYPE clause. They may also be specified as separate rules, by means of SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT declarations (see 9.7).

NOTE 1 In order that existing schemas remain valid, the declaration of subtype/supertype constraints that use the keywords ONEOF, ANDOR, or AND within the declaration of an entity, as described in this sub-clause, remains valid under this edition 2 of EXPRESS. However, its use is deprecated, and its removal is planned in future editions. The use of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT (see 9.7) is encouraged instead.

The meaning of a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT is the set of constraints stated in the **supertype_expression**. A SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT can contain any number of AND constraints and ONEOF constraints. Each is interpreted as a separate constraint.

In addition, when it appears in the statement of some more complex constraint, each ONEOF, AND, and ANDOR expression is interpreted as a set of instances of the supertype. In interpreting the **supertype_expression**, the following rules apply:

- an entity data type name appearing anywhere in a **supertype_expression** is interpreted as the set of entity instances constituting the entire population of that data type, just as in a global rule (see 9.6);
- the result of an expression in a **supertype_expression** is interpreted as a set of instances of the supertype, as specified for ONEOF, AND, and ANDOR below.

Although the final result of the **supertype_expression** in the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT is, therefore, a set of entity instances, that set has no significance. That is, the result of the whole **supertype_expression** does not state any constraint because it does not necessarily include all instances of the supertype, and may include instances to which none of the stated constraints applies.

NOTE 2 Therefore, independent constraints can be connected by ANDOR which only adds instances to the (meaningless) overall result of the **supertype_expression**.

Annex B provides the formal approach to determining the potential combinations of subtype/supertype that may be instantiated under the several possible constraints that are described below. That is, Annex B characterizes the supertype populations that satisfy the whole SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

9.2.5.1 Abstract supertypes

EXPRESS allows for the declaration of supertypes that are not intended to be directly instantiated. An entity data type shall include the phrase ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE in a supertype constraint for this purpose. An abstract supertype shall not be instantiated except in conjunction with at least one of its subtypes.

NOTE This implies that a schema which contains an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE without any subtypes is incomplete, and cannot be instantiated unless subtypes are declared in a referencing schema.

EXAMPLE In a transportation model, a vehicle could be represented as an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE, because all instances of the entity data type are intended to be of its subtypes (for example, land-based or water-based). The entity data type for a vehicle must not be independently instantiated.

```
ENTITY vehicle
  ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY land_based
```

```

    SUBTYPE OF (vehicle);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY water_based
    SUBTYPE OF (vehicle);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.2.5.2 ONEOF

The ONEOF constraint states that the populations of the operands in the ONEOF list are mutually exclusive; no instance of any of the populations of the operands in the ONEOF list shall appear in the population of any other operand in the ONEOF list.

Syntax:

```

263 one_of = ONEOF '(' supertype_expression { ',' supertype_expression } ')' .
320 supertype_expression = supertype_factor { ANDOR supertype_factor } .
321 supertype_factor = supertype_term { AND supertype_term } .
323 supertype_term = entity_ref | one_of | '(' supertype_expression ')' .

```

The ONEOF constraint may be combined with the other supertype constraints to enable the writing of complex constraints. When an ONEOF constraint occurs as an operand in another constraint, it represents the set of entity instances that is the union of the populations of the operands in the ONEOF list.

NOTE The phrase ONEOF(a,b,c) reads in natural language as “an instance shall consist of at most one of the entity data types a,b,c.”

EXAMPLE An instance of a supertype may be established through the instantiation of only one of its subtypes. This constraint is declared using the ONEOF constraint. There are many kinds of pet, but no single pet can be simultaneously two or more kinds of pet.

```

ENTITY pet
    ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE OF (ONEOF(cat,
                                rabbit,
                                dog,
                                ...)) );

    name : pet_name;
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY cat
    SUBTYPE OF (pet);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY rabbit
    SUBTYPE OF (pet);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY dog
    SUBTYPE OF (pet);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.2.5.3 ANDOR

An instance of the population designated by an ANDOR expression may be an instance of either operand population or both. Thus, ANDOR does not state a constraint. Within a complex constraint, the ANDOR represents the set of entity instances that is the union of the populations of the operand expressions.

NOTE ANDOR is only used in constructing a union of populations for a more complex constraint. The phrase **b ANDOR c** means “all instances of type **b** and all instances of type **c**, including any that happen to be instances of both”.

EXAMPLE A person could be an employee who is taking night classes and may therefore be simultaneously both an employee and a student.

```
ENTITY person
  SUPERTYPE OF (employee ANDOR student);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY employee
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY student
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;
```

9.2.5.4 AND

AND states the constraint that the populations specified by the two operands shall be identical. That is, any instance of the left operand population shall also be an instance of the right operand population, and any instance of the right operand population shall also be an instance of the left operand population.

When the AND expression occurs as an operand in a complex constraint, it represents either of its operand populations; they are identical.

NOTE The phrase **b AND c** reads in natural language as “an instance shall consist of the types **b** and **c** together.”

EXAMPLE A person could be categorized into being either male or female, and could also be categorized into being either a citizen or an alien.

```
ENTITY person
  SUPERTYPE OF (ONEOF(male,female) AND
                ONEOF(citizen,alien));
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY male
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY female
```

```

    SUBTYPE OF (person);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY citizen
    SUBTYPE OF (person);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY alien
    SUBTYPE OF (person);
    ...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.2.5.5 Precedence of supertype operators

The evaluation of supertype expressions proceeds from left to right, with the highest precedence operators being evaluated first. Table 8 summarizes the precedence rules for the supertype expression operators. Operators in the same row have the same precedence, and the rows are ordered by decreasing precedence.

Table 8 – Supertype expression operator precedence

Precedence	Operators
1	() ONEOF
2	AND
3	ANDOR

EXAMPLE The following two expressions are not equivalent:

```

ENTITY x
SUPERTYPE OF (a ANDOR b AND c);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY x
SUPERTYPE OF ((a ANDOR b) AND c);
END_ENTITY;

```

9.2.5.6 Default constraint between subtypes

If no supertype constraint is mentioned in the declaration of an entity, the subtypes (if any) shall be mutually inclusive, that is, as if all subtypes were implicitly mentioned in an ANDOR construct.

In the case of a supertype constraint which is specified for a subset of the subtypes of that entity, the constraint shall be as specified for those subtypes mentioned and ANDOR for the other subtypes.

EXAMPLE The model in example 9.2.5.3 is equivalent to using the default construction, as:

```

ENTITY person
    ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY employee
    SUBTYPE OF (person);

```

```

...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY student
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.2.6 Implicit declarations

When an entity is declared, a constructor is also implicitly declared. The constructor identifier is the same as the entity identifier and the visibility of the constructor declaration is the same as that of the entity declaration.

The constructor, when invoked, shall return a partial complex entity value for that entity data type to the point of invocation. Each attribute in this partial complex entity value is given by the actual parameter passed in the constructor call by a shallow copy. A shallow copy is one in which an entity instance is copied by reference, that is, the attribute is a reference to the instance used as an actual parameter, a simple type is value copied and aggregates have their elements shallow copied. The constructor shall only provide the attributes which are explicit in a particular entity declaration.

Syntax:

```
205 entity_constructor = entity_ref '(' [ expression { ',' expression } ] ')' .
```

When a complex entity instance (an instance of an entity which occurs within a subtype/supertype graph) is constructed, the constructors for each of the component entities shall be combined using the || operator (see 12.10).

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The constructor shall have one formal parameter for each explicit attribute declared in that entity data type. This does not include attributes which are inherited from supertypes and are redeclared in that entity data type.
- b) The order of the formal parameters shall be identical to the order of declaration of the explicit attributes within the entity.
- c) The parameter data type for each of the formal parameters shall be identical to the data type of the corresponding attribute.
- d) If an entity contains no explicit attributes, an empty parameter list shall be passed (that is, the parentheses shall always be present).

NOTE This is different from explicitly declared functions.

- e) OPTIONAL attributes may be given the value indeterminate (?) when the implicitly defined constructor is invoked. This represents the fact that an explicit value has not been assigned.
- f) If within a complex entity instance there exists a subtype which contains derived attributes redeclared from explicit attributes in a supertype, the supertype constructor shall give

values for these redeclared attributes. These values are ignored in favour of the derived value.

EXAMPLE Assuming the following entity declaration:

```
ENTITY point;
  x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

the implicitly declared constructor for a point can be thought of as:

```
FUNCTION point(x,y,z : REAL):point;
```

the constructor then may be used when assigning values to an instance of this entity data type.

```
CONSTANT
  origin : point := point(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
END_CONSTANT;
```

9.2.7 Specialization

A specialization is a more constrained form of an original declaration. The following are the defined specializations:

- a subtype entity is a specialization of any of its supertypes;
- an ENTITY is a specialization of a GENERIC_ENTITY;
- an EXTENSIBLE GENERIC_ENTITY SELECT is a specialization of a GENERIC_ENTITY;
- a SELECT data type that contains only ENTITY data types is a specialization of a GENERIC_ENTITY;
- the aggregation data types are specializations of AGGREGATE;
- a SELECT of a, b, c is a specialization of a SELECT of d, e, f if a, b, c are specializations of d, e, f;
- a SELECT of a, b, c is a specialization of a supertype if a, b, c are subtypes of the supertype;
- INTEGER and REAL are both specializations of NUMBER;
- INTEGER is a specialization of REAL;
- BOOLEAN is a specialization of LOGICAL;
- LIST OF UNIQUE item is a specialization of LIST OF item;
- ARRAY OF UNIQUE item is a specialization of ARRAY OF item;
- ARRAY OF item is a specialization of ARRAY OF OPTIONAL item;
- SET OF item is a specialization of BAG OF item;

- letting AGG stand for one of ARRAY, BAG, LIST or SET then AGG OF *item* is a specialization of AGG OF *original* provided that *item* is a specialization of *original*;
- letting AGG stand for one of BAG, LIST or SET then AGG [*b:t*] is a specialization of AGG [*l:u*] provided that $b \leq t$ and $l \leq b \leq u$ and $l \leq t \leq u$;
- letting BSR stand for one of the data types BINARY, STRING or REAL then BSR (*length*) is a specialization of BSR;
- BSR (*short*) is a specialization of BSR (*long*) provided that *short* is less than *long*;
- a BINARY which uses the keyword FIXED is a specialization of variable length BINARY;
- a STRING which uses the keyword FIXED is a specialization of variable length STRING;
- a constructed data type that is based on an extensible constructed data type is a specialization of that extensible constructed data type;
- a defined data type is a specialization of the underlying data type used to declare the defined data type.

9.3 Schema

A SCHEMA declaration defines a common scope for a collection of related ENTITY and other data type declarations. A SCHEMA may undergo changes within a development or standardization environment. To support the capability of identifying a particular version of a SCHEMA a schema version identifier is defined. This part of ISO 10303 does not prescribe the format of the schema version identifier except to define it to be a string literal. No other construct defined in this part of ISO 10303 makes reference to this schema version identifier, and no method for managing schema changes using schema version identifiers is specified in this part of ISO 10303. If two schemas with the same name have different schema version identifiers, they will nevertheless be treated as the same schema.

NOTE For schemas defined in ISO 10303, the use of an information object identifier is specified that includes a version identifier. The meaning of the object identifier is defined in ISO/IEC 8824-1, and is described in ISO 10303-1. The use of this object identifier as a schema version identifier is encouraged.

EXAMPLE 1 Geometry may be the name of a schema that contains declarations of points, curves, surfaces, and other related data types.

EXAMPLE 2 There may be multiple versions of schemas, and the language version identifier may be included as well. The `support_resource_schema` in this example uses the information object identifier as defined in ISO/IEC 8824-1 and described in ISO 10303-1.

```
SCHEMA geometry_schema 'version_1';  
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA geometry_schema 'version_2';  
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA support_resource_schema '{ISO standard 10303 part(41) object(1) version(8)}';  
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA support_resource_schema '{ISO standard 10303 part(41) object(1) version(9)}';  
END_SCHEMA;
```

The order in which declarations appear within a schema declaration is not significant.

Declarations in one schema may be made visible within the scope of another schema via an interface specification as described in clause 11.

Syntax:

```

296 schema_decl = SCHEMA schema_id [ schema_version_id ] ';' schema_body
                END_SCHEMA ';' .
298 schema_version_id = string_literal .
295 schema_body = { interface_specification } [ constant_decl ]
                { declaration | rule_decl } .
242 interface_specification = reference_clause | use_clause .
199 declaration = entity_decl | function_decl | procedure_decl |
                subtype_constraint_decl | type_decl .

```

9.4 Constant

A constant declaration is used to declare named constants. The scope of a constant identifier shall be the function, procedure, rule or schema in which the constant declaration occurs. A named constant appearing in a CONSTANT declaration shall have an explicit initialization the value of which is computed by evaluating the expression. A named constant may appear in the initialization of another named dependent constant. The declaration of constants shall be acyclic.

NOTE The requirement for acyclic constant declarations is to ensure that there is always a valid initialization, which does not have to be in the order of declaration.

Syntax:

```

195 constant_decl = CONSTANT constant_body { constant_body } END_CONSTANT ';' .
194 constant_body = constant_id ':' instantiable_type ':' expression ';' .
240 instantiable_type = concrete_types | entity_ref .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- The value of a constant shall not be modified after initialization.
- Any occurrence of a named constant outside the constant declaration shall be equivalent to an occurrence of the initial value itself.
- The expression shall return a value assignment compatible with the specified base type.

EXAMPLE The following are valid constant declarations:

```

CONSTANT
  thousand : NUMBER := 1000;
  million  : NUMBER := thousand**2;
  origin   : point  := point(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
END_CONSTANT;

```

9.5 Algorithms

An algorithm is a sequence of statements that produces some desired end state. The two kinds of algorithms that can be specified are functions and procedures.

Formal parameters define the input to an algorithm. When an algorithm is called, actual parameters supply actual values or instances. The actual parameters shall agree in type, order, and number with the formal parameters.

Declarations local to the algorithm, if required, are given following the header. These declarations can be types, local variables, other algorithms, and so on, as needed.

The body of the algorithm follows the local declarations.

9.5.1 Function

A function is an algorithm which operates on parameters and that produces a single resultant value of a specific data type. An invocation of a function (see 12.8) in an expression evaluates to the resultant value at the point of invocation.

A function shall be terminated by the execution of a RETURN statement. The value of the expression, associated with the RETURN statement, defines the result produced by the function call.

Syntax:

```

220 function_decl = function_head algorithm_head stmt { stmt } END_FUNCTION ';' .
221 function_head = FUNCTION function_id ( '(' formal_parameter
        { ';' formal_parameter } ')' ) ':' parameter_type ';' .
218 formal_parameter = parameter_id { ',' parameter_id } ':' parameter_type .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
173 algorithm_head = { declaration } [ constant_decl ] [ local_decl ] .
199 declaration = entity_decl | function_decl | procedure_decl |
        subtype_constraint_decl | type_decl .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) A FUNCTION shall specify a RETURN statement in each of the possible paths a process may take when that function is invoked.
- b) Each RETURN statement within the scope of the function shall specify an expression which evaluates to the value to be returned to the point of invocation.
- c) The expression specified in each RETURN statement shall be assignment compatible with the declared return type of the function.
- d) Functions do not have side-effects. Since the formal parameters to a FUNCTION shall not be specified to be VAR, changes to these parameters within the function are not reflected to the point of invocation.

NOTE Local variables that are declared to be entity data types may be assigned instances from the formal parameters. Changes to these local variables will affect the formal parameter, since the assignment is by reference. Changes to formal parameters are not reflected to the point of invocation,

according to the above rule, therefore great care should be taken when attempting to return these local variables.

- e) Functions may modify local variables or parameters that are declared in an outer scope, that is, if the current function is declared within the `algorithm_head` of a FUNCTION, PROCEDURE or RULE.

9.5.2 Procedure

A procedure is an algorithm that receives parameters from the point of invocation and operates on them in some manner to produce the desired end state. Changes to the parameters within a procedure are only reflected to the point of invocation when the formal parameter is preceded by the VAR keyword.

Syntax:

```

271 procedure_decl = procedure_head algorithm_head { stmt } END_PROCEDURE ';' .
272 procedure_head = PROCEDURE procedure_id [ '(' [ VAR ] formal_parameter
                    { ';' [ VAR ] formal_parameter } ')' ] ';' .
218 formal_parameter = parameter_id { ',' parameter_id } ':' parameter_type .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
173 algorithm_head = { declaration } [ constant_decl ] [ local_decl ] .
199 declaration = entity_decl | function_decl | procedure_decl |
                    subtype_constraint_decl | type_decl .

```

Rules and restrictions:

Procedures may modify local variables or parameters that are declared in an outer scope, that is, if the current procedure is declared within the `algorithm_head` of a FUNCTION, PROCEDURE or RULE.

9.5.3 Parameters

A function or procedure can have formal parameters. Each formal parameter specifies a name and a parameter type. The name is an identifier which shall be unique within the scope of the function or procedure. A formal parameter to a procedure may also be declared as VAR (variable), which means that, if the parameter is changed within the procedure, the change shall be propagated to the point of invocation. Parameters not declared as VAR can be changed also, but the change will not be apparent when control is returned to the caller.

Syntax:

```

218 formal_parameter = parameter_id { ',' parameter_id } ':' parameter_type .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .

```

EXAMPLE The following declarations indicate how formal parameters may be declared.

```

FUNCTION dist(p1, p2 : point) : REAL ;
...
PROCEDURE midpt(p1, p2 : point; VAR result : point) ;

```

The generalized data types (AGGREGATE, the general aggregation data types, GENERIC, and GENERIC_ENTITY) (see 8.5) are used to allow generalization of the data types used to represent

the formal parameters of functions and procedures. AGGREGATE, general aggregation data types (see 9.5.3.5), and generic entity data types (GENERIC_ENTITY) may in addition be used to declare explicit or derived attributes of ABSTRACT ENTITY data types. General aggregation data types may also be used to allow a generalization of the underlying data types allowed for the specific aggregation data types.

9.5.3.1 Aggregate data type

An AGGREGATE data type is a generalization of all aggregation data types.

When a procedure or function which has a formal parameter that is defined as an aggregate data type is invoked, the actual parameter passed shall be an ARRAY, BAG, LIST, or SET. The operations that can be performed shall then depend on the data type of the actual parameter.

NOTE Type labels (see 9.5.3.4) may be used to ensure that, at the time of invocation, two or more parameters that are represented by AGGREGATE data types are of the same data type, or that the return data type is the same as one of the passed parameters, irrespective of the actual data types passed.

When an explicit or derived attribute in the data type declaration of an ABSTRACT ENTITY is represented by an AGGREGATE data type, this attribute shall in the subtypes of the entity be declared as an ARRAY, BAG, LIST, or SET.

Syntax:

```
171 aggregate_type = AGGREGATE [ ':' type_label ] OF parameter_type .
329 type_label = type_label_id | type_label_ref .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) An AGGREGATE data type shall only be used as a formal parameter type of a function or procedure, or as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure, or as the representation of an explicit or derived attribute in an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type declaration.
- b) If an AGGREGATE data type is used as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure, type label references are required for this usage. The type label references shall refer to type labels declared by the formal parameters (see 9.5.3.4).
- c) If an AGGREGATE data type is used as the representation of an explicit or derived attribute in an ABSTRACT ENTITY data type declaration, the attribute shall be redeclared to be an ARRAY, BAG, LIST, or SET in the non-abstract subtypes of this entity data type.

EXAMPLE 1 A function is written to accept an aggregate of numbers. It shall return the same type of aggregate passed containing the scaled numbers.

```
FUNCTION scale(input : AGGREGATE:intype OF REAL;
               scalar: REAL): AGGREGATE:intype OF REAL;
LOCAL
    result : AGGREGATE:intype OF REAL := input;
END_LOCAL;

IF SIZEOF(['BAG','SET'] * TYPEOF(input)) > 0 THEN
```

```

    REPEAT i := LOINDEX(input) TO HIINDEX(input);
        result := result - input[i];          -- remove the original
        result := result + scalar*input[i];    -- insert the scaled
    END_REPEAT;
ELSE
    REPEAT i := LOINDEX(input) TO HIINDEX(input);
        result[i] := scalar*input[i];
    END_REPEAT;
END_IF;

RETURN(result);
END_FUNCTION;

```

9.5.3.2 Generic data type

A GENERIC data type is a generalization of all other data types.

When a procedure or function is invoked with a generic parameter, the actual parameter passed may not be of GENERIC data type. The operations that can be performed depend on the data type of the actual parameter.

NOTE Type labels (see 9.5.3.4) may be used to ensure that, at the time of invocation, two or more parameters that are represented by GENERIC data types are of the same data type, or that the return data type is the same as one of the passed parameters, irrespective of the actual data types passed.

Syntax:

```

231 generic_type = GENERIC [ ':' type_label ]
329 type_label = type_label_id | type_label_ref .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) A GENERIC data type shall only be used as a formal parameter type of a function or procedure, or as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure.
- b) If a GENERIC data type is used as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure, type label references are required for this usage. The type label references shall refer to type labels declared by the formal parameters (see 9.5.3.4).

EXAMPLE 1 This example shows a general purpose function that adds numbers or vectors.

```

FUNCTION add(a,b: GENERIC:intype): GENERIC:intype;
    LOCAL
        nr : NUMBER; -- integer or real
        vr : vector;
    END_LOCAL;

    IF ('NUMBER' IN TYPEOF(a)) AND ('NUMBER' IN TYPEOF(b)) THEN
        nr := a+b;
        RETURN(nr);
    ELSE
        IF ('THIS_SCHEMA.VECTOR' IN TYPEOF(a)) AND
            ('THIS_SCHEMA.VECTOR' IN TYPEOF(b)) THEN
            vr := vector(a.i + b.i,

```

```

        a.j + b.j,
        a.k + b.k);
    RETURN(vr);
END_IF;
END_IF;
RETURN (?); --"add" if we receive input that is invalid, return a no-value
END_FUNCTION;

```

9.5.3.3 Generic entity data type

A `GENERIC_ENTITY` data type is a generalization of all entity data types.

When a procedure or function with a formal parameter that is defined to be a `GENERIC_ENTITY` data type is invoked, the actual parameter passed shall be an entity instance. The operations that can be performed depend on the data type of the actual parameter.

NOTE Type labels (see 9.5.3.4) may be used to ensure that, at the time of invocation, two or more parameters that are represented by `GENERIC_ENTITY` data types are of the same data type, or that the return data type is the same as one of the passed parameters, irrespective of the actual data types passed.

When an explicit or derived attribute in the data type declaration of an `ABSTRACT ENTITY` is represented by a `GENERIC_ENTITY` data type, this attribute shall in the subtypes of the entity be declared to be a specific entity data type.

Syntax:

```

230 generic_entity_type = GENERIC_ENTITY [ ':' type_label ] .
329 type_label = type_label_id | type_label_ref .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) A `GENERIC_ENTITY` data type shall only be used as a formal parameter type of a function or procedure, or as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure, or as the representation of an explicit or derived attribute in an `ABSTRACT ENTITY` data type declaration.
- b) If a `GENERIC_ENTITY` data type is used as the result type of a function, or as the type of a local variable within a function or procedure, type label references are required for this usage. The type label references shall refer to type labels declared by the formal parameters (see 9.5.3.4).

EXAMPLE 1 The following function checks whether a particular instance `sample` is referenced from two instances `type1` and `type2` of known entity data types. Declaring the formal parameter `sample` to be of type `GENERIC_ENTITY` allows instances of any entity data types to be valid input to this function.

```

FUNCTION check_relating (type1 : instance_of_type_1;
                        type2 : instance_of_type_2;
                        sample : GENERIC_ENTITY): BOOLEAN;
    RETURN ((type1 IN USEDIN(sample, ''))
        AND
        (type2 IN USEDIN(sample, '')));
END_FUNCTION;

```

9.5.3.4 Type labels

Type labels shall be used to relate the data type of an attribute or actual parameter at invocation to the data types of other attributes or actual parameters, local variables, or the return type of a function. Type labels are declared for:

- AGGREGATE, GENERIC_ENTITY, and GENERIC data types within the formal parameter declaration of a function or procedure. They may then be referenced by AGGREGATE, GENERIC_ENTITY, or GENERIC data types in the formal parameter declaration or the local variable declaration of a FUNCTION or PROCEDURE, or the declaration of the returned data type of a FUNCTION.
- AGGREGATE and GENERIC_ENTITY data types within the declaration of explicit or derived attributes of abstract entities. They may then be referenced by AGGREGATE or GENERIC_ENTITY data types in the remainder of the entity data type declaration.

Syntax:

```
329 type_label = type_label_id | type_label_ref .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The first occurrence of a type label in the declaration of a formal parameter or an explicit or derived attribute declares that type label; subsequent occurrences of that type label are references to the first occurrence.
- b) The parameters passed to a function or procedure which use a reference to a type label shall be compatible with the data type of the parameter passed that declares the type label.
- c) The data types of local variables and return types of functions that refer via a type label to a parameter data type shall be identical to the parameter data type that declares the type label.
- d) The data types of attributes that refer via a type label to an attribute data type shall be identical to the attribute data type that declares the type label.

EXAMPLE This example indicates how type labels may be used for type compatibility checks at invocation of a function.

```
ENTITY a;
...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY b SUBTYPE OF (a);
...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY c SUBTYPE OF (b);
...
END_ENTITY;

...
```

```

FUNCTION test ( p1: GENERIC:x; p2: GENERIC:x): GENERIC:x;
...      --      ^      ^      ^
...      --      declaration  reference  reference
END_FUNCTION;

...

LOCAL
  v_a : a := a(...);
  v_b : b := a(...)||b(...);  -- || operator is described in 12.10
  v_c : c := a(...)||b(...)||c(...);
  v_x : b;
END_LOCAL;

v_x := test(v_b, v_a);  -- invalid v_a is not compatible with type b
v_x := test(v_a, v_b);  -- invalid assignment, function will return a type a

```

Further examples of type label usage are in clause 15.

9.5.3.5 General aggregation data types

General aggregation data types form part of the class of types called generalized data types. A general aggregation data type represents a generalization of the corresponding aggregation data types (ARRAY, BAG, LIST and SET) that allows the element type to be a generalized data type. That is, a **general_list_type** is a generalization of the **list_type**, as specified below, and similarly for array, bag and set types.

Syntax:

```

224 general_aggregation_types = general_array_type | general_bag_type |
                                general_list_type | general_set_type .
225 general_array_type = ARRAY [ bound_spec ] OF [ OPTIONAL ] [ UNIQUE ]
                                parameter_type .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
226 general_bag_type = BAG [ bound_spec ] OF parameter_type .
227 general_list_type = LIST [ bound_spec ] OF [ UNIQUE ] parameter_type .
229 general_set_type = SET [ bound_spec ] OF parameter_type .

```

The general aggregation data type generalizes the corresponding aggregation data type in the following ways:

- a general array type can be specified without specifying the index values. This is done by not specifying a bound spec for the array in the formal parameter specification;

NOTE The functions **HINDEX** and **LOINDEX** should be used in the algorithmic part to determine the actual indexing system of the array.

- the underlying data type may be a **GENERIC**, **GENERIC ENTITY**, **AGGREGATE**, or general aggregation data type when used as formal parameter to a function or procedure, or **GENERIC ENTITY**, **AGGREGATE**, or general aggregation data type when used in an **ABSTRACT ENTITY**. This is specified more formally below.

Let **G** be the general aggregation data type, and **EG** be the (generalized) data type of its elements. For a formal parameter to a function or procedure, let **A** be the data type of the corresponding actual parameter; for an attribute of an abstract entity data type, let **A** be the data type of the redeclared attribute of a non-abstract subtype: and in either case, let **EA** be the data type of the elements of **A**.

- If **G** is a general array type, **A** shall be an **ARRAY** data type. If the index range of **G** is specified, the index range of **A** shall be identical.
- If **G** is a general bag type, **A** shall be a **BAG** data type. If the bounds of **G** are specified, the bounds of **A** shall be identical.
- If **G** is a general list type, **A** shall be a **LIST** data type. If the bounds of **G** are specified, the bounds of **A** shall be identical.
- If **G** is a general set type, **A** shall be a **SET** data type. If the bounds of **G** are specified, the bounds of **A** shall be identical.
- If **EG** is any generalized data type, then **EA** shall conform to **EG** as specified for that generalized data type in this subclause (9.5).
- If **EG** is not a generalized data type, then **EA** shall be assignment compatible with **EG**, as specified in 13.3.

EXAMPLE This example indicates how a **SET** may be written in a formal parameter declaration. This could not be written in an attribute declaration since the underlying type for **SET** does not include **GENERIC**.

```
FUNCTION dimensions(input: SET [2:3] OF GENERIC): INTEGER;
```

9.5.4 Local variables

Variables local to an algorithm are declared after the **LOCAL** keyword. A local variable is only visible within the scope of the algorithm in which it is declared. Local variables may be assigned values and may participate in expressions.

Syntax:

```
252 local_decl = LOCAL local_variable { local_variable } END_LOCAL ';' .
253 local_variable = variable_id { ',' variable_id } ':' parameter_type
                    [ ':' expression ] ';' .
266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
```

Initialization of local variables

A local variable may appear in the initialization of another dependent local variable. The declaration of dependent local variables shall be acyclic. If no initializer is given the indeterminate (?) value is assigned to the local variable.

NOTE 1 The requirement for acyclic local variable declarations is to ensure that there is always a valid initialization, which does have to be in the order of declaration.

NOTE 2 Since indeterminate (?) is compatible with all data types explicit initialization with the indeterminate (?) value is allowed.

EXAMPLE The variable `r_result` is initialized with a value of 0.0

LOCAL

```

    r_result : REAL := 0.0;
    i_result : INTEGER;
END_LOCAL;
...
EXISTS(r_result) -- TRUE
EXISTS(i_result) -- FALSE assuming there has been no value assigned

```

9.6 Rule

Rules permit the definition of constraints that apply to one or more entity data types within the scope of a schema. Local rules (these are the uniqueness constraints and domain rules in an entity declaration) declare constraints that apply individually to every instance of an entity data type. A RULE declaration permits the definition of constraints that apply collectively to the entire domain of an entity data type, or to instances of more than one entity data type. One application of a RULE is to constrain the values of attributes that exist in different entities in a coordinated manner.

A rule declaration names the rule and specifies the entities affected by it.

Syntax:

```

291 rule_decl = rule_head algorithm_head { stmt } where_clause END_RULE ';' .
292 rule_head = RULE rule_id FOR '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')' ';' .
173 algorithm_head = { declaration } [ constant_decl ] [ local_decl ] .
199 declaration = entity_decl | function_decl | procedure_decl |
                subtype_constraint_decl type_decl .

```

The body of a rule consists of local declarations, executable statements and domain rules. The end state of a rule indicates whether or not some global constraint is satisfied. A rule is evaluated by executing the statements and then evaluating each of the domain rules. If a rule is violated for the set of instances of the entity data types passed as parameters, the instances do not conform to the EXPRESS schema.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) Each domain rule shall evaluate to either a LOGICAL value or indeterminate (?).
- b) The expression is asserted when it evaluates to a value of TRUE; it is violated when it evaluates to a value of FALSE; and it is neither violated nor asserted when the expression evaluates to a indeterminate (?) or an UNKNOWN value.
- c) No domain rule shall be violated for a valid collection of entity instances of the entity data types specified in the header of the rule.
- d) For a collection of instances to be in a valid domain, all global rules specified for that domain must be asserted. This includes asserting rules for entity data types for which there are no instances in the collection of instances under test.

NOTE A global rule may be written to ensure that at least one instance of a specified data type exists. Not checking this rule due to no instances of the specified entity data type would not enforce the required semantics.

EXAMPLE 1 The following rule demands that there are equal numbers of points in the first and seventh octants.

```

RULE point_match FOR (point);
LOCAL
    first_oct ,
    seventh_oct : SET OF POINT := []; -- empty set of point (see 12.9)
END_LOCAL
    first_oct := QUERY(temp <* point | (temp.x > 0) AND
                                      (temp.y > 0) AND
                                      (temp.z > 0) );
    seventh_oct := QUERY(temp <* point | (temp.x < 0) AND
                                      (temp.y < 0) AND
                                      (temp.z < 0) );
WHERE
    SIZEOF(first_oct) = SIZEOF(seventh_oct);
END_RULE;

```

EXAMPLE 2 A RULE may be used to specify joint value uniqueness for entity attributes.

```

ENTITY b;
    a1 : c;
    a2 : d;
    a3 : f;
UNIQUE
    ur1 : a1, a2;
END_ENTITY;

```

The joint uniqueness constraint in **b** applies to instances of **c** and **d**. The following RULE further constrains the joint uniqueness to be value-based.

```

RULE vu FOR (b);
    ENTITY temp;
        a1 : c;
        a2 : d;
    END_ENTITY;
LOCAL
    s : SET OF temp := [];
END_LOCAL;
REPEAT i := 1 TO SIZEOF(b);
    s := s + temp(b[i].a1, b[i].a2);
END_REPEAT;
WHERE
    wr1 : VALUE_UNIQUE(s);
END_RULE;

```

Implicit declaration

Within a RULE, each **population** is implicitly declared to be a local variable that contains the set of all instances of the named entity data type in the domain. This set of entity instances is governed by the rule.

Syntax:

```
267 population = entity_ref .
```

Rules and restrictions:

References to a particular **population** may only be made in a global rule that references the corresponding entity data type in the header of the rule.

EXAMPLE 3 Assuming the following declaration:

```
RULE coincident FOR (point);
```

the implicitly declared variable would be:

```
LOCAL
  point : SET OF point;
END_LOCAL;
```

9.7 Subtype constraints

The concepts of subtypes and supertypes are specified in 9.2.3. The concept of subtype/supertype constraints is specified in 9.2.5. It is possible to specify constraints on which subtype/supertype graphs may be instantiated outside the declaration of an entity. These may be specified by declaring a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

Syntax:

```
315 subtype_constraint_decl = subtype_constraint_head subtype_constraint_body
                             END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT ';' .
316 subtype_constraint_head = SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT subtype_constraint_id FOR
                             entity_ref ';' .
314 subtype_constraint_body = [ abstract_supertype ] [ total_over ]
                             [ supertype_expression ';' ] .
165 abstract_supertype = ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE ';' .
326 total_over = TOTAL_OVER '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')' ';' .
320 supertype_expression = supertype_factor { ANDOR supertype_factor } .
321 supertype_factor = supertype_term { AND supertype_term } .
323 supertype_term = entity_ref | one_of | '(' supertype_expression ')' .
263 one_of = ONEOF '(' supertype_expression { ',' supertype_expression } ')' .
```

The SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT is used to specify the following constraints on the possible supertype/subtype instantiation:

- that the supertype is abstract and should only be instantiated through its subtypes;
- that a collection of the subtypes for the supertype provides a total coverage; that is, if a total coverage is specified, an instance of any subtype of the supertype shall also be an instance of at least one of the subtypes specified in the TOTAL_OVER specification;
- the relationship between some of the subtypes.

Each of these different areas will be discussed in more detail in the following subclauses. Annex B provides the formal approach to determining the potential combinations of subtype/supertype which may be instantiated under the several possible constraints that are described below.

9.7.1 Abstract supertype constraint

The ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE declaration specified in 9.2.5.1 may also be declared in a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

Rules and restrictions:

An ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE is defined by a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT for the supertype including the ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE keywords.

EXAMPLE In a general classification model, we may wish to identify an entity called **class**, which in this context is instantiable. In a more specific model, we may wish to use the **class** ENTITY, but constrain it such that it may only be instantiated through its locally declared subtypes.

```

SCHEMA general_classification_model;

ENTITY class;
    name : class_name;
END_ENTITY;

END_SCHEMA;

SCHEMA specific_classification_model;

USE FROM general_classification_model;

ENTITY class_of_facility
    SUBTYPE OF (class);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY class_of_organization
    SUBTYPE OF (class);
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT independent_classification FOR class;
    ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
    ONEOF(class_of_facility, class_of_organization);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

END_SCHEMA;

```

9.7.2 Total coverage subtypes

A total coverage TOTAL_OVER constraint specifies that every instance of the supertype shall be an instance of one or more of a given set of subtypes. That is, for a given context, the domain of the supertype is exactly equal to the set union of the domains of the named subtypes.

EXAMPLE 1 The concept person is totally covered by the concepts of male and female. There may be other concepts, but each person is either male or female. Therefore, we can say that person is totally covered by male and female.

If two or more subtype constraints specify TOTAL_OVER constraints for the same entity data type, these TOTAL_OVER constraints are considered in combination, this means, TOTAL_OVER (a,b) and TOTAL_OVER (c,d) shall both be satisfied.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) All subtypes specified in the one or several TOTAL_OVER constraints for a given supertype shall be direct subtypes of that supertype.
- b) Instances of other subtypes, however those subtypes are defined or constrained, shall also be instances of one or more of the subtypes named in the TOTAL_OVER specification.
- c) Since a supertype may have more than one context, it may also have more than one TOTAL_OVER constraints.

EXAMPLE 2 The following specifies that each **person** is either a **male** or a **female**. The example says nothing about the relationship between **male** and **female**, and it is possible to create an instance that is both **male** and **female**. The subtype **employee** shall always be combined with the concepts of **male** and **female** and can not be instantiated independently.

```
ENTITY person;
  name : personal_name;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY male
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY female
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY employee
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT person_sex FOR person;
  ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
  TOTAL_OVER (male, female);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

9.7.3 Overlapping subtypes and their specification

Two or more direct subtypes of a particular supertype may be allowed to have overlapping instantiations for a particular context. The SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT specification may be used to specify how a particular group of direct subtypes are related.

9.7.3.1 ONEOF

The ONEOF constraint specified in 9.2.5.2 may be declared in a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

EXAMPLE An instance of a supertype may be established through the instantiation of only one of its subtypes. This constraint is declared using the ABSTRACT and ONEOF constraints. There are many kinds of **pet**, but no single **pet** can be simultaneously two or more kinds of **pet**.

```
ENTITY pet
  name : pet_name;
  ...
END_ENTITY;
```

```

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT separate_species FOR pet;
  ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
  ONEOF(cat, rabbit, dog, ... );
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

```

```

ENTITY cat
  SUBTYPE OF (pet);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

```

ENTITY rabbit
  SUBTYPE OF (pet);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

```

ENTITY dog
  SUBTYPE OF (pet);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.7.3.2 ANDOR

The ANDOR constraint specified in 9.2.5.3 may be declared in a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

EXAMPLE A **person** could be an **employee** who is taking night classes and who may, therefore, be simultaneously both an **employee** and a **student**.

```

ENTITY person
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

```

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT employee_may_be_student FOR person;
  employee ANDOR student;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

```

```

ENTITY employee
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

```

ENTITY student
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

9.7.3.3 AND

The AND constraint specified in 9.2.5.4 may be declared in a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

EXAMPLE A **person** could be categorized into being either **male** or **female**, and could also be categorized into being either a **citizen** or an **alien**.

```

ENTITY person;
  ...
END_ENTITY;

```

```

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT no_mixing FOR person;
  SUPERTYPE OF

```

```
(ONEOF(male, female) AND
  ONEOF(citizen, alien));
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

```
ENTITY male
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
...
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY female
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
...
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY citizen
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
...
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY alien
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
...
END_ENTITY;
```

10 Scope and visibility

An EXPRESS declaration creates an identifier which can be used to reference the declared item in other parts of the schema (or in other schemas). Some EXPRESS constructs implicitly declare EXPRESS items, attaching identifiers to them. In those areas where an identifier for a declared item may be referenced, the declared item is said to be visible. An item may only be referenced where its identifier is visible. For the rules of visibility, see 10.2. For further information on referring to items using their identifiers, see 12.7.

Certain EXPRESS items define a region (block) of text called the scope of the item. This scope limits the visibility of identifiers declared within it. Scopes can be nested; that is, an EXPRESS item which establishes a scope may be included within the scope of another item. There are constraints on which items may appear within a particular EXPRESS item's scope. These constraints are usually enforced by the syntax of EXPRESS (see annex A).

For each of the items specified in Table 9 the following subclauses specify the limits of the scope defined, if any, and the visibility of the declared identifier both in general terms and with specific details.

10.1 Scope rules

The following are the general rules which are applicable to all forms of scope definition allowed within the EXPRESS language; see Table 9 for the list of items which define scopes.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) All declarations shall exist within a scope.
- b) Within a single scope an identifier may be declared, or explicitly interfaced (see clause 11), once only. An entity or type identifier which has been explicitly interfaced into the current

Table 9 – Scope and identifier defining items

Item	Scope	Identifier
alias statement	•	• ¹
attribute		•
constant		•
enumeration		•
entity	•	•
function	•	•
parameter		•
procedure	•	•
query expression	•	• ¹
repeat statement	•	• ^{1,2}
rule	•	• ³
rule label		•
schema	•	•
subtype constraint	•	•
type	•	•
type label		•
variable		•

NOTE 1 The identifier is an implicitly declared variable within the defined scope of the declaration.

NOTE 2 The variable is only implicitly declared when an increment control is specified.

NOTE 3 An implicit variable declaration is made for all entities which are constrained by the rule.

schema via two, or more, routes which share the same initial declaration is counted only once.

- c) The scopes shall be correctly nested, that is, scopes shall not overlap. (This is forced by the syntax of the language.)

A maximum permitted depth of nesting is not specified by this part of ISO 10303 but implementations of EXPRESS parsers may specify a maximum depth of scope nesting.

10.2 Visibility rules

The visibility rules for identifiers are described below. See Table 9 for the list of EXPRESS items which declare identifiers.

Rules and restrictions:

- a) An identifier is visible in the scope in which it is declared. This scope is called the local scope of the identifier.
- b) If an identifier is visible in a particular scope, it is also visible in all scopes defined within that scope, subject to rule (d).
- c) An identifier is not visible in any scope outside its local scope, subject to rule (f).

- d) When an identifier *i* visible in a scope *P* is re-declared in some inner scope *Q* enclosed within *P*, then:
- If the *i* declared in *P* refers to a named data type or a type label and the *i* declared in *Q* does not refer to a named data type or a type label, then both the *i* declared in *P* and the *i* declared in *Q* are visible in *Q*.
 - Otherwise; only the *i* declared in scope *Q* is visible in *Q* and any scopes declared within *Q*. The *i* declared in scope *P* is visible in *P* and in any inner scopes which do not re-declare *i*.
- e) The built-in constants, functions, procedures and types of EXPRESS are considered to be declared in an imaginary universal scope. All schemas are nested within this scope. The identifiers which refer to the built-in constants, functions, procedures, types of EXPRESS, and schemas are visible in all scopes defined by EXPRESS.
- f) Enumeration item identifiers declared within the scope of a defined data type are visible wherever the defined data type is visible, unless this outer scope contains a declaration of the same identifier for some other item.

NOTE If the next outer scope contains a declaration of the same identifier, the enumeration items are still accessible, but have to be prefixed by the defined data type identifier (see 12.7.2).

- g) Declarations in one schema are made visible to items in another schema by the interface specification (see clause 11).

EXAMPLE The following schema shows examples of identifiers and references which are allowed according to the above rules.

SCHEMA example;

```

CONSTANT
  b : INTEGER := 1 ;
  c : BOOLEAN := TRUE ;
END_CONSTANT;

TYPE enum = ENUMERATION OF ( e, f, g );
END_TYPE;

ENTITY entity1;
  a : INTEGER;
WHERE
  wr1: a > 0 ;    --"entity1.wr1" obeys rule (a): a is visible in local scope
  wr2: a <> b ;   --"entity1.wr2" obeys rule (b): b is visible from outer scope
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY entity2;
  c : REAL;      --"entity2.c" obeys rule (c) constant c invisible here
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY d;
  attr1 : INTEGER;
  attr2 : enum;
WHERE
  wr1: ODD(attr1); --"d.wr1" obeys rule (d) ODD is visible anywhere
  wr2: attr2 <> e;  --"d.wr2" obeys rule (e) e is visible outside the scope

```

```
END_ENTITY;          --"d.wr2"          defined by the type enum

END_SCHEMA;
```

10.3 Explicit item rules

The following subclauses provide more detail on how the general scoping and visibility rules apply to the various EXPRESS items.

10.3.1 Alias statement

See 13.2 for the definition of the ALIAS statement.

Visibility : The implicitly declared identifier in an alias statement is visible in the scope defined by that alias statement.

Scope : An alias statement defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword ALIAS to the keyword END_ALIAS which terminates that alias statement.

10.3.2 Attribute

Visibility : An attribute identifier is visible in the scope of the entity in which it is declared and all subtypes of that entity.

10.3.3 Constant

Visibility : A constant identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, rule or schema in which it is declared.

10.3.4 Enumeration item

Visibility : An enumeration item identifier is visible in every scope where the defined data type in which the enumeration item is declared is visible, unless this outer scope contains a declaration of the same identifier for some other item.

10.3.5 Entity

Visibility : An entity identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, rule or schema in which it is declared. An entity identifier remains visible, under the conditions defined in 10.2, within inner scopes which redeclare that identifier.

Scope : An entity declaration defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword ENTITY to the keyword END_ENTITY which terminates that entity declaration. Attributes declared in a supertype of an entity are visible in the subtype entity through inheritance.

NOTE The scope of the subtype entity is not considered to be nested within the scope of the supertype.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of an entity declaration:

- attribute (explicit, derived and inverse);
- rule label (unique and domain rules);

EXAMPLE 1 The attribute identifiers **batt** in the two entities do not clash as they are declared in two different scopes.

```
ENTITY entity1;  
  aatt : INTEGER;  
  batt : INTEGER;  
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY entity2;  
  a      : entity1;  
  batt : INTEGER;  
END_ENTITY;
```

EXAMPLE 2 The following specification is illegal because the attribute identifier **aatt** is both inherited and declared within the scope of **illegal** (see 9.2.3.3). The rule label **lab** in the two entities do not clash since they are in separate scopes; a valid instance of **illegal**, ignoring the error with attribute **aatt**, obeys both domain rules.

```
ENTITY may_be_ok;  
  quantity : REAL;  
  aatt : REAL;  
WHERE  
  lab : quantity >= 0.0;  
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY illegal  
  SUBTYPE OF (may_be_ok);  
  aatt : INTEGER;  
  batt : INTEGER;  
WHERE  
  lab : batt < 0;  
END_ENTITY;
```

10.3.6 Function

Visibility : A function identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, rule or schema in which it is declared.

Scope : A function declaration defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword **FUNCTION** to the keyword **END_FUNCTION** which terminates that function declaration.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of a function declaration:

- constant;
- entity;
- enumeration;
- function;
- parameter;
- procedure;

- type;
- type label;
- variable.

EXAMPLE The following is illegal, as the formal parameter identifier `parm` is also used as the identifier of a local variable.

```
FUNCTION illegal(parm : REAL) : LOGICAL;
LOCAL
  parm : STRING;
END_LOCAL;
...
END_FUNCTION;
```

10.3.7 Parameter

Visibility : A formal parameter identifier is visible in the scope of the function or procedure in which it is declared.

10.3.8 Procedure

Visibility : A procedure identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, rule or schema in which it is declared.

Scope : A procedure declaration defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword `PROCEDURE` to the keyword `END_PROCEDURE` which terminates that procedure declaration.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of a procedure declaration:

- constant;
- entity;
- enumeration;
- function;
- parameter;
- procedure;
- type;
- type label;
- variable.

10.3.9 Query expression

See 12.6.7 for the definition of the `QUERY` expression.

Visibility : The implicitly declared identifier in a query expression is visible in the scope defined by that query expression.

Scope : A query expression defines a new scope. This scope extends from the opening parenthesis '(' after the keyword QUERY to the closing parenthesis ')' which terminates that query expression.

10.3.10 Repeat statement

See 13.9 for the definition of the REPEAT statement.

Visibility : The implicitly declared identifier in an increment-controlled repeat statement is visible within the scope of that repeat statement.

Scope : A repeat statement defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword REPEAT to the keyword END_REPEAT which terminates that repeat statement.

10.3.11 Rule

Visibility : A rule identifier is visible in the scope of the schema in which it is declared.

NOTE The rule identifier may be used by implementations or in a remark tag (see 7.1.6.3).

Scope : A rule declaration defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword RULE to the keyword END_RULE which terminates that rule declaration.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of a rule declaration:

- constant;
- entity;
- enumeration;
- function;
- procedure;
- rule label;
- type;
- variable.

EXAMPLE The following is illegal, since the identifier **point** of the entity affected by the rule, which is implicitly declared as a variable inside the rule, is also explicitly declared as a local variable.

```
RULE illegal FOR (point);
LOCAL
    point : STRING;
END_LOCAL;
...
END_RULE;
```

10.3.12 Rule label

Visibility : A rule label is visible in the scope of the entity, rule or type in which it is declared.

NOTE The rule label may be used by implementations or in a remark tag (see 7.1.6.3).

10.3.13 Schema

Visibility : A schema identifier is visible to all other schemas.

NOTE A conformant implementation may provide a scoping mechanism which allows a collection of schemas to be treated as a scope.

Scope : A schema declaration defines a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword `SCHEMA` to the keyword `END_SCHEMA` which terminates that schema declaration.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of a schema declaration:

- constant;
- entity;
- enumeration;
- function;
- procedure;
- rule;
- subtype constraint;
- type.

EXAMPLE The following schema is illegal on two counts. The identifier `adef` has been imported via the `USE` clause but has been redeclared as the name of a type. In the second case, the name `fdef` has been used as the identifier for two declarations (which happen to be an entity and a function, although the item type is irrelevant).

```
SCHEMA incorrect;
USE FROM another_schema (adef);

FUNCTION fdef(parm : NUMBER) : INTEGER;
...
END_FUNCTION;

TYPE adef = STRING;
END_TYPE;

ENTITY fdef;
...
END_ENTITY;

END_SCHEMA;
```

10.3.14 Subtype constraint

Visibility : A subtype constraint identifier is visible in the scope of the schema in which it is declared.

NOTE The subtype constraint identifier may be used by implementations or in a remark tag (see 7.1.6.3).

Scope : A subtype constraint extends the scope of the entity for which it is declared. This scope extension extends from the keyword SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT to the keyword END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT which terminates that subtype constraint declaration.

10.3.15 Type

Visibility : A type identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, rule or schema in which it is declared. A type identifier remains visible, under the conditions defined in 10.2, within inner scopes which redeclare that identifier.

Scope : A type declaration creates a new scope. This scope extends from the keyword TYPE to the keyword END_TYPE which terminates that type declaration.

Declarations : The following EXPRESS items may declare identifiers which are visible within the scope of a type declaration:

- enumeration;
- rule label (domain rule);

10.3.16 Type label

Visibility : A type label is visible in the scope of

- the entity and all subtypes of that entity,
- the function, or
- the procedure

in which it is declared. It is implicitly declared by its first appearance in the scope. For functions and procedures, the first appearance shall be in the formal parameter specification, and a type label thus declared may be referenced elsewhere in the formal parameter specification or in the local declarations of the function or procedure. If it is declared in a function, the type label may be referenced in the result type specification of the function.

10.3.17 Variable

Visibility : A variable identifier is visible in the scope of the function, procedure, or rule in which it is declared.

11 Interface specification

This clause specifies the constructs which enable items declared in one schema to be visible in another. There are two interface specifications (USE and REFERENCE), both of which enable

item visibility. The USE specification allows items declared in one schema to be independently instantiated in the schema specifying the USE construct.

An entity instance is independent if it does not play the role described by an attribute of any other entity instance. ROLESOF (see 15.20) for an independent entity instance will return an empty set. An entity data type that was either declared locally within or USE'd by the schema may be instantiated independently or play the role described by an attribute of an entity within the schema.

An entity that is either explicitly REFERENCE'd or implicitly interfaced shall only be instantiated to play the role described by an attribute of an instantiation of an entity in the schema.

Syntax:

```
242 interface_specification = reference_clause | use_clause .
```

A foreign declaration is any declaration (such as an entity) which appears in a foreign schema (any schema other than the current schema).

A further distinction between the two forms of interface is that the USE specification applies to only named data types (entity data types and defined data types), while the REFERENCE specification applies to all declarations except rules and schemas.

A foreign EXPRESS item may be given a new name in the current schema. The EXPRESS item shall be referred to in the current schema by the new name if given following the AS keyword.

11.1 Use interface specification

An entity data type or defined data type declared in a foreign schema is made usable by way of a USE specification. The USE specification gives the name of the foreign schema and optionally the names of entity data types or defined data types declared therein. If there are no **named_types** specified, all of the named data types declared within or USE'd by the foreign schema are treated as if declared locally.

Syntax:

```
336 use_clause = USE FROM schema_ref [ '(' named_type_or_rename
      { ',' named_type_or_rename } ')' ] ';' .
259 named_type_or_rename = named_types [ AS ( entity_id | type_id ) ] .
```

11.2 Reference interface specification

A REFERENCE specification enables the following EXPRESS items, declared in a foreign schema, to be visible in the current schema:

- Constant;
- Entity;
- Function;

- Procedure;
- Type.

The REFERENCE specification gives the name of the foreign schema, and optionally the names of EXPRESS items declared therein. If there are no names specified, all the EXPRESS items declared in or USE'd by the foreign schema are visible within the current schema.

Syntax:

```

281 reference_clause = REFERENCE FROM schema_ref [ '(' resource_or_rename
                        { ',' resource_or_rename } ')' ] ';' .
288 resource_or_rename = resource_ref [ AS rename_id ] .
289 resource_ref = constant_ref | entity_ref | function_ref | procedure_ref |
                        type_ref .
284 rename_id = constant_id | entity_id | function_id | procedure_id | type_id .

```

REFERENCE'd foreign declarations are not treated as local declarations, and therefore cannot be independently instantiated, but may be instantiated to play the role described by an attribute of an entity in the current schema.

11.3 The interaction of use and reference

If an entity data type or defined data type is both USE'd and REFERENCE'd into the current schema, the USE specification takes precedence.

EXAMPLE 1 The statements

```
USE FROM s1 (a1);
```

```
REFERENCE FROM s1 (a1);
```

treat **a1** as a local declaration.

When a named data type is USE'd into the current schema, that named data type may be USE'd or REFERENCE'd from the current schema by another schema (that means, USE specifications may be chained between schemas).

EXAMPLE 2 Given the following two schema declarations:

```

SCHEMA s1;
  ENTITY e1;
  END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;

```

```

SCHEMA s2;
USE FROM s1 (e1 AS e2);
END_SCHEMA;

```

the following specifications are equivalent.

```

SCHEMA s3;
USE FROM s1 (e1 AS e2);
END_SCHEMA;

```

```

SCHEMA s3;
USE FROM s2 (e2);
END_SCHEMA;

```

Since REFERENCE does not treat the EXPRESS items REFERENCE'd as local it is not possible to chain REFERENCE's.

11.4 Implicit interfaces

A foreign declaration may refer to identifiers which are not visible to the current schema. Those EXPRESS items referred to implicitly are required for a full understanding of the current schema, but they are not visible to EXPRESS items declared in the current schema. Each implicitly interfaced item may in turn refer to other EXPRESS items which are not visible in the current schema; those EXPRESS items also are required for a full understanding of the current schema.

EXAMPLE Implicitly interfaced items, and chaining of implicit interfaces.

```
SCHEMA s1;

  TYPE t1 = REAL;
  END_TYPE;

  ENTITY e1;
    a : t1;
  END_ENTITY;

  ENTITY e2;
    a1 : e1;
  END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;

SCHEMA s2;
  REFERENCE FROM s1 (e2);

  ENTITY e3;
    a3 : e2;
  END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;
```

The entity **e2** is used as the data type of the attribute **a3**. Since **e2** requires **e1** in its definition, **e1** is implicitly interfaced by schema **s2**. However since **e1** has not been explicitly interfaced in **s2**, **e1** cannot be specifically mentioned within **s2**. Similarly **e1** requires **t1** in its definition; **t1** is therefore implicitly interfaced by schema **s2**.

In the following subclauses the word interfaced will be used to mean USE'd, REFERENCE'd or implicitly interfaced.

11.4.1 Constant interfaces

When a constant is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- any defined data types used in the declaration of the interfaced constant;
- any entity data types used in the declaration of the interfaced constant;
- any constants used in the declaration of the interfaced constant;
- any functions used in the declaration of the interfaced constant.

11.4.2 Defined data type interfaces

When a defined data type is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- any defined data types used in the declaration of the interfaced type, including the extensible defined data types that this interfaced type may extend using the `BASED-ON` keyword, but excluding any of the selectable items if the interfaced type is a `SELECT` type, also excluding those selectable items of select types that this interfaced type may be based on;
- any constants or functions used in the declaration of the representation of the interfaced defined data type;
- any constants or functions used within the domain rules of the interfaced defined data type;
- any defined data types represented by a `SELECT` data type whose selection list contains the interfaced defined data type.

EXAMPLE Implicit interface to a defined data type via a `SELECT` data type.

```

SCHEMA s1;
  TYPE sel1 = SELECT (e1,t1);
  END_TYPE;

  TYPE t1 = INTEGER;
  END_TYPE;

  ENTITY e1;
  ...
  END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;

SCHEMA s2;
REFERENCE FROM s1 (t1);
END_SCHEMA;

```

Schema `s2` contains an explicit reference to `t1`, and since `sel1` is represented by a `SELECT` which contains `t1`, `sel1` is implicitly referenced.

11.4.3 Entity data type interfaces

When an entity data type is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- all entity data types which are supertypes of the interfaced entity data type;
- NOTE The subtypes of the interfaced entity data type, whether or not they appear in a `SUPERTYPE OF` expression, are not implicitly interfaced as a result of this interface.
- all rules referring to the interfaced entity data type and zero or more other entity data types, all of which are either explicitly or implicitly interfaced in the current schema;
 - all subtype constraints for the interfaced entity data type;
 - any constants, defined data types, entity data types or functions used in the declaration of attributes of the interfaced entity data type;

- any constants, defined data types, entity data types or functions used within the domain rules of the interfaced entity data type;
- any defined data types represented by a SELECT data type which specifies the interfaced entity data type in its selection list.

Subtype/supertype graphs may be pruned as a result of only following the **SUBTYPE OF** links when collecting the implicit interfaces of an interfaced entity data type. The algorithm used to calculate the allowed instantiations of the resulting pruned subtype/supertype graph is given in annex C.

11.4.4 Function interfaces

When a function is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of parameters for the interfaced function;
- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of the returned type for the interfaced function;
- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of local variables within the interfaced function;
- any constants, functions or procedures used within the interfaced function.

11.4.5 Procedure interfaces

When a procedure is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of parameters for the interfaced procedure;
- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of local variables within the interfaced procedure;
- any constants, functions or procedures used within the interfaced procedure.

11.4.6 Rule interfaces

When a rule is interfaced, the following are implicitly interfaced:

- any defined data types or entity data types used in the declaration of local variables within the interfaced rule;
- any constants, functions, or procedures used within the interfaced rule.

11.4.7 Subtype constraint interfaces

When a subtype constraint is interfaced, nothing is implicitly interfaced.

The constraints specified in the interfaced subtype constraint are reformed upon interfacing so as not to allow any complex entity data type to be instantiated in the current schema that was not allowed in the foreign schema (see annex C).

12 Expression

Expressions are combinations of operators, operands and function calls which are evaluated to produce a value.

Syntax:

```

216 expression = simple_expression [ rel_op_extended simple_expression ] .
283 rel_op_extended = rel_op | IN | LIKE .
282 rel_op = '<' | '>' | '<=' | '>=' | '<>' | '=' | ':<:' | ':=:' .
305 simple_expression = term { add_like_op term } .
325 term = factor { multiplication_like_op factor } .
217 factor = simple_factor [ '**' simple_factor ] .
306 simple_factor = aggregate_initializer | entity_constructor |
                    enumeration_reference | interval | query_expression |
                    ( [ unary_op ] ( '(' expression ')' | primary ) ) .
331 unary_op = '+' | '-' | NOT .
269 primary = literal | ( qualifiable_factor { qualifier } ) .
257 multiplication_like_op = '*' | '/' | DIV | MOD | AND | '||' .
168 add_like_op = '+' | '-' | OR | XOR .

```

Some operators require one operand and other operators require two operands. Operators which require only one operand shall precede that operand. Operators which require two operands shall be written between those operands. This clause defines the operators and specifies the data types of the operands which may be used with each operator.

There are seven classes of operators:

- a) Arithmetic operators accept number operands and produce number results. The data type of the resulting value of an arithmetic operation depends upon the operator and the data types of the operands (see 12.1).
- b) Relational operators accept various data types as operands and produce LOGICAL (TRUE, FALSE or UNKNOWN) results.
- c) BINARY operators accept BINARY operands and produce BINARY results.
- d) LOGICAL operators accept LOGICAL operands and produce LOGICAL results.
- e) STRING operators accept STRING operands and produce STRING results.
- f) Aggregate operators combine aggregate values with other aggregate values or with individual elements in various ways and produce aggregate results.
- g) Component reference and index operators extract components from entity instances and aggregate values.

Evaluation of an expression is governed by the precedence of the operators which form part of the expression.

Expressions enclosed by parentheses are evaluated before being treated as a single operand.

Evaluation proceeds from left to right, with the highest precedence being evaluated first. Table 10 specifies the precedence rules for all of the operators of EXPRESS. Operators in the same row have the same precedence, and the rows are ordered by decreasing precedence.

Table 10 – Operator precedence

Precedence	Description	Operators
1	Component references	[] . \
2	Unary operators	+ - NOT
3	Exponentiation	**
4	Multiplication/Division	* / DIV MOD AND
5	Addition/Subtraction	- + OR XOR
6	Relational	= <> <= >= < > :=: :<>: IN LIKE
NOTE is the complex entity construction operator.		

An operand between two operators of different precedence is bound to the operator with the higher precedence. An operand between two operators of the same precedence is bound to the one on the left.

EXAMPLE $-10 * 2$ is evaluated as $(-10) * 2$ resulting in the value 100. $10/20 * 30$ is evaluated as $(10/20) * 30$ resulting in the value 15.0.

12.1 Arithmetic operators

Arithmetic operators which require one operand are identity (+) and negation (-). The operand shall be of numeric type (NUMBER, INTEGER or REAL). When the operator is +, the result is equal to the operand, when the operator is -, the result is the negation of the operand. When the operand is indeterminate (?) the result is indeterminate (?) irrespective of which operator is used.

The arithmetic operators which require two operands are addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (*), real division (/), exponentiation (**), integer division (DIV), and modulo (MOD). The operands shall be of numeric type (NUMBER, INTEGER or REAL).

The addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and exponentiation operators perform the mathematical operations of the same name. With the exception of division they produce an integer result if both operands are of data type INTEGER, a REAL result otherwise (subject to neither operand evaluating to indeterminate (?)). Real division (/) produces a real result (subject to neither operand evaluating to indeterminate (?)).

Modulo and integer division produce an integer result (subject to neither operand evaluating to indeterminate (?)). If either operand is of data type REAL, it is truncated to an INTEGER before the operation; thus, any fractional part is lost. If a and b are integers, it is always true that $(a \text{ DIV } b) * b + c * (a \text{ MOD } b) = a$, where $c=1$ for $b \geq 0$ and $c=-1$ for $b < 0$. The absolute value of $a \text{ MOD } b$ shall be less than the absolute value of b. The sign of $a \text{ MOD } b$ shall be the same as the sign of b.

If any operand to an arithmetic operator is indeterminate (?), the result of the operation shall be indeterminate (?).

Real number rounding

Rounding, when necessary, shall be determined from the precision p (either stated explicitly for a REAL type or an implementation limit as specified in annex E) using the following algorithm:

- a) convert the number representation to exponential format with all leading zeros removed;
- b) set the digit pointer k to point at the digit p places to the right of the decimal point.
- c) if the value of the real is positive, do the following:
 - if the digit at k is in the range 5..9, add 1 to the digit at $k - 1$, ignore the digit at k and all digits after. Goto step e;
 - if the digit at k is in the range 0..4, ignore digit at k and all digits after. Goto step h.
- d) if the value of the real is negative, do the following:
 - if the digit at k is in the range 6..9, add 1 to the digit at $k - 1$, ignore the digit at k and all digits after. Goto step e;
 - if the digit at k is in the range 0..5, ignore digit at k and all digits after. Goto step h.
- e) set the digit pointer k to $k - 1$.
- f) if the digit at k is in the range 0..9, goto step h.
- g) if the digit at k has the value 10, add 1 to the digit at $k - 1$, set the digit at k to 0. Goto step e.
- h) the number is now rounded.

NOTE The effect of this rounding mechanism is to round 0.5 to 1 and -0.5 to 0.

EXAMPLE This example shows the effect of defining the number of significant digits in the fraction part of a real number, that is, its precision.

LOCAL

```

distance : REAL(6);
x1, y1, z1 : REAL;
x2, y2, z2 : REAL;
END_LOCAL;
...
x1 := 0.; y1 := 0.; z1 := 0.;
x2 := 10.; y2 := 11.; z2 := 12.;
...
distance := SQRT((x2-x1)**2 + (y2-y1)**2 + (z2-z1)**2);
```

distance is computed to a value of 1.9104973...e+1 but has an actual value of 1.91050e+1 since the specification calls for six digits of precision; thus, only six significant digits are retained.

12.2 Relational operators

The relational operators consist of value comparison operators, instance comparison operators, membership (IN) and string match (LIKE). The result of a relational expression is a LOGI-

CAL value (TRUE, FALSE or UNKNOWN). If either operand evaluates to indeterminate (?) the expression evaluates to UNKNOWN.

12.2.1 Value comparison operators

The value-comparison operators are:

- equal (=);
- not equal (<>);
- greater than (>);
- less than (<);
- greater than or equal (>=);
- less than or equal (<=).

These operators may be applied to numeric, logical, string, and binary operands. These operators may also be applied to enumeration items declared in enumerations that are not extensible and that are not based on extensible enumerations. In addition, = and <> may be applied to values of aggregate and entity data types and enumeration items declared in extensible enumerations or enumerations based on extensible enumerations. See 12.11.

For two given values, *a* and *b*, *a* <> *b* is equivalent to NOT (*a* = *b*) for all data types. If *a* and *b* are neither aggregation nor entity data types, in addition:

- a) one of the following is TRUE: *a* < *b*, *a* = *b* or *a* > *b*
- b) *a* <= *b* is equivalent to (*a* < *b*) OR (*a* = *b*)
- c) *a* >= *b* is equivalent to (*a* > *b*) OR (*a* = *b*)

12.2.1.1 Numeric comparisons

The value comparison operators, when applied to numeric operands, shall correspond to the mathematical ordering of the real numbers.

NOTE Precision specifications are not considered when comparing two real numbers.

EXAMPLE Given:

```
a : REAL(3) := 1.23
b : REAL(5) := 1.2300;
```

the expression *a* = *b* evaluates to TRUE.

12.2.1.2 Binary comparisons

To compare two binary values, compare the bits in the same position in each value, starting with the first (leftmost) pair of bits, then the bits at the second position, and so on, until an unequal pair is found or until all bit pairs have been examined. If an unequal pair is found, the

binary value containing the 0 bit is less than the other binary value. No additional comparison is needed. If no unequal pair is found, the binary value which is shorter (using the `BLENGTH` function) is considered less than the other binary value. If both binary values are of the same length and all pairs are equal, the two binary values are equal.

12.2.1.3 Logical comparisons

Comparisons of two `LOGICAL` (or `BOOLEAN`) values shall observe the following ordering:

`FALSE < UNKNOWN < TRUE`.

12.2.1.4 String comparisons

To compare two string values, compare the characters in the same position in each value, starting with the first (leftmost) pair of characters, then the pair at the second position, and so on, until an unequal pair is found or until all character pairs have been examined. If an unequal pair is found, the string value containing the lesser character (as defined by the ISO/IEC 10646 octet values for the characters) is considered less than the other string value. No additional comparison is needed. If no unequal pair is found, the string value that is shorter (using the `LENGTH` function) is considered less than the other string value. If both string values are of the same length and all pairs are equal, the two string values are equal.

12.2.1.5 Enumeration item comparisons

Value comparison of enumeration items in an enumeration that is not extensible and that is not based on an extensible enumeration is based on their relative positions in the declaration of the enumeration data type. See rule (d) in 8.4.1.

For values whose data type is an extensible enumeration type or an enumeration type based on an extensible enumeration type, only comparison for equal or unequal is defined. Two such values are equal if they represent the same enumeration item, and unequal otherwise.

12.2.1.6 Aggregate value comparisons

The value comparison operators which are defined for aggregate values are equal (`=`) and not equal (`<>`). Two aggregate values can be compared only if their data types are compatible, see 12.11.

All aggregate comparisons shall check the number of elements in each of the operands: if `SIZEOF(a) <> SIZEOF(b)`, the aggregates are not equal. The aggregate comparisons compare the elements of the aggregate value using value comparisons. If any of the element comparisons evaluate to `FALSE`, the aggregate comparison evaluates to `FALSE`. If one or more of the element comparisons for a particular aggregate comparison evaluate to `UNKNOWN` and the remaining comparisons all evaluate to `TRUE`, the aggregate comparison evaluates to `UNKNOWN`. Otherwise the aggregate comparison evaluates to `TRUE`.

The definition of aggregate equality depends on the aggregate data types being compared.

- two arrays `a` and `b` are equal if and only if each element of `a` is value equal to the element of `b` at the same position, that is, `a[i] = b[i]` (12.6.1);
- two lists `a` and `b` are equal if and only if each element of `a` is value equal to the element of `b` at the same position;

- two bags or sets **a** and **b** are equal if and only if each element **VALUE_IN a** occurs the same number of times **VALUE_IN b** and each element **VALUE_IN b** also occurs the same number of times **VALUE_IN a**.

12.2.1.7 Entity value comparisons

Two entity instances are equal by value comparison if their corresponding attributes are value equal. Since entity instances may have attributes which are represented by entity data types, it is possible for instances to be self referential, in which case the entity instances are equal by value comparison if all the attributes which are represented by simple data types have the same values and the same attributes in both entity instances are self referential.

More precisely, suppose two instances **l** and **r** are to be compared. If **l ::= r, l = r**. Otherwise, make the following definitions:

- Define an ordering on the population of instances under consideration. In practice this population will be finite, so an ordering can be constructed.
- For the purposes of this discussion, define an aggregate indexing operator which observes this ordering such that for any aggregate **agg** and for any indices **i** and **j**, the condition **i < j** is equivalent to the condition **agg[i] < agg[j]**.
- Define a reference path to be a sequence of one or more attribute or index references. To apply a reference path **s** to an instance **i**, write **s(i)**. **s(i)** is evaluable if no reference other than the last one produces indeterminate (?).

Then the value of **l = r** is determined by the first of the following conditions which holds:

- a) If **typeof(l) <> typeof(r)**, **l = r** is FALSE.
- b) If there is a reference path **s** such that exactly one of **s(l)** and **s(r)** is evaluable, **l = r** is FALSE.
- c) If there is a reference path **s** such that both **s(l)** and **s(r)** produce simple type values, and if **s(l) <> s(r)**, **l = r** is FALSE.
- d) If there is a reference path such that both **s(l)** and **s(r)** produce either entity type values or are declared to be select data types, and if **typeof(s(l)) <> typeof(s(r))**, then **l = r** is FALSE.
- e) If there is a reference path **s** such that **NOT EXISTS(s(l))** or **NOT EXISTS(s(r))**, **l = r** is UNKNOWN.
- f) Otherwise, **l = r** is TRUE.

EXAMPLE 1 The algorithm outlined below is one possible implementation of the value comparison test described above. This algorithm is given for illustrative purposes and is not intended to prescribe any particular type of implementation.

Let **l** and **r** be variables of type **GENERIC** within this algorithm.

- a) Initialise **l** to be the left hand entity instance and **r** be the right hand entity instance.

- b) If the instances are the same instance, that is, $l ::= r$, the expression evaluates to TRUE.
- c) Initialise an empty list **plist** to contain ordered pairs of entity instance identifiers.

NOTE 1 The representation of instance identifiers is implementation specific.

- d) Compare l and r using the deep equal algorithm specified below.
- e) The expression evaluates to the value returned by the deep equality algorithm.

Deep equality algorithm

- a) If l , r or both are indeterminate (?) the algorithm returns UNKNOWN.
- b) If $\text{TYPEOF}(l) \neq \text{TYPEOF}(r)$, the algorithm returns FALSE.
- c) If l and r are not entity instances, the algorithm returns $l = r$, using the appropriate equality test.
- d) If l and r are the same entity instance, this is, $l ::= r$, the algorithm returns TRUE.
- e) If the pair of instances (l , r) appears in **plist**, the algorithm returns TRUE.
- f) If the pair (l , r) does not appear in **plist**, do the following:

- 1) Add the pair (l , r) to **plist**.
- 2) For each of the attributes **a** defined for l and r , compare $l.a$ and $r.a$ using the deep equality algorithm, letting $l = l.a$ and $r = r.a$.

NOTE 2 This is the recursive call.

- 3) If the deep equality algorithm for any of the attributes in step (f2) returns a FALSE result, the result of the current invocation of the algorithm is FALSE. Otherwise, if the algorithm returns UNKNOWN for any of the attributes, the result of this invocation is UNKNOWN. Otherwise, the result of this call is TRUE.

NOTE 3 This ensures that if any of the comparisons are FALSE the result is FALSE. If all comparisons are TRUE, the result is TRUE. When any comparison is UNKNOWN and all other comparisons are TRUE the result is UNKNOWN.

EXAMPLE 2 The local variables **i1** and **i2** are of type **loop_of_integer** and when assigned as in this example they are not value equal.

```
ENTITY loop_of_integer;  
  int : INTEGER;  
  next : loop_of_integer;  
END_ENTITY;
```

...

```
LOCAL  
  i1, i2 : loop_of_integer ;  
END_LOCAL;
```

...

```
i1 := loop_of_integer(5, loop_of_integer(3, SELF));
```

```
i2 := loop_of_integer(3,loop_of_integer(5,SELF));

IF i1 = i2 THEN -- evaluates to false
```

Entity value comparison can be applied to entity instances and to group-qualified (see 12.7.4) entity instances. For entity instances, the attributes of all subtypes and supertypes of the instances under consideration shall be compared. For group-qualified entity instances, only those attributes which are declared as attributes in the entity declaration for the entity data type named in the group qualifier shall be compared (this does not include inherited attributes which are redeclared in the specified entity data type).

12.2.2 Instance comparison operators

The instance comparison operators are:

- instance equal (`:=:`);
- instance not equal (`:<>:`).

These operators may be applied to numeric, logical, string, binary, enumeration, aggregate and entity data type operands. The two operands of an instance comparison operator shall be data type compatible. See 12.11.

For two given operands, *a* and *b*, (*a* :<>: *b*) is equivalent to NOT (*a* :=: *b*) for all data types.

The instance comparison operators when applied to numeric, logical, string, binary and enumeration data types are equivalent to the corresponding value comparison operators. That is, (*a* :=: *b*) is equivalent to (*a* = *b*) and (*a* :<>: *b*) is equivalent to (*a* <> *b*) for these data types.

12.2.2.1 Aggregate instance comparison

The instance comparison operators which are defined for aggregate values are equal (`:=:`) and not equal (`:<>:`). Two aggregate values can be compared only if their data types are compatible, see 12.11.

All aggregate comparisons shall check the number of elements in each of the operands: if `SIZEOF(a) <> SIZEOF(b)`, the aggregates are not equal. The aggregate comparisons compare the elements of the aggregate value using instance comparisons. If any of the element comparisons evaluate to FALSE, the aggregate comparison evaluates to FALSE. If one or more of the element comparisons for a particular aggregate comparison evaluate to UNKNOWN and the remaining comparisons all evaluate to TRUE, the aggregate comparison evaluates to UNKNOWN. Otherwise the aggregate comparison evaluates to TRUE.

The definition of aggregate instance equality depends on the aggregate data types being compared.

- two arrays *a* and *b* are equal if and only if each element of *a* is the same instance as the element of *b* at the same position, that is, *a*[*i*] :=: *b*[*i*] (12.6.1);
- two lists *a* and *b* are equal if and only if each element of *a* is the same instance as the element of *b* at the same position;

- two bags **a** and **b** are instance equal if and only if each element IN **a** occurs the same number of times IN **b** and each element IN **b** also occurs the same number of times IN **a**;
- two sets **a** and **b** are instance equal if and only if each element in **a** is IN **b** and each element in **b** is also IN **a**;
- A bag is instance equal to a set if and only if each element in the set occurs only once IN the bag, and the bag contains no elements which are not in the set.

EXAMPLE Instance comparison of two arrays.

```
LOCAL
  a1, a2 : ARRAY [1:10] OF b;
END_LOCAL;
...
IF (a1 == a2) THEN ...
```

12.2.2.2 Entity instance comparison

The entity instance equal (:=) and entity instance not equal (<>) operators accept two compatible entity instances and evaluate to a LOGICAL value.

a := **b** evaluates to TRUE if **a** evaluates to the same entity instance as **b**; that is, the implementation dependent identifiers are the same. It evaluates to FALSE if **a** evaluates to a different entity instance than **b**. It evaluates to UNKNOWN if either operand is indeterminate (?).

Unless otherwise noted, entity instance comparison shall be used when two entity instances are compared such as during aggregate comparisons and UNIQUE rule checking.

EXAMPLE All children have mothers but some children may have brothers or sisters. This could be modelled by

```
ENTITY child
  SUBTYPE OF (person);
  mother : female; -- we are not interested in more than one generation
  father : male;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY sibling
  SUBTYPE OF (child);
  siblings : SET [1:?] sibling;
WHERE
  -- make sure that the current entity instance
  -- is not one of its siblings
not_identical: SIZEOF ( QUERY ( i <* siblings | i := SELF ) ) = 0;
  -- make sure that each of the siblings shares either a mother
  -- or a father with the current entity instance
same_parent : SIZEOF ( QUERY ( i <* siblings |
  ( i.mother := SELF.mother ) OR
  ( i.father := SELF.father ) ) ) =
  SIZEOF ( siblings ));
END_ENTITY;
```

12.2.3 Membership operator

The membership operator **IN** tests an item for membership in some aggregate and evaluates to a LOGICAL value. The right-hand operand shall evaluate to a value of an aggregation data type, and the left-hand operand shall be compatible with the base type of this aggregate value. **e IN agg** is evaluated as follows:

- a) if either operand is indeterminate (?) the expression evaluates to UNKNOWN;
- b) if there exists a member **agg[i]** such that **e ::= agg[i]**, the expression evaluates to TRUE;
- c) if there exists a member **agg[i]** which is indeterminate (?) the expression evaluates to UNKNOWN;
- d) otherwise the expression evaluates to FALSE.

NOTE The function **VALUE_IN** (see 15.28) may be used to determine whether or not an element of an aggregation has a specific value.

Modeller-defined membership testing may be specified via a pair of functions, called for example **my_equal** (see the note in 8.2.5) and **my_in**, as shown in the following pseudo-code.

```

FUNCTION my_in(c:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC:gen; v:GENERIC:gen): LOGICAL;
  (*"my_in" Returns UNKNOWN if v or c is indeterminate (?)
    Else returns TRUE if any element of c has the 'value' v
    Else returns UNKNOWN if any comparison is UNKNOWN
    Otherwise returns FALSE *)
  LOCAL
    result    : LOGICAL;
    unknownp  : BOOLEAN := FALSE;
  END_LOCAL
  IF ((NOT EXISTS(v)) OR (NOT EXISTS(c))) THEN
    RETURN(UNKNOWN); END_IF;
  REPEAT i := LOINDEX(c) TO HIINDEX(c);
    result := my_equal(v, c[i]);
    IF (result = TRUE) THEN
      RETURN(result); END_IF;
    IF (result = UNKNOWN) THEN
      unknownp := TRUE; END_IF;
  END_REPEAT;
  IF (unknownp) THEN
    RETURN(UNKNOWN);
  ELSE
    RETURN(FALSE);
  END_IF;
END_FUNCTION;

```

This could, for example, be used as:

```

LOCAL
  v : a;
  c : SET OF a;
END_LOCAL;
...
IF my_in(c, v) THEN ...

```

12.2.4 Interval expressions

An interval expression tests whether or not a value falls within a given interval. It contains three operands, which shall be compatible (see 12.11). The operands shall be of a type that has a defined ordering, that is, the simple types (see 8.1), and defined data types whose underlying types are either simple types or enumeration types.

Syntax:

```

243 interval = '{' interval_low interval_op interval_item interval_op
                interval_high '}' .
246 interval_low = simple_expression .
247 interval_op = '<' | '<=' .
245 interval_item = simple_expression .
244 interval_high = simple_expression .

```

NOTE The interval expression

```
{ interval_low interval_op interval_item interval_op interval_high }
```

is semantically equivalent to

```
(interval_low interval_op interval_item) AND
(interval_item interval_op interval_high)
```

Assuming `interval_item` is evaluated only once in the second expression.

The interval expression evaluates to a LOGICAL which has the value TRUE if both relational operations evaluate to TRUE. It evaluates to FALSE if either relational operation evaluates to FALSE, and it evaluates to UNKNOWN if any operand is indeterminate (?).

EXAMPLE The following tests if the value of `b` is greater than 5.0 and less than or equal to 100.0.

```

LOCAL
  b : REAL := 20.0;
END_LOCAL;
...
IF { 5.0 < b <= 100.0 } THEN -- evaluates to TRUE
...

```

12.2.5 Like operator

The LIKE operator compares two string values using the pattern matching algorithm described below and evaluates to a LOGICAL value. The left operand is the target string. The right operand is the pattern string.

The pattern matching algorithm is defined as follows. Each character of the pattern string is compared to the corresponding character(s) of the target string. If any pair of corresponding characters does not match, the match fails and the expression evaluates to FALSE.

Certain special characters in the pattern string may match more than one character in the target string. These characters are defined in Table 11. All corresponding characters must be identical or match as defined in Table 11 for the expression to evaluate to TRUE. If either operand is indeterminate (?) the expression evaluates to UNKNOWN.

When any of the special pattern matching characters is itself to be matched, the pattern shall contain a pattern escape sequence. A pattern escape sequence shall consist of the escape character (\) followed by the special character to be matched.

EXAMPLE 1 To match the character @, the escape sequence \@ is used.

The following examples illustrate these pattern matching characters

EXAMPLE 2 If a := '\AAAA'; the following hold:

```
a LIKE '\\AAAA' --> TRUE
a LIKE '\AAAA'  --> FALSE
a LIKE '\\A?AA' --> TRUE
a LIKE '\\!\\AAA' --> TRUE
a LIKE '\\&'     --> TRUE
a LIKE '\\$'     --> FALSE
```

EXAMPLE 3 If a := 'The quick red fox';, the following holds:

```
a LIKE '$$$$' --> TRUE
```

EXAMPLE 4 If a := 'Page 407'; the following holds:

```
a LIKE '$*' --> TRUE
```

12.3 Binary operators

In addition to the relational operators, defined in 12.2.1.2, two further operations are defined for BINARY data types: indexing ([]) and concatenation (+) .

12.3.1 Binary indexing

The binary indexing operator takes two operands, the binary value being indexed and the index specification, and evaluates to a binary value of length (`index_2 - index_1 + 1`). The resulting binary value is equivalent to the sequence bits at position `index_1` through `index_2` inclusive. If a binary value of length one is required, only `index_1` need be specified. An index

Table 11 – Pattern matching characters

Character	Meaning
@	Matches any letter
^	Matches any upper case letter
?	Matches any character
&	Matches remainder of string
#	Matches any digit
\$	Matches a substring terminated by a space character or end-of-string
*	Matches any number of characters
\	Begins a pattern escape sequence
!	Negation character (used with the other characters)

NOTE The negation character (!) may be used before any character, not just the pattern matching characters, to match any character other than the negated character.

of 1 indicates the leftmost bit.

Syntax:

```
239 index_qualifier = '[' index_1 [ ':' index_2 ] ']' .  
237 index_1 = index .  
236 index = numeric_expression .  
238 index_2 = index .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) `index_1` shall evaluate to a positive integer or indeterminate (?) value.
- b) $1 \leq \text{index_1} \leq \text{LENGTH}(\text{binary value})$, otherwise indeterminate (?) is returned.
- c) `index_2`, when specified, shall evaluate to positive integer or indeterminate (?) value.
- d) The $\text{index_1} \leq \text{index_2} \leq \text{LENGTH}(\text{binary value})$, otherwise indeterminate (?) is returned.
- e) If either `index_1` or `index_2` evaluate to an indeterminate (?) value, indeterminate (?) is returned.
- f) If the expression being indexed evaluates to indeterminate (?), indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE 1 The fourth bit of a binary called `image` could be examined by

```
image := %01010101  
  
IF image[4]=%1 THEN ...-- evaluate to TRUE  
IF image[4:4]=%1 THEN ... --equivalent expression
```

EXAMPLE 2 The fourth through tenth bits of a binary called `image` could be examined by

```
IF image[4:10]=%1011110 THEN ...
```

12.3.2 Binary concatenation operator

The binary concatenation operator (+) is a binary operator which combines two binary values together. Both operands shall evaluate to a binary values, and the expression evaluates to a binary value containing the concatenation of the two operands with the first operand appearing on the left. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?).

EXAMPLE Binary values may be concatenated as follows:

```
image := %101000101 + %101001 ;  
(* image now contains the binary %101000101101001 *)
```

12.4 Logical operators

The logical operators consist of NOT, AND, OR and XOR. Each produces a logical result. The AND, OR and XOR operators require two logical operands, and the NOT operator requires one logical operand. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), that operand is dealt with as if it were the logical value UNKNOWN.

12.4.1 NOT operator

The NOT operator requires one logical operand (to the right of the NOT operator) and evaluates to the logical value as shown in Table 12.

Table 12 – NOT operator

Operand Value	Result Value
TRUE	FALSE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
FALSE	TRUE

12.4.2 AND operator

The AND operator requires two logical operands and evaluates to a logical value as shown in Table 13. The AND operator is commutative.

Table 13 – AND operator

Operand1 Value	Operand2 Value	Result Value
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
UNKNOWN	TRUE	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
FALSE	UNKNOWN	FALSE
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE

12.4.3 OR operator

The OR operator requires two logical operands and evaluates to a logical value as shown in Table 14. The OR operator is commutative.

Table 14 – OR operator

Operand1 Value	Operand2 Value	Result Value
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	UNKNOWN	TRUE
TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
UNKNOWN	TRUE	TRUE
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE

12.4.4 XOR operator

The XOR operator requires two logical operands and evaluates to a logical value as shown in Table 15. The XOR operator is commutative.

12.5 String operators

In addition to the relational operators defined in 12.2.1.4 and 12.2.5, two further operations are defined for STRING types: indexing ([]) and concatenation (+) .

12.5.1 String indexing

The string indexing operator takes two operands, the string value being indexed and the index specification, and evaluates to a string value of length ($\text{index_2} - \text{index_1} + 1$). The resulting string value is equivalent to the sequence of characters at position index_1 through index_2 inclusive. If a string value of length one is required, only index_1 need be specified. An index of 1 indicates the leftmost character.

Syntax:

```

239 index_qualifier = '[' index_1 [ ':' index_2 ] ']' .
237 index_1 = index .
236 index = numeric_expression .
238 index_2 = index .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- index_1 shall evaluate to a positive integer or indeterminate (indeterminate (?)) value.
- $1 \leq \text{index_1} \leq \text{LENGTH}(\text{string value})$, otherwise indeterminate (?) is returned.
- index_2 , when specified, shall evaluate to positive integer or indeterminate (?) value.
- The $\text{index_1} \leq \text{index_2} \leq \text{LENGTH}(\text{string value})$, otherwise indeterminate (?) is returned.
- If either index_1 or index_2 evaluate to an indeterminate (?) value, indeterminate (?) is returned.
- If the expression being indexed evaluates to indeterminate (?), indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE 1 The seventh character of a string called **name** could be examined by

```

IF name[7]="00125FE1" THEN ... -- assuming ISO 10646 representation
IF name[7..7]="00125FE1" THEN ... -- equivalent expression

```

Table 15 – XOR operator

Operand1 Value	Operand2 Value	Result Value
TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
TRUE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
UNKNOWN	TRUE	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
UNKNOWN	FALSE	UNKNOWN
FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
FALSE	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE

EXAMPLE 2 The seventh through tenth characters of a string called **name** could be examined by

```
IF name[7:10]='Some' THEN ...
```

12.5.2 String concatenation operator

The string concatenation operator (+) is a string operator which combines two strings together. Both operands shall evaluate to a string value, and the expression evaluates to a string value containing the concatenation of the two operands with the first operand appearing on the left. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?).

EXAMPLE String values may be concatenated as follows:

```
name := 'ABC' + ' ' + 'DEF' ;
(* name now contains the string 'ABC DEF' *)
```

12.6 Aggregate operators

The aggregate operators are indexing ([]), intersection (*), union (+), difference (-), subset (<=), superset (>=) and QUERY. These operators are defined in the following subclauses. The relational operators equal (=), not equal (<>), instance equal (:=), instance not equal (:<>:) and IN, defined in 12.2, are also applicable to all aggregate values.

NOTE Several of the aggregate operations require implicit comparisons of the elements contained within aggregate values; instance comparison is used in all such cases.

12.6.1 Aggregate indexing

The aggregate indexing operator takes two operands, the aggregate value being indexed and the index specification, and evaluates to a single element from the aggregate value. The data type of the element selected is the base type of the aggregate value being indexed.

Syntax:

```
239 index_qualifier = '[' index_1 [ ':' index_2 ] ']' .
237 index_1 = index .
236 index = numeric_expression .
238 index_2 = index .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- index_2** shall not be present; it is only possible to index a single element from an aggregate value.
- The **index_1** shall evaluate to an integer value.
- $\text{LOINDEX}(\text{aggregate value}) \leq \text{index_1} \leq \text{HIINDEX}(\text{aggregate value})$, otherwise indeterminate (?) is returned.
- If the type of the aggregate value is an ARRAY or a LIST, the expression evaluates to the element of the aggregate value at the position indicated by **index_1**.

- e) If the type of aggregate value is a BAG or a SET, for each **index_1** between **LOINDEX**(aggregate value) and **HIINDEX**(aggregate value), the expression shall evaluate to a different element of the aggregate value.
- f) Repeated aggregate index on the same aggregate value with the same **index_1** shall result in the same element being returned only if the aggregate value has not been modified. If the aggregate value has been modified for aggregation data types BAG or SET the results of repeated aggregate index on the modified aggregate value are unpredictable.
- g) If either **index_1** or **index_2** evaluate to an indeterminate (?) value, indeterminate (?) is returned.
- h) If the expression being indexed evaluates to indeterminate (?), indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE Indexing for bags and sets may be used to iterate over all of the values in the aggregate value.

```

FUNCTION set_product(a_set : SET OF INTEGER):INTEGER;
LOCAL
    result: INTEGER := 1;
END_LOCAL;
    REPEAT index := LOINDEX(a_set) TO HIINDEX(a_set);
        result := result * a_set[index];
    END_REPEAT;

    RETURN(result);
END_FUNCTION;

```

On exit from the REPEAT statement, **result** holds the product of all of the integers in **a_set**.

12.6.2 Intersection operator

The intersection operator (*) accepts two aggregate value operands and evaluates to an aggregate value. The allowed operand types and corresponding result type are given in Table 16. The resulting aggregate value is implicitly declared as an aggregate whose type is as specified in Table 16 with bounds of [0..?]. The base data types of the operands shall be compatible (see 12.11). If the intersection of the two operands contains no elements, the size of the resulting aggregate value shall be zero.

If either of the operands is a set, the result shall be a set which contains each element which appears in both of the operands.

If both the operands are bags and a particular element **e** occurs **m** times in one bag and **n** times in the other (where **m** is less or equal to **n**), the result shall contain **m** occurrences of **e**. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?).

Table 16 – Intersection operator – operand and result types

First operand	Second operand	Result
Bag	Bag	Bag
Bag	Set	Set
Set	Set	Set
Set	Bag	Set

12.6.3 Union operator

The union operator (+) accepts two operands, one of which must be an aggregate value, and evaluates to an aggregate value. The allowed operand types and the corresponding result type are given in Table 17. The union operation is determined by the first condition in the following that holds:

- a) If the left-hand operand is a bag value and the right-hand operand is a bag, list or set value whose elements are compatible with the base type of the bag, the result is the left-hand operand plus all the elements of the right-hand operand.
- b) If the left-hand operand is a set value and the right-hand operand is a bag, list or set value whose elements are compatible with the base type of the set, the resulting set is produced by initially setting the result to be the left-hand operand, for each element of the right-hand operand which is not IN the result adding that element to the result set.
- c) If both operands are compatible lists, the resulting list is the left-hand operand, with the right-hand operand appended to the end.

NOTE 1 The resulting list may contain duplicate elements, even if the operands are both declared as LIST OF UNIQUE.

- d) If one of the operands (E) is type compatible with the base type of the other operand (A), the operand E is added to A as follows:
 - If A is a set value, the resulting set is A, with E added to the set only if E is not IN A.
 - If A is a list value, the resulting list is A, with E inserted at position 1 if E was the left-hand operand and at position SIZEOF(A)+1 if E was the right-hand operand.

NOTE 2 The resulting list may contain duplicate elements, even if the list operand was declared as LIST OF UNIQUE.

 - If A is a bag value, the resulting bag is A, with E added.
- e) If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?).

12.6.4 Difference operator

The difference operator (-) accepts two operands, the left-hand operand of which must be an aggregate value, and evaluates to an aggregate value. The allowed operand types and the corresponding result type are given in Table 18. The resulting aggregate value contains the elements of the first operand except for those elements of the second operand. That is, for each element of the second operand that is IN the first operand that element is removed from the first operand. The resulting aggregate value is implicitly declared as an aggregate whose type is as specified in Table 18 with bounds of [0..?]. The base type of the operands shall be compatible (see 12.11). The data type of the returned aggregate value shall be the same as that of the first operand. If both the operands are bags and a particular element *e* occurs *m* times IN the first operand and *n* times IN the second operand, the result shall contain *m-n* occurrences of *e* if *m* is greater than *n*, and no occurrences of *e* if *m* is less than or equal to *n*. If the second operand contains elements not in the first operand, these elements are ignored and do not form part

Table 17 – Union operator – operand and result types

First operand	Second operand	Result
Bag	Bag	Bag
Bag	Element	Bag
Element	Bag	Bag
Bag	Set	Bag
Bag	List	Bag
Set	Set	Set
Set	Element	Set
Element	Set	Set
Set	Bag	Set
Set	List	Set
List	List	List ¹
Element	List	List ²
List	Element	List ³
NOTE 1 First element of the second list follows the last element of the first list. NOTE 2 New element becomes first in resultant list. NOTE 3 New element becomes last in resultant list.		

of the resulting aggregate value. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?).

Table 18 – Difference operator – operand and result types

First operand	Second operand	Result
Bag	Bag	Bag
Bag	Set	Bag
Bag	Element	Bag
Set	Set	Set
Set	Bag	Set
Set	Element	Set

EXAMPLE If A is a bag of integers [1,2,1,3],

A - 1

evaluates to [1,2,3] which is equivalent to [2,1,3].

12.6.5 Subset operator

The subset operator (<=) accepts two operands as defined in Table 19 and evaluates to a LOGICAL. The expression evaluates to TRUE if and only if, for any element **e** which occurs **n** times in the first operand, **e** occurs at least **n** times in the second operand. The expression evaluates to UNKNOWN if either operand is indeterminate (?) and evaluates to FALSE otherwise.

The operands shall be of compatible types (see 12.11).

Table 19 – Subset and superset operators - operand types

First operand	Second operand
Bag	Bag
Bag	Set
Set	Bag
Set	Set

12.6.6 Superset operator

The superset operator ($\geq$) accepts two operands as defined in Table 19 and evaluates to a LOGICAL. The expression evaluates to TRUE if and only if, for any element e which occurs n times in the second operand, e occurs at least n times in the first operand. The expression evaluates to UNKNOWN if either operand is indeterminate (?) and evaluates to FALSE otherwise.

The operands shall be of compatible types (see 12.11).

$b \geq a$ shall be exactly equivalent to $a \leq b$.

12.6.7 Query expression

The QUERY expression applies a **logical_expression** individually against each element of an aggregate value, and evaluates to an aggregate value which contains the elements for which the **logical_expression** evaluates to TRUE. This has the effect of resulting in a subset of the original aggregate value where all of the elements of the subset satisfy the condition expressed by the logical expression.

Syntax:

```

277 query_expression = QUERY '(' variable_id '<*' aggregate_source '|'
                           logical_expression ')' .
170 aggregate_source = simple_expression .
254 logical_expression = expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **variable_id** is implicitly declared as a variable within the scope of the query expression.

NOTE This variable does not have to be declared elsewhere, and it does not persist outside the expression.

- b) The **aggregate_source** shall evaluate to an aggregate value (ARRAY, BAG, LIST or SET).
- c) If the **aggregate_source** evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression returns indeterminate (?).
- d) The third operand (**logical_expression**) shall be an expression which evaluates to a LOGICAL result.

Elements are taken one by one from the source aggregate and replace the **variable_id** in the **logical_expression**. The **logical_expression** is then evaluated. If **logical_expression**

evaluates to TRUE the element is added to the result; otherwise, it is not. If the `logical_expression` evaluates to indeterminate (?), that element is not a member of the resulting aggregate. This is repeated for every element of the source aggregate. The result aggregate value is populated according to the specific kind of aggregation data type:

Array: The result array has the same base type and bounds as the source array but the array elements are OPTIONAL. Each element is initially indeterminate (?). Any element in the source for which `logical_expression` evaluates to TRUE is then placed at the corresponding index position in the result.

Bag: The result bag has the same base type and upper bound as the source bag. The lower bound is zero. The result bag is initially empty. Any element in the source for which `logical_expression` evaluates to TRUE is then added to the result.

List: The result list has the same base type and upper bound as the source list. The lower bound is zero. The result list is initially empty. Any element in the source for which `logical_expression` evaluates to TRUE is then added to the end of the result. The order of the source list is preserved.

Set: The result set has the same base type and upper bound as the source set. The lower bound is zero. The result set is initially empty. Any element in the source for which `logical_expression` evaluates to TRUE is then added to the result.

NOTE If the aggregate source is an empty aggregation then that empty aggregation is the result.

EXAMPLE 1 Assuming `colour` is a defined type which has as its underlying type an ENUMERATION which includes `pink` and `scarlet`. The following could be used to extract from an array of `colours` those which are either `pink` or `scarlet`.

```
LOCAL
  colours : ARRAY OF colour;
  reds    : ARRAY OF OPTIONAL colour;
END_LOCAL;
...
reds := QUERY ( element <* colours | ( element = pink ) OR
                                     ( element = scarlet ) ) ;
...
```

EXAMPLE 2 This rule uses a query expression to examine all instances of entity type `point`. The resulting set contains all instances of `point` located at the origin.

```
RULE two_points_at_origin FOR (point);
WHERE
  SIZEOF(QUERY(temp <* point | temp = point(0.0,0.0,0.0))) = 2;
END_RULE;
```

This example shows use of three implicit declarations. The first is the variable `point` which is implicitly declared as the set of all `point` instances by the rule header. The second is the variable `temp` which holds successive elements of the aggregate value `point` during evaluation of the query expression. The third is the constructor `point` resulting from its entity declaration.

12.7 References

When an item visible in the local scope is to be used locally, the item shall be referred to by the identifier declared for that item.

12.7.1 Simple references

A simple reference is simply the name (identifier) given to an item in the current scope.

The items which can be referred to in this manner are:

- Attributes within an entity declaration*;
- Constants*;
- Elements from an enumeration type*;
- Entities**;
- Functions*;
- Local variables within the body of an algorithm*;
- Parameters within the body of an algorithm*;
- Procedures;
- Rules;
- Schemas within an interface specification;
- Types.

Those items marked (*) may be referenced in this manner within an expression. Entities (marked **) may be referenced either as constructor (see 9.2.6), or as a local variable in a global rule (see 9.6).

EXAMPLE Valid simple references

```

line      (* entity type *)
Circle    (* entity type *)
RED       (* enumeration item *)
z_depth   (* attribute *)
```

12.7.2 Prefixed references

In the case where the same name for an enumeration item is declared in more than one defined data type visible in the same scope, (see clause 10), the enumeration item name shall be prefixed with the identifier of its defined data type in order to uniquely identify it. The prefixed reference is the defined data type name followed by a full stop (.), followed by the enumeration item name.

EXAMPLE This example shows how the enumeration item `red` is uniquely identified for use as `stop_signal`.

```

TYPE traffic_light = ENUMERATION OF (red, amber, green);
END_TYPE;
```

```

TYPE rainbow = ENUMERATION OF
    (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet);
```

```
END_TYPE;

stop_signal : traffic_light := traffic_light.red;

ink_colour : rainbow := blue;
```

12.7.3 Attribute references

The attribute reference (.) provides a reference to a single attribute within an entity instance. The expression to the left of the attribute reference shall evaluate to an entity instance or a partial complex entity value. The identifier of the attribute to be referenced is specified following the full stop (.).

Syntax:

```
179 attribute_qualifier = '.' attribute_ref .
```

Attribute referencing returns the value of the specified attribute within the entity instance or partial complex entity value when used within an expression. If the expression to the left of the attribute reference evaluates to indeterminate (?), the attribute reference expression evaluates to indeterminate (?). If the expression to the left of the attribute reference evaluates to a partial complex entity value then the attribute name to the right of the attribute reference shall occur within the entity declaration for that partial complex entity data type. If the declared type of the expression to the left of the attribute reference is an entity data type then the attribute name to the right of the attribute reference shall be declared in that entity data type, a supertype or subtype of that entity data type. If the declared type of the expression to the left of the attribute reference is a select data type, then the attribute name specified to the right shall be declared in an entity named in the select list or within a supertype or subtype of an entity named within the select list. If the specified attribute is not present in the entity instance or partial complex entity value, indeterminate (?) is returned. If two or more attributes are found with the same name then the reference is ambiguous and indeterminate (?) is returned.

NOTE In the situation where ambiguous may occur it is recommended that the group reference qualifier be used to limit the scope of the reference.

EXAMPLE This example shows the use of attribute referencing.

```
ENTITY point;
  x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY coloured_point
  SUBTYPE OF (point);
  colour : colour;
END_ENTITY;

...
PROCEDURE foo;
LOCAL
  first   : point := point(1.0, 2.0, 3.0);
  second  : coloured_point := point(1.0,2.0,3.0)||coloured_point(red);
  x_coord : REAL;
END_LOCAL;

...
x_coord := first.x; --"foo" the value 1.0
IF first.colour = red THEN  (*"foo" colour is a valid reference since that
```

attribute is present in the subtype
coloured_point, however, in this case the
attribute reference will return
indeterminate (?) since it is not present
in this instance. *)

IF second.colour = red THEN --"foo" TRUE since colour is a valid reference

12.7.4 Group references

The group reference (\) provides a reference to a partial complex entity value within a complex entity instance. The expression to the left of the group reference shall evaluate to a complex entity instance. The entity data type of the partial complex entity value to be referenced is specified following the reverse solidus (\).

Syntax:

```
232 group_qualifier = '\' entity_ref .
```

A group reference returns the partial complex entity value corresponding to the named entity data type within the complex entity instance being referenced when used within an expression. If the expression to the left of the group reference evaluates to indeterminate (?), the group reference expression evaluates to indeterminate (?). If the declared type of the expression to the left of the group reference is an entity data type then the entity name specified to the right of the group reference shall be an entity in the same subtype/supertype graph as that entity data type. If the declared type of the expression to the left of the group reference is a select data type, then the entity name specified to the right shall occur in the select list or be an entity in the same subtype/supertype graph of an entity data named within the select list. If the specified entity data type is not present in the complex entity instance being referenced, indeterminate (?) is returned. A group reference may be further qualified with an attribute reference. In this usage, the group reference specifies the scope of the attribute reference.

NOTE This usage is required when a complex entity instance type has multiple attributes with the same name or when a select data type contains multiple entities with attributes having the same name.

Rules and restrictions:

A group reference which is not further qualified with an attribute reference shall appear as an operand of either the entity value comparison operator (=) or the complex entity instance constructor (||).

EXAMPLE 1 This example shows how group referencing may be used for value comparison.

```
ENTITY E1
ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
  attrib1 : REAL;
  attrib2 : REAL;
  attrib3 : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY E2
SUBTYPE OF (E1);
  attribA : INTEGER;
  attribB : INTEGER;
  attribC : INTEGER;
```

```

END_ENTITY;

LOCAL
  a : E1
  b : E2;
END_LOCAL;

-- build complex instances of a and b
-- using the complex entity instance construction operator

a := E1(0.0,1.0,2.0)||E2(1,2,3);
b := E1(0.0,1.0,2.0)||E2(3,2,1);

-- test the values in a and b over
-- those attributes declared in E1

a\E1 = b\E1 -- TRUE
(*
  equivalent to
    (a.attrib1 = b.attrib1) AND
    (a.attrib2 = b.attrib2) AND
    (a.attrib3 = b.attrib3)
*)

```

EXAMPLE 2 This example shows how group referencing may be used to specify a particular entity data type to be looked in for an attribute name.

```

ENTITY foo1;
  attr : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY foo2
  SUBTYPE OF (foo1);
  attr2 : BOOLEAN;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY t;
  attr : BINARY;
END_ENTITY;

TYPE crazy=SELECT(foo2,t);
END_TYPE;
...
LOCAL
  v : crazy;
END_LOCAL;
...
IF 'THIS.FOO2' IN TYPEOF(v) THEN -- this ensures that unpredictable results
                                -- are not caused (sometimes called a guard).
  v\foo1.attr := 1.5;           -- assigns 1.5 to the attr attribute of v
                                -- since attr is defined in foo1 the group
                                -- reference has to use foo1.
END_IF;

```

12.8 Function call

The function call invokes a function. It consists of a function identifier possibly followed by an actual parameter list. The number, type and order of the actual parameters shall agree with the

formal parameters defined for that function. A function call expression evaluates to the return value of the function when the actual parameters are substituted for the formal parameters in the function declaration.

NOTE The actual parameters for a function may evaluate to indeterminate (?). The function should correctly handle such values, and may itself return an indeterminate value.

A function invocation extends the instance space. Any instances created during the evaluation of the function shall be uniquely identifiable throughout the entire population of known instances. Normally, an instance so created is not known outside of the creating invocation, and, in particular, is not a part of the instance population under consideration. The exception to this rule is when such an instance is returned as, or within, the result of the function call. In this case, the instance remains known at the point of invocation. If an instance is in this way returned to the schema level (that is, as the value of a derived attribute or constant), the instance is considered as a part of the population under study.

Syntax:

```

219 function_call = ( built_in_function | function_ref ) [ actual_parameter_list ] .
167 actual_parameter_list = '(' parameter { ',' parameter } ')'.
264 parameter = expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

The actual parameters passed shall be assignment compatible with the formal parameters.

EXAMPLE An example of function call usage.

```

ENTITY point;
    x, y, z : number;
END_ENTITY;

FUNCTION midpoint_of_line(l:line):point;
...
END_FUNCTION;

IF midpoint_of_line(l506).x = 9.0 THEN ...
    -- using the attribute reference
    -- operator directly on the result
END_IF;

```

12.9 Aggregate initializer

An aggregate initializer is used to establish a value of type AGGREGATE OF GENERIC that may be assigned to an ARRAY, BAG, LIST or SET. Square brackets enclose zero or more expressions which evaluate to values of a data type compatible with the base data type of the aggregate. When there are two or more values, commas shall separate them. A sparse array may be initialized using indeterminate (?) to represent the missing values. An aggregate initializer expression evaluates to an aggregate value containing the values specified as elements. The number of elements initialized shall agree with any bounds specified for the aggregation data type.

When the aggregate initializer is used which contains no elements, it is establishing an empty bag, list or set (this construct cannot be used to initialize empty arrays).

Syntax:

```

169 aggregate_initializer = '[' [ element { ',' element } ] ']' .
203 element = expression [ ':' repetition ] .
287 repetition = numeric_expression .

```

EXAMPLE 1 Given the declaration

```
a : SET OF INTEGER;
```

a value may be assigned as:

```
a := [ 1, 3, 6, 9*8, -12 ] ; -- 9*8 is an expression = 72
```

When a number of consecutive values are the same, a repetition may be applied. This is represented by two expressions separated by the ':' character. The expression to the left of the colon is the value to be repeated. The expression to the right of the colon, the **repetition**, gives the number of times the left-hand value is to be repeated. This expression shall evaluate to non-negative integer value, and is evaluated once prior to initialization. If the repetition evaluates to indeterminate (?) then the element expression to the left of the colon is not initialized into the aggregate.

EXAMPLE 2 Given the following declaration

```
a : BAG OF BOOLEAN ;
```

The two following statements are equivalent

```

a := [ TRUE:5 ];
a := [ TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE ];

```

12.10 Complex entity instance construction operator

The complex entity instance construction operator (||) constructs an instance of a complex entity by combining the partial complex entity values. The partial complex entity values may be combined in any order. A complex entity instance construction operator expression evaluates to either a partial complex entity value or a complex entity instance. A partial complex entity data type may only occur once within one level of an entity instance construction operator expression. A partial complex entity value may occur at different levels if these are nested, that is, if a partial complex entity value is being used to construct a complex entity instance which plays the role of an attribute within partial complex entity value being combined to form the complex entity instance. If either of the operands evaluates to indeterminate (?), the expression evaluates to indeterminate (?). See annex B for further information on complex entity instances.

If an entity instance or a part of an entity instance (via a group reference) is used as the operand of a complex entity constructor then a shallow copy (see 9.2.6) of that instance or its attributes are used.

EXAMPLE Given:

```

ENTITY a
ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
  a1 : INTEGER;
END_ENTITY;

```

```
ENTITY b SUBTYPE OF (a);
  b1 : STRING;
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY c SUBTYPE OF (a);
  c1 : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

Then the following complex entity instances may be built.

LOCAL

```
  v1 : a ;
  v2 : c ;
END_LOCAL;
```

```
v2 := a(2) || c(7.998e-5); -- this is of type a&c
v1 := v2 || b('abc');      -- this is of type a&b&c
v1 := v2\|a || b("00002639"); -- this is of type a&b
v1 := v1 || v2;             -- this is invalid since it would be of type a&b&a&c
```

NOTE The first assignment to `v1` copies the instance created by the complex instance construction operator, this instance contains the value of `v2`, not the `v2` instance.

12.11 Type compatibility

The operands of an operator shall be compatible with the data type(s) required by the operator. The data types of both operands of certain operators shall also be compatible with each other; these cases have been identified earlier in this clause. Data types may be compatible without being identical. Data types are compatible when one of the following conditions holds:

- the data types are the same;
- one data type is a subtype or specialization of the other (including defined data types which use a defined data type as the underlying data type and constructed data types that are based on extensible data types);
- both data types are array data types with compatible base data types and identical bounds;
- both data types are list data types with compatible base data types.
- both data types are either bag or set data types with compatible base data types.

EXAMPLE Given the following definitions:

```
TYPE natural = REAL;
WHERE SELF >= 0.0;
END_TYPE;
```

```
TYPE positive = natural;
WHERE SELF > 0.0;
END_TYPE;
```

```
TYPE bag_of_natural = BAG OF natural;
END_TYPE;
```

```
TYPE set_of_up_to_five_positive = SET [0:5] OF positive;
END_TYPE;
```

the following are compatible data types:

Given	Is compatible with
REAL	INTEGER, REAL, NUMBER, natural, positive
natural	REAL, NUMBER, natural, positive
positive	REAL, NUMBER, natural, positive
bag_of_natural	BAG OF REAL, BAG OF NUMBER, BAG OF natural, BAG OF positive, SET OF REAL, SET OF NUMBER, SET OF natural, SET OF positive, bag_of_natural, set_of_up_to_five_positive
set_of_up_to_five_positive	BAG OF REAL, BAG OF NUMBER, BAG OF natural, BAG OF positive, SET OF REAL, SET OF NUMBER, SET OF natural, SET OF positive, bag_of_natural, set_of_up_to_five_positive

12.12 Select data types in expressions

When verifying a schema a level 2 parser shall identify type compatibility of operands and operators in expressions. An expression involving a SELECT data type may only be valid for certain data specified in the select list, and not valid for other data types in the select list. So far, clause 12 has identified the valid data types in expressions ignoring the SELECT data types; the following rules are specifically for for these data types.

The data type returned by an expression containing operands whose declared type is a select data type is a select data type which contains all the return types from valid expressions possible from the specified operands.

The non-select data types of a select data type are the non-select data types of each data type in the select list of the select; the non-select data type of a data type which is not a select data type is the data type itself.

12.12.1 Select data types in unary expressions

This subclause specifies the handling of select data types in expressions with a single operand. This covers the operators -, +, NOT and the QUERY expression.

- if all of the non-select data types in the select list of the declared type of the operand are valid in the context of the expression, the expression is valid and should return a valid result;
- if some but not all of the non-select data types in the select list of the declared type of the operand are valid in the context of the expression, the expression is valid but may produce errors if values from those types which are invalid are evaluated in the expression;
- when none of the non-select data types in the select list of the declared type of the operand are valid in the context of the expression, the expression is invalid and will always return an invalid result.

12.12.2 Select data types in binary expressions

This subclause specifies the handling of select data types in expressions with two operands.

- a) if for each non-select data type in the select list of the declared type of the left operand there exists a valid expression with each non-select data type in the select list of the declared type of the right operand, then the expression is valid and should return a valid result;
- b) if some but not all of the non-select data types in the select list of the declared type of the left operand are valid in the context of the expression and at least one non-select data type of the right operand, the expression is valid but may produce errors if values from those types which are invalid are evaluated in the expression;
- c) when none of the non-select data types in the select list of the declared type of the left operand are valid in the context of the expression and any of the non-select data types of the right operand, the expression is invalid and will always return an invalid result.

12.12.3 Select data types in ternary expressions

This subclause specifies the handling of select data types in expressions with three operands.

The only EXPRESS expression that contains three operands is the interval expression. This is dealt with in the context of select data types as if it were two separate expressions which are ANDed together.

13 Executable statements

Executable statements define the actions of functions, procedures, and rules. These statements act only on variables local to a FUNCTION, PROCEDURE or RULE. They are used to define the logic and actions required to support the definition of constraints, these are, WHERE clauses and RULES. These statements do not affect the entity instances within the domain as defined in clause 5. The executable statements are null, ALIAS, assignment, CASE, compound, ESCAPE, IF, procedure call, REPEAT, RETURN, and SKIP.

Syntax:

```
309 stmt = alias_stmt | assignment_stmt | case_stmt | compound_stmt | escape_stmt |
      if_stmt | null_stmt | procedure_call_stmt | repeat_stmt | return_stmt |
      skip_stmt .
```

Executable statements can appear only within a FUNCTION PROCEDURE or RULE.

13.1 Null (statement)

An executable statement which consists solely of a semicolon is called a null statement. No action occurs as a result of a null statement.

Syntax:

```
260 null_stmt = ';' .
```

EXAMPLE The following is a potential use of the null statement.

```
IF a = 13 THEN
  ; -- this is a null statement.
```

```
ELSE
    b := 5 ;
END_IF ;
```

13.2 Alias statement

The ALIAS statement provides a local renaming capability for qualified variables and parameters.

Syntax:

```
174 alias_stmt = ALIAS variable_id FOR general_ref { qualifier } ';' stmt { stmt }
                  END_ALIAS ';' .
228 general_ref = parameter_ref | variable_ref .
```

Within the scope of an ALIAS statement, **variable_id** is implicitly declared to be an appropriately typed variable which holds the value referenced by the qualified identifier following the FOR keyword.

NOTE The visibility rules for **variable_id** are described in 10.3.1.

EXAMPLE Assuming there is an entity data type **point** with attributes **x,y,z**, ALIAS may be used in the function **calculate_length** to reduce the length of the returned expression.

```
ENTITY line;
    start_point,
    end_point : point;
END_ENTITY;

FUNCTION calculate_length (the_line : line) : real;
    ALIAS s FOR the_line.start_point;
    ALIAS e FOR the_line.end_point;
    RETURN (SQRT((s.x - e.x)**2 + (s.y - e.y)**2 + (s.z - e.z)**2)) ;
    END_ALIAS;
END_ALIAS;
END_FUNCTION;
```

13.3 Assignment

13.3.1 Assignment statement

The assignment statement is used to assign an instance to a local variable or parameter. If the expression to the right of the assignment statement is an entity instance then the assignment statement assigns a reference to that entity instance to the local variable or parameter. After such an assignment changes to the local variable or parameter are reflected in the original instance. An assignment statement may also be used to copy values to a local variable or instance, when they are declared to be non-entity data types. The data type of the value assigned to the variable shall be assignment compatible with the variable or parameter.

NOTE 1 An assignment statement cannot be used to create a value copy of an instance in a local variable or parameter.

Syntax:

```

176 assignment_stmt = general_ref { qualifier } ':= ' expression ';' .
228 general_ref = parameter_ref | variable_ref .

```

EXAMPLE The following are valid assignments.

LOCAL

a, b : REAL ;

p : point;

END_LOCAL ;

...

a := 1.1 ;

b := 2.5 * a;

p.x := b ;

13.3.2 Assignment compatibility

For a value to be assigned to a derived attribute, local variable, or parameter, two conditions must be met:

NOTE 1 In the following text the term 'variable' is used to mean one of derived attribute, local variable, or parameter.

- a) the resultant data type of the expression to be assigned must be type compatible with the data type of the variable;
- b) the resultant value evaluated from the expression must satisfy all constraints defined for the data type of the variable.

The data type of the expression to be assigned and the data type of the variable are said to be compatible if any of the following hold true:

- the types are the same;
- the expression evaluates to a type that is a subtype or specialization of the type declared for the variable being assigned to;
- the declared data type of the variable being assigned to is a defined data type whose fundamental data type is a select data type, and the expression evaluates to a value of a data type which is assignment compatible with one, or more, of the data types specified in the domain of the select data type (including items added to that domain by other select data types based on the select data type).

The fundamental type of a defined type is the fundamental type of the underlying type, and the fundamental type of a type other than a defined type is the type itself.

- the variable is represented by a defined type whose fundamental type is a simple type and the expression evaluates to a value of this simple type.
- the variable is represented by an aggregation data type and the expression is an aggregate initializer the elements of which, if any, are assignment compatible with the base type of the aggregation data type.

- if the object being assigned to is qualified, the following hold for the different qualifiers:

Attribute qualified:

- The declared type of the expression to the left of the attribute reference shall be either an entity data type or a select data type defined using at least one entity data type. The attribute named to the right of the attribute reference shall occur in either the entity data type or an entity in the same subtype/supertype graph as that entity data type.
- If the expression to the left of the attribute reference evaluates to an instance that contains the specified attribute and that attribute has a value, the original value is replaced by the expression to the right of the assignment statement, unless the object being assigned to is further qualified, in which case the further qualification is used.
- If the expression to the left of the attribute reference evaluates to an instance that contains the specified attribute and that attribute has an indeterminate (?) value (due to it being optional or not yet set), the expression to the right of the assignment statement is given to that attribute, unless the object being assigned to is further qualified, in which case it is in error.

Group qualified:

- The declared type of the expression to the left of the group reference shall be either an entity data type or a select data type defined using at least one entity data type. The entity name specified to the right of the group reference shall be an entity in the same subtype/supertype graph as the entity data type.
- If the expression to the left of the group reference evaluates to an instance that contains the entity name specified to the right of the group reference, the original partial complex entity value is replaced by the expression to the right of the assignment statement, unless the object being assigned to is further qualified, in which case the further qualification is used.

Element qualified:

- The declared type of the expression to the left of the element qualifier shall be one of (ARRAY, BINARY, LIST or STRING) or a select type defined using one of the previous types. The `index_1` value shall evaluate to an integer.
- The expression to the left of the element qualifier shall be initialized, that is, have a value, before assignment can be made to its elements.
- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to an ARRAY and `{LOINDEX(left) <= index_1 <= HIINDEX(left)}` then:
 - a) if there is an element already in the array at that position, the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the original value in the array at that position, unless the object being assigned to is further qualified in which case the further qualification is used on the original element;

- b) if there is an indeterminate (?) value in the array at that position that is not further qualified, the expression to the right of the assignment statement is inserted into the array at that position.
- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to a BINARY and `{1 <= index_1 <= BLENGTH(left)}` then the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the bit in the binary at that position.
- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to a LIST and `{1 <= index_1 <= SIZEOF(left)}` then the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the element in the list at that position, unless the object being assigned to is qualified in which case the further qualification is used.
- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to a STRING and `{1 <= index_1 <= LENGTH(left)}` then the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the character in the string at that position.

Range qualified:

- The declared type of the expression to the left of the range qualifier shall be one of (BINARY or STRING) or a select type defined using one of the previous types. Both `index_1` and `index_2` shall evaluate to integer values.
- The expression to the left of the element qualifier shall be initialized, that is, have a value, before assignment can be made to its elements.
- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to a BINARY and `{1 <= index_1 <= index_2} AND (index_2 <= BLENGTH(left))` then the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the elements originally between `index_1` and `index_2`.

NOTE 2 If `BLENGTH(right) <> (index_2 - index_1 + 1)` then `BLENGTH(left)` will be changed by this assignment.

- If the expression to the left of the element qualifier evaluates to a STRING and `{1 <= index_1 <= index_2} AND (index_2 <= LENGTH(left))` then the expression to the right of the assignment statement replaces the elements originally between `index_1` and `index_2`.

NOTE 3 If `LENGTH(right) <> (index_2 - index_1 + 1)` then `LENGTH(left)` will be changed by this assignment.

- If the object being assigned to is qualified and is not dealt with in the above cases, it is in error.

If the expression evaluates, in a level 4 compliant parser, to a type that is a generalization of the type declared for the variable being assigned to, the assignment statement is said to be not invalid. This implies that there may be valid assignments using this assignment statement, when the actual values returned from the expression obey the rules specified above, however, unpredictable results will occur if the actual values returned by the expression are not compatible using the rules defined above.

Those partial complex entity instances that are not valid complex entity instances (see annex B) cannot be assigned to parameters or variables, nor can they be passed as actual parameters to functions or procedures. This does not restrict the assignment of valid complex entity instances.

13.4 Case statement

The CASE statement is a mechanism for selectively executing statements based on the value of an expression. A statement is executed depending on the value of the **selector**. The case statement consists of an expression, which is the case selector, and a list of alternative actions, each one preceded by one or more expressions which are the case labels. The evaluated type of the case label shall be compatible with the type of the case selector. The first occurring case label that is value equal to the case selector is selected and the statements associated with that label are executed. Value equality comparisons that result in UNKNOWN or FALSE are not selected. At most, one case-action is executed. If the selector evaluates to indeterminate (?) then the OTHERWISE clause, if present, is executed. If a case label evaluates to indeterminate (?), value equality returns UNKNOWN and the statement shall not be executed. If none of the case labels evaluates to the same value as the case selector:

- if the OTHERWISE clause is present, the statement associated with OTHERWISE is executed;
- if the OTHERWISE clause is not present, no statement associated with the case action is executed.

Syntax:

```

191 case_stmt = CASE selector OF { case_action } [ OTHERWISE ':' stmt ]
                END_CASE ';' .
299 selector = expression .
189 case_action = case_label { ',' case_label } ':' stmt .
190 case_label = expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

The type of the evaluated value of the case labels shall be compatible with the type of the evaluated value of the case selector.

EXAMPLE A simple case statement using integer case labels.

```

LOCAL
  a : INTEGER ;
  x : REAL ;
END_LOCAL ;
...
a := 3 ;
x := 34.97 ;
CASE a OF
  1    : x := SIN(x) ;
  2    : x := EXP(x) ;
  3    : x := SQRT(x) ; -- This is executed!
  4, 5 : x := LOG(x) ;
OTHERWISE : x := 0.0 ;
END_CASE ;

```

13.5 Compound statement

The compound statement is a sequence of statements delimited by BEGIN and END. A compound statement acts as a single statement.

NOTE A compound statement does not define a new scope.

Syntax:

```
192 compound_stmt = BEGIN stmt { stmt } END ';' .
```

EXAMPLE A simple compound statement.

```
BEGIN
  a = a+1 ;
  IF a > 100 THEN
    a := 0 ;
  END_IF;
END ;
```

13.6 Escape statement

An ESCAPE statement causes an immediate transfer to the statement following the REPEAT statement in which it appears.

NOTE This is the only way a REPEAT which according to the repeat control would be in an infinite loop may be terminated.

Syntax:

```
214 escape_stmt = ESCAPE ';' .
```

Rules and restrictions:

An ESCAPE statement shall only occur within the scope of a REPEAT statement.

EXAMPLE The ESCAPE statement passes control the statement following the END_REPEAT if a < 0.

```
REPEAT UNTIL (a=1);
...
IF (a < 0) THEN
  ESCAPE;
END_IF;
...
END_REPEAT; -- control transferred to here, after END_REPEAT
```

13.7 If ... Then ... Else statement

The IF...THEN...ELSE statement allows the conditional execution of statements based on an expression of type LOGICAL. When the **logical_expression** evaluates to TRUE the statement following THEN is executed. When the **logical_expression** evaluates to FALSE UNKNOWN or indeterminate (?), the statement following ELSE is executed if the ELSE clause is present. If the **logical_expression** evaluates to FALSE UNKNOWN or indeterminate (?), and the ELSE clause is omitted, control is passed to the next statement.

Syntax:

```

233 if_stmt = IF logical_expression THEN stmt { stmt } [ ELSE stmt { stmt } ]
                END_IF ';' .
254 logical_expression = expression .

```

EXAMPLE A simple IF statement.

```

IF a < 10 THEN
    c := c + 1;
ELSE
    c := c - 1;
END_IF;

```

13.8 Procedure call statement

The procedure call statement invokes a procedure. The actual parameters provided with the call shall agree in number, order and type with the formal parameters defined for that procedure.

Syntax:

```

270 procedure_call_stmt = ( built_in_procedure | procedure_ref )
                        [ actual_parameter_list ] ';' .
167 actual_parameter_list = '(' parameter { ',' parameter } ')' .
264 parameter = expression .

```

Rules and restrictions:

The actual parameters passed shall be assignment-compatible with the formal parameters.

EXAMPLE A call of the built-in procedure INSERT.

```
INSERT (point_list, this_point, here );
```

13.9 Repeat statement

The REPEAT statement is used to conditionally repeat the execution of a sequence of statements. Whether the repetition is started or continued is determined by evaluating the control condition(s). The control conditions are:

- finite iteration;
- while a condition is TRUE;
- until a condition is TRUE.

Syntax:

```

286 repeat_stmt = REPEAT repeat_control ';' stmt { stmt } END_REPEAT ';' .
285 repeat_control = [ increment_control ] [ while_control ] [ until_control ] .
235 increment_control = variable_id ':=' bound_1 TO bound_2 [ BY increment ] .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .
234 increment = numeric_expression .

```

These controls can be used in combination to specify the conditions that terminate the repetition.

These conditions are evaluated as follows to control the iterations:

- a) Upon entering the REPEAT statement, if the increment control is present, the increment control statement is evaluated as described in 13.9.1.
- b) The WHILE control expression, if present, is evaluated. If the result is TRUE (or no WHILE control exists), the body of the REPEAT statement is executed. If the result is FALSE, UNKNOWN or indeterminate (?), the execution of the REPEAT statement is terminated.
- c) When the execution of the body of the REPEAT statement is complete, any UNTIL control expression is evaluated. If the resulting value is TRUE the iteration stops and the execution of the REPEAT statement is complete. If the result is FALSE or UNKNOWN the control of the REPEAT statement is returned to the increment control. If no UNTIL control is present, the control of the REPEAT statement is returned to the increment control.
- d) If increment control is present, the value of the loop variable is incremented by **increment**. If the loop variable is between **bound_1** and **bound_2**, including the bounds themselves, control passes to (b) above, otherwise the execution of the REPEAT statement is terminated.

EXAMPLE This example shows how more than one controlling condition can be used in a REPEAT statement. The statement iterates until either the desired tolerance is achieved, or one hundred cycles, whichever occurs first; that is, iteration stops when the solution does not converge fast enough.

```
REPEAT i:=1 TO 100 UNTIL epsilon < 1.E-6;
...
epsilon := ...;
END_REPEAT;
```

13.9.1 Increment control

The increment control causes the body of the repeat statement to be executed for successive values in a sequence. Upon entry to the repeat statement, the implicitly declared variable **variable_id**, of type number, is set to the value of **bound_1**. After each iteration, the value of **variable_id** is set to **variable_id + increment**. If **increment** is not specified, the default value of one (1) is used. If **variable_id** is between **bound_1** and **bound_2** (including the case where **variable_id = bound_2**), the execution of the repeat statement proceeds.

Syntax:

```
235 increment_control = variable_id ':' bound_1 TO bound_2 [ BY increment ] .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .
234 increment = numeric_expression .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **numeric_expressions** representing the **bound_1**, **bound_2** and **increment** shall evaluate to numeric values.
- b) The **numeric_expressions** representing the bounds and the increment are evaluated once on entry to the REPEAT statement.

- c) If any of the **numeric_expressions** representing the bounds or the increment have the value indeterminate (?), the REPEAT statement is not executed.
- d) Upon first evaluation of the increment control statement the following conditions are checked for:
 - if **increment** is positive and **bound_1** > **bound_2**, the REPEAT statement is not executed;
 - if **increment** is negative and **bound_1** < **bound_2**, the REPEAT statement is not executed;
 - if **increment** is zero (0), the REPEAT statement is not executed;
 - if none of the above are true, the REPEAT statement is executed until the value of **variable_id** is outside the bounds specified or one of the other REPEAT control statements, if present, terminates the execution.
- e) The loop variable is initialized to **bound_1** at the beginning of the first iteration cycle and incremented by **increment** at the beginning of each subsequent cycle.
- f) The body of the REPEAT statement shall not modify the value of the loop variable.
- g) The REPEAT statement establishes a local scope in which the loop variable **variable_id** is implicitly declared as a number variable. Thus any declaration of **variable_id** in the surrounding scope is hidden within the REPEAT statement, and the value of the loop variable is not available outside the REPEAT statement.

13.9.2 While control

The WHILE control initiates and continues the execution of the body of the REPEAT statement while the control expression is TRUE. The expression is evaluated before each iteration.

If the WHILE control is present and the expression evaluates to FALSE, UNKNOWN or indeterminate (?), the body is not executed.

Syntax:

```
339 while_control = WHILE logical_expression .  
254 logical_expression = expression .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The **logical_expression** shall evaluate to a LOGICAL value.
- b) The **logical_expression** is re-evaluated at the beginning of each iteration.

13.9.3 Until control

The UNTIL control continues the execution of the body of the REPEAT statement until the control expression evaluates to TRUE. The expression shall be evaluated after each iteration.

If the UNTIL control is the only control present, at least one iteration shall always be executed.

Syntax:

```
335 until_control = UNTIL logical_expression .
254 logical_expression = expression .
```

Rules and restrictions:

- a) The `logical_expression` shall evaluate to a LOGICAL value.
- b) The `logical_expression` is re-evaluated at the end of each iteration.

13.10 Return statement

The RETURN statement terminates the execution of a FUNCTION or PROCEDURE. A RETURN statement within a function shall specify an expression. The value produced by evaluating this expression is the result of the function and is returned to the point of invocation. The expression shall be assignment-compatible with the declared return type of the function. A RETURN statement within a procedure shall not specify an expression.

Syntax:

```
290 return_stmt = RETURN [ '(' expression ')' ] ';' .
```

Rules and restrictions:

The RETURN statement shall only occur in a PROCEDURE or FUNCTION.

EXAMPLE Assorted RETURN statements.

```
RETURN(50) ;           (* from a function *)
RETURN(work_point) ;   (* from a function *)
RETURN ;               (* from a procedure *)
```

13.11 Skip statement

A SKIP statement causes an immediate transfer to the end of the body of the REPEAT statement in which it appears. The control conditions are then evaluated as described in 13.9.

Syntax:

```
308 skip_stmt = SKIP ';' .
```

Rules and restrictions:

The SKIP statement shall only occur in the scope of the REPEAT statement.

EXAMPLE The SKIP statement passes control to the END-REPEAT statement which causes the UNTIL control to be evaluated.

```
REPEAT UNTIL (a=1);
```

```

...
IF (a < 0) THEN
  SKIP;
END_IF;
... -- statements here are missed if a < 0
END_REPEAT;

```

14 Built-in constants

EXPRESS provides several built-in constants, which are defined here.

NOTE The built-in constants are considered to have exact values, even though such a value might not be representable on a computer.

14.1 Constant e

CONST_E is a REAL constant representing the mathematical value e , the base of the natural logarithm function ($\ln$). Its value is given by the following mathematical formula:

$$e = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i!^{-1}$$

14.2 Indeterminate

The indeterminate symbol (?) stands for an ambiguous value. It is compatible with all data types.

NOTE The most common use of indeterminate (?) is as the upper bound specification of a bag, list or set. This usage represents the notion that the size of the aggregate value defined by the aggregation data type is unbounded.

14.3 False

FALSE is a LOGICAL constant representing the logical notion of falsehood. It is compatible with the BOOLEAN and LOGICAL data types.

14.4 Pi

PI is a REAL constant representing the mathematical value π , the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

14.5 Self

SELF refers to the current entity instance or type value. SELF may appear within an entity declaration, a type declaration or an entity constructor.

NOTE SELF is not a constant, but behaves as one in every context in which it can appear.

14.6 True

TRUE is a LOGICAL constant representing the logical notion of truth. It is compatible with the BOOLEAN and LOGICAL data types.

14.7 Unknown

UNKNOWN is a LOGICAL constant representing that there is insufficient information available to be able to evaluate a logical condition. It is compatible with the LOGICAL data type, but not with the BOOLEAN data type.

15 Built-in functions

All functions (and mathematical operations in general) are assumed to evaluate to exact results. All built-in functions will return an indeterminate (?) result if passed an indeterminate (?) parameter unless explicitly specified otherwise in the description of the function.

The prototype for each of the built-in functions is given to show the type of the formal parameters and the result.

15.1 Abs - arithmetic function

FUNCTION ABS (V:NUMBER) : NUMBER;

The ABS function returns the absolute value of a number.

Parameters : V is a number.

Result : The absolute value of V. The returned data type is identical to the data type of V.

EXAMPLE ABS (-10) --> 10.

15.2 ACos - arithmetic function

FUNCTION ACOS (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The ACOS function returns the angle given a cosine value.

Parameters : V is a number which is the cosine of an angle.

Result : The angle in radians ($0 \leq \text{result} \leq \pi$) whose cosine is V.

Conditions : $-1.0 \leq V \leq 1.0$

EXAMPLE ACOS (0.3) --> 1.266103...

15.3 ASin - arithmetic function

FUNCTION ASIN (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The ASIN function returns the angle given a sine value.

Parameters : V is a number which is the sine of an angle.

Result : The angle in radians ($-\pi/2 \leq \text{result} \leq \pi/2$) whose sine is V.

Conditions : $-1.0 \leq V \leq 1.0$

EXAMPLE ASIN (0.3) --> 3.04692...e-1

15.4 ATan - arithmetic function

FUNCTION ATAN (V1:NUMBER; V2:NUMBER) : REAL;

The ATAN function returns the angle given a tangent value of V, where V is given by the expression $V = V1/V2$.

Parameters :

a) V1 is a number.

b) V2 is a number.

Result : The angle in radians ($-\pi/2 \leq \text{result} \leq \pi/2$) whose tangent is V. If V2 is zero, the result is $\pi/2$ or $-\pi/2$ depending on the sign of V1.

Conditions : Both V1 and V2 shall not be zero.

EXAMPLE ATAN (-5.5, 3.0) --> -1.071449...

15.5 BLength - binary function

FUNCTION BLENGTH (V:BINARY) : INTEGER;

The BLENGTH function returns the number of bits in a binary.

Parameters : V is a binary value.

Result : The returned value is the actual number of bits in the binary value passed.

EXAMPLE Use of the BLENGTH function.

```
LOCAL
  n : NUMBER;
  x : BINARY := %01010010 ;
END_LOCAL;
...
n := BLENGTH ( x ); -- n is assigned the value 8
```

15.6 Cos - arithmetic function

FUNCTION COS (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The COS function returns the cosine of an angle.

Parameters : V is a number which is an angle in radians.

Result : The cosine of V ($-1.0 \leq \text{result} \leq 1.0$).

EXAMPLE COS (0.5) --> 8.77582...E-1

15.7 Exists - general function

FUNCTION EXISTS (V:GENERIC) : BOOLEAN;

The EXISTS function returns TRUE if a value exists for the input parameter, or FALSE if no value exists for it. The EXISTS function is useful for checking if values have been given to OPTIONAL attributes, or if variables have been initialized.

Parameters : V is an expression which results in any type.

Result : TRUE or FALSE depending on whether V has an actual or indeterminate (?) value.

EXAMPLE IF EXISTS (a) THEN ...

15.8 Exp - arithmetic function

FUNCTION EXP (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The EXP function returns e (the base of the natural logarithm system) raised to the power V .

Parameters : V is a number.

Result : The value e^V .

EXAMPLE EXP (10) --> 2.202646...E+4

15.9 Format - general function

FUNCTION FORMAT(N:NUMBER; F:STRING):STRING;

The FORMAT returns a formatted string representation of a number.

Parameters :

- a) N is a number (integer or real).
- b) F is a string containing formatting commands.

Result : A string representation of N formatted according to F . Rounding is applied to the string representation if necessary.

The formatting string contains special characters to indicate the appearance of the result. The formatting string can be written in three ways:

- a) The formatting string can give a symbolic description of the output representation.
- b) The formatting string can give a picture description of the output representation.
- c) When the formatting string is empty, a standard output representation is produced.

15.9.1 Symbolic representation

The general form of a symbolic format is `[sign]width[.decimals]type`.

- **sign** indicates how the sign of the number is represented. If **sign** is either not specified or specified as a minus (-), the first character returned is a minus for negative numbers and a space for positive numbers (including zero). If **sign** is specified as a plus (+), the first character returned is a minus for negative numbers, a plus for positive numbers and a space for zero.
- **width** gives the total number of characters in the returned string. This shall be an integer number greater than two. If the **width** is specified with a preceding zero, the returned string will contain preceding zeros, otherwise preceding zeros are suppressed. If the number to be formatted requires more characters than specified by **width**, a string with the number of characters required by the format is returned.
- **decimals** gives the number of digits that are returned in the string to the right of the decimal point. If specified, the decimals shall be a positive integer number. If **decimals** is not specified, the decimal point and following digits are not returned in the string.
- **type** is a letter indicating the form of the number being represented in the string.
 - if **type** is I, the number shall be represented as an integer and;
 - **decimals** shall not be specified;
 - the **width** specification shall be at least two;
 - if **type** is F, the number shall be represented by a fixed point real and;
 - the **decimals**, if specified, shall be at least one;
 - if the **decimals** is not specified, the default value of two shall be assumed;
 - the **width** specification shall be at least four;
 - if **type** is E, the number shall be represented by an exponential real and;
 - **decimals** shall always be specified for a **type** E;
 - the **decimals** specification shall be at least one;
 - the **width** specification shall be at least seven (7);
 - a zero prefixed **width** will result in the first two characters of the mantissa being 0.;
 - the exponent part shall be a minimum of two characters with an explicit sign;
 - the displayed 'E' shall be in uppercase.

NOTE Table 20 shows how formatting affects the appearance of different values.

Table 20 – Example symbolic formatting effects

Number	Format	Display	Comment
10	+7I	' +10'	Zero suppression
10	+07I	' +000010'	Zeros not suppressed
10	10.3E	' 1.000E+01'	
123.456789	8.2F	' 123.46'	
123.456789	8.2E	'1.23E+02'	
123.456789	08.2E	'0.12E+02'	Preceding zero forced
9.876E123	8.2E	'9.88E+123'	Exponent part is 3 characters and width ignored
32.777	6I	' 33'	Rounded

15.9.2 Picture representation

In the picture format each picture character corresponds to a character in the returned string. The characters used are given in Table 21.

Table 21 – Picture formatting characters

# (hash mark)	represents a digit
, (comma)	a separator
. (dot)	a separator
+ - (plus and minus)	represents the sign
() (parentheses)	represents negation

The separators '.' and ',' are used as follows:

- if the ',' appears in the format string before the '.', the ',' represents a grouping character and the '.' represents the decimal character;
- if the '.' appears in the format string before the ',', the '.' represents a grouping character and the ',' represents the decimal character;
- if only one separator appears in the format string, this represents the decimal character.

Any other character is displayed without change.

NOTE Table 22 shows how formatting affects the appearance of different values.

Table 22 – Example picture formatting effects

Number	Format	Display	Comment
10	###	' 10'	
10	(###)	' 10 '	parentheses ignored
-10	(###)	'(10)'	
7123.456	###,###.##	' 7,123.46'	USA notation
7123.456	###.###,##	' 7.123,46'	European notation

15.9.3 Standard representation

The standard representation for an integer number is '7I'. The standard representation for a real number is '10.1E'. See the description of symbolic representations above.

15.10 HiBound - arithmetic function

FUNCTION HIBOUND (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : INTEGER;

The HIBOUND function returns the declared upper index of an ARRAY or the declared upper bound of a BAG, LIST or SET.

Parameters : V is an aggregate value.

Result :

- a) When V is an ARRAY the returned value is the declared upper index.
- b) When V is a BAG, LIST or SET the returned value is the declared upper bound; if there are no bounds declared or the upper bound is declared to be indeterminate (?) indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE Usage of HIBOUND function on nested aggregate values.

```

LOCAL
  a : ARRAY[-3:19] OF SET[2:4] OF LIST[0:?] OF INTEGER;
  h1, h2, h3 : INTEGER;
END_LOCAL;
...
a[-3][1][1] := 2;          -- places a value in the list
...
h1 := HIBOUND(a);          -- =19 (upper bound of array)
h2 := HIBOUND(a[-3]);      -- = 4 (upper bound of set)
h3 := HIBOUND(a[-3][1]);   -- = ? (upper bound of list (unbounded))

```

15.11 HiIndex - arithmetic function

FUNCTION HIINDEX (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : INTEGER;

The HIINDEX function returns the upper index of an ARRAY or the number of elements in a BAG, LIST or SET.

Parameters : V is an aggregate value.

Result :

- a) When V is an ARRAY, the returned value is the declared upper index.
- b) When V is a BAG, LIST or SET, the returned value is the actual number of elements in the aggregate value.

EXAMPLE Usage of HIINDEX function on nested aggregate values.

LOCAL

```

a : ARRAY[-3:19] OF SET[2:4] OF LIST[0:?] OF INTEGER;
h1, h2, h3 : INTEGER;
END_LOCAL;
a[-3][1][1] := 2;          -- places a value in the list
h1 := HIINDEX(a);          -- = 19 (upper bound of array)
h2 := HIINDEX(a[-3]);      -- = 1 (size of set) -- this is invalid with respect
                           -- to the bounds on the SET
h3 := HIINDEX(a[-3][1]);   -- = 1 (size of list)

```

15.12 Length - string function

FUNCTION LENGTH (V:STRING) : INTEGER;

The LENGTH function returns the number of characters in a string.

Parameters : V is a string value.

Result : The returned value is the number of characters in the string and shall be greater than or equal to zero.

EXAMPLE Usage of the LENGTH function.

```

LOCAL
  n : NUMBER;
  x1 : STRING := 'abc';
  x2 : STRING := "0000795E00006238";
END_LOCAL;
...
n := LENGTH ( x1 ); -- n is assigned the value 3
n := LENGTH ( x2 ); -- n is assigned the value 2

```

15.13 LoBound - arithmetic function

FUNCTION LOBOUND (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : INTEGER;

The LOBOUND function returns the declared lower index of an ARRAY, or the declared lower bound of a BAG, LIST or SET.

Parameters : V is an aggregate value.

Result :

- a) When V is an ARRAY the returned value is the declared lower index.
- b) When V is a BAG, LIST or SET the returned value is the declared lower bound; if no lower bound is declared, zero (0) is returned.

EXAMPLE Usage of LOBOUND function on nested aggregate values.

```

LOCAL
  a : ARRAY[-3:19] OF SET[2:4] OF LIST[0:?] OF INTEGER;
  h1, h2, h3 : INTEGER;
END_LOCAL;
...
h1 := LOBOUND(a);          -- =-3 (lower index of array)

```

```
h2 := LOBOUND(a[-3]);    -- = 2 (lower bound of set)
h3 := LOBOUND(a[-3][1]); -- = 0 (lower bound of list)
```

15.14 Log - arithmetic function

FUNCTION LOG (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The LOG function returns the natural logarithm of a number.

Parameters : V is a number.

Result : A real number which is the natural logarithm of V.

Conditions : $V > 0.0$

EXAMPLE LOG (4.5) --> 1.504077...E0

15.15 Log2 - arithmetic function

FUNCTION LOG2 (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The LOG2 function returns the base two logarithm of a number.

Parameters : V is a number.

Result : A real number which is the base two logarithm of V.

Conditions : $V > 0.0$

EXAMPLE LOG2 (8) --> 3.00...E0

15.16 Log10 - arithmetic function

FUNCTION LOG10 (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The LOG10 function returns the base ten logarithm of a number.

Parameters : V is a number.

Result : A real number which is the base ten logarithm of V.

Conditions : $V > 0.0$

EXAMPLE LOG10 (10) --> 1.00...E0

15.17 LoIndex - arithmetic function

FUNCTION LOINDEX (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : INTEGER;

The LOINDEX function returns the lower index of an aggregate value.

Parameters : V is an aggregate value.

Result :

- a) When *V* is an **ARRAY** the returned value is the declared lower index.
- b) When *V* is a **BAG**, **LIST** or **SET**, the returned value is 1 (one).

EXAMPLE Usage of **LOINDEX** function on nested aggregate values.

```

LOCAL
  a : ARRAY[-3:19] OF SET[2:4] OF LIST[0:?] OF INTEGER;
  h1, h2, h3 : INTEGER;
END_LOCAL;
...
h1 := LOINDEX(a);           -- =-3 (lower bound of array)
h2 := LOINDEX(a[-3]);       -- = 1 (for set)
h3 := LOINDEX(a[-3][1]);    -- = 1 (for list)

```

15.18 NVL - null value function

```
FUNCTION NVL(V:GENERIC:GEN1; SUBSTITUTE:GENERIC:GEN1):GENERIC:GEN1;
```

The **NVL** function returns either the input value or an alternate value in the case where the input has a indeterminate (?) value.

Parameters :

- a) *V* is an expression which is of any type.
- b) **SUBSTITUTE** is an expression which shall not evaluate to indeterminate (?).

Result : When *V* is not indeterminate (?), that value is returned. Otherwise, **SUBSTITUTE** is returned.

EXAMPLE The **NVL** function is used to supply zero (0.0) as the value of *Z* when *Z* is indeterminate (?).

```

ENTITY unit_vector;
  x, y : REAL;
  z : OPTIONAL REAL;
WHERE
  x**2 + y**2 + NVL(z, 0.0)**2 = 1.0;
END_ENTITY;

```

15.19 Odd - arithmetic function

```
FUNCTION ODD ( V:INTEGER ) : LOGICAL;
```

The **ODD** function returns **TRUE** or **FALSE** depending on whether a number is odd or even.

Parameters : *V* is an integer number.

Result : When $V \bmod 2 = 1$ **TRUE** is returned; otherwise **FALSE** is returned.

Conditions : Zero is not odd.

EXAMPLE ODD (121) --> TRUE

15.20 RolesOf - general function

FUNCTION ROLESOF (V:GENERIC_ENTITY) : SET OF STRING;

The ROLESOF function returns a set of strings containing the fully qualified names of the roles played by the specified entity instance. A fully qualified name is defined to be the name of the attribute qualified by the name of the schema and entity in which this attribute is declared (that is, 'SCHEMA.ENTITY.ATTRIBUTE').

Parameters : V is any instance of an entity data type.

Result : A set of string values (in upper case) containing the fully qualified names of the attributes of the entity instances which use the instance V. If V is indeterminate (?) then an empty set is returned.

When a named data type is USE'd or REFERENCE'd, the schema and the name in that schema, if renamed, are also returned. Since USE statements may be chained, all the chained schema names and the name in each schema are returned.

EXAMPLE This example shows that a point might be used as the centre of a circle. The ROLESOF function determines what roles an entity instance actually plays.

```

SCHEMA that_schema;

ENTITY point;
  x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY line;
  start,
  end : point;
END_ENTITY;

END_SCHEMA;

SCHEMA this_schema;
USE FROM that_schema (point,line);

CONSTANT
  origin : point := point(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
END_CONSTANT;

ENTITY circle;
  centre : point;
  axis : vector;
  radius : REAL;
END_ENTITY;

...
LOCAL
  p : point := point(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
  c : circle := circle(p, vector(1,1,1), 1.0);
  l : line := line(p, origin);
END_LOCAL;
...

```

```

IF 'THIS_SCHEMA.CIRCLE.CENTRE' IN ROLESOF(p) THEN    -- true
...
IF 'THIS_SCHEMA.LINE.START' IN ROLESOF(p) THEN      -- true
...
IF 'THAT_SCHEMA.LINE.START' IN ROLESOF(p) THEN      -- true
...
IF 'THIS_SCHEMA.LINE.END' IN ROLESOF(p) THEN        -- false

```

15.21 Sin - arithmetic function

FUNCTION SIN (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The SIN function returns the sine of an angle.

Parameters : V is a number representing an angle expressed in radians.

Result : The sine of V ($-1.0 \leq \text{result} \leq 1.0$).

EXAMPLE SIN (PI) --> 0.0

15.22 SizeOf - aggregate function

FUNCTION SIZEOF (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : INTEGER;

The SIZEOF function returns the number of elements in an aggregate value.

Parameters : V is an aggregate value.

Result :

- a) When V is an ARRAY the returned value is its declared number of elements in the aggregation data type.
- b) When V is a BAG, LIST or SET, the returned value is the actual number of elements in the aggregate value.

EXAMPLE Use of the SIZEOF function.

```

LOCAL
  n : NUMBER;
  y : ARRAY[2:5] OF b;
END_LOCAL;
...
n := SIZEOF (y); -- n is assigned the value 4

```

15.23 Sqrt - arithmetic function

FUNCTION SQRT (V:NUMBER) : REAL;

The SQRT function returns the non-negative square root of a number.

Parameters : V is any non-negative number.

Result : The non-negative square root of V.

Conditions : $V \geq 0.0$

EXAMPLE `SQRT ( 121 ) --> 11.0`

15.24 Tan - arithmetic function

FUNCTION `TAN ( V:NUMBER ) : REAL;`

The TAN function returns the tangent of an angle.

Parameters : V is a number representing an angle expressed in radians.

Result : The tangent of the angle. If the angle is $n\pi/2$, where n is an odd integer, indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE `TAN ( 0.0 ) --> 0.0`

15.25 TypeOf - general function

FUNCTION `TYPEOF ( V:GENERIC ) : SET OF STRING;`

The TYPEOF function returns a SET of STRING that contains the names of all the data types that the parameter is a member of. Except for the simple data types (BINARY, BOOLEAN, INTEGER, LOGICAL, NUMBER, REAL, and STRING) and the aggregation data types (ARRAY, BAG, LIST, and SET), these names are qualified by the name of the schema that contains the definition of the type.

NOTE 1 The primary purpose of this function is to check whether a given value (variable or attribute value) can be used for a certain purpose, for example, to ensure assignment compatibility between two values. It may also be used if different subtypes or specializations of a given type have to be treated differently in some context.

Parameters : V is a value of any type.

Result : The contents of the returned SET of STRING values are the names (in upper case) of all types that the value V is a member of. Such names are qualified by the name of the schema that contains the definition of the type ('SCHEMA.TYPE') if it is neither a simple data type nor an aggregation data type. It may be derived by the following algorithm (which is given here for specification purposes rather than to prescribe any particular type of implementation):

- a) The result set is initialized by using both the type name that V belongs to (by declaration) and, if these are different also the type name that the instance of V represents, including their schema names if the type names are named data types, and applying the following rules:

NOTE 2 When the actual parameter to TypeOf was a formal parameter to some function being evaluated, the "type to which V belongs (by declaration)" is the type declared for the original actual parameter, or the result data type for the actual parameter expression as specified in clause 12, and not the type declared for any formal parameter for which it has been substituted.

- If V is an aggregate value, the type name is just the name of the aggregation data type (ARRAY, BAG, LIST, SET), not anything else.
- If V is an enumeration data type based on another enumeration data type, add the

names of the enumeration data types reached by traversing the BASED_ON relationships from the current enumeration data type.

- If *V* is an extensible enumeration data type, recursively add the names of the enumeration data types which are extensions to *V*.

NOTE 3 The two last items in the list above are true for an extensible enumeration data type that is based on another enumeration data type.

- If *V* evaluates to indeterminate (?), an empty SET is returned.

b) Repeat until the SET stops growing:

1) Repeat for all names in the result SET:

- if the current name is the name of a simple data type: skip;
- if the current name is the name of an aggregation data type (ARRAY, BAG, LIST, SET): skip;
- if the current name is the name of an enumeration data type: skip;
- if the current name is the name of a select data type: the names of all the types (with the schema name) in the select list which are actually instantiated by *V* are added to the result SET. (This may be more than one, as the select list may contain names of types that are compatible subtypes of a common supertype, or specializations of a common generalization.);
- if the current name is the name of any other sort of defined data type: the name of the type referenced by this type definition including the schema name, where necessary, is added to the result SET. If the referenced type is an aggregation data type, this is just the name of the aggregation data type;
- if the current name is the name of an entity: the names of all those subtypes (including the schema name, where necessary) actually instantiated by *V*, if any, are added to the result SET.

2) Repeat for all names in the result SET:

if the current name is the name of a subtype: the names of all its supertypes are added to the result SET.

- if the current name is the name of a specialization: the names of all its generalizations are added to the result SET.

3) Repeat for all names in the result SET:

- for each SELECT data type that the current name appears in as a member of the select list, do the following:

- i) add the name of the select data type to the list;

- ii) if the select data type is based on another select data type, add the names of the select data types reached by traversing the BASED_ON relationships from the current select data type;
 - iii) if the select data type is an extensible select data type, recursively add the names of the select data types that are extensions to the current select data type.
- 4) Repeat for all names in the result SET:
- if the current name has been brought into its schema by means of REFERENCE or USE: the name in the interfaced schema qualified by the name of the interfaced schema is added to the result SET. Since USE statements may be chained, the name in all chained schemas qualified by the schema names are also added to the SET.
- c) Return result SET.

If V evaluates to indeterminate (?), TYPEOF returns an empty SET.

NOTE 4 This function ends its work when it reaches an aggregation data type. It does not provide the information concerning the base type of the aggregate value. If needed, this information can be collected by applying TYPEOF to legal elements of the aggregate value.

EXAMPLE 1 In the context of the following schema

```
SCHEMA this_schema;
```

```
TYPE
  mylist = LIST [1 : 20] OF REAL;
END_TYPE;
...
LOCAL
  lst : mylist;
END_LOCAL;
...
```

```
END_SCHEMA;
```

the following conditions are TRUE:

```
TYPEOF (lst)      = ['THIS_SCHEMA.MYLIST', 'LIST']
TYPEOF (lst [17]) = ['REAL', 'NUMBER']
```

EXAMPLE 2 The effects of USE or REFERENCE are shown based on the previous example:

```
SCHEMA another_schema;
  REFERENCE FROM this_schema (mylist AS hislist);
...
  lst : hislist;
...
END_SCHEMA;
```

In this context, the following statement is TRUE:

```
TYPEOF (lst) = ['ANOTHER_SCHEMA.HISLIST', 'THIS_SCHEMA.MYLIST', 'LIST']
```

15.26 UsedIn - general function

FUNCTION USEDIN (T:GENERIC_ENTITY ; R:STRING) : BAG OF GENERIC_ENTITY ;

The USEDIN function returns each entity instance that uses a specified entity instance in a specified role.

Parameters :

- a) T is any instance of any ENTITY data type.
- b) R is a STRING that contains a fully qualified attribute (role) name as defined in 15.20.

Result : Every entity instance that uses the specified instance in the specified role is returned in a BAG.

An empty BAG is returned if the instance T plays no roles or if the role R is not found.

When R is an empty STRING, every usage of T is reported. All relationships directed toward T are examined. When the relationship originates from an attribute with the name R, the entity instance containing that attribute is added to the result BAG. Note that if T is not used, an empty BAG is returned.

If either T or R are indeterminate (?), an empty BAG is returned.

EXAMPLE This example shows how a rule might be used to test that there must be a **point** used as the centre of a circle at the origin. Note that this example uses the QUERY expression (see 12.6.7) as the parameter to the SIZEOF function.

```
ENTITY point;
  x, y, z : REAL;
END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY circle;
  centre : point;
  axis   : vector;
  radius : REAL;
END_ENTITY; ...
```

```
(*example" This rule finds every point that is used as a circle
  centre, and then it ensures that at least one of the points lies
  at the origin. *)
```

```
...
```

```
RULE example FOR (point);
LOCAL
  circles : SET OF circle := []; -- an empty set of circle
END_LOCAL;
REPEAT i := LOINDEX(point) TO HIINDEX(point);
  circles := circles +
    USEDIN(point[i], 'THIS_SCHEMA.CIRCLE.CENTRE');
END_REPEAT;
WHERE R1 : SIZEOF(
  QUERY(
    at_zero <* circles |
    -- start query
    -- get all points
```

```

        (at_zero.centre = point(0.0, 0.0, 0.0))    -- at 0,0,0
    )
    ) >= 1;                                         -- at least one
END_RULE;
```

15.27 Value - arithmetic function

FUNCTION VALUE (V:STRING) : NUMBER;

The VALUE function returns the numeric representation of a string.

Parameters : V is a string containing either a real or integer literal (see 7.5).

Result : A number corresponding to the string representation. If it is not possible to interpret the string as either a real or integer literal, indeterminate (?) is returned.

EXAMPLE Some results from calling VALUE with different parameters.

```

VALUE ( '1.234' ) --> 1.234 (REAL)
VALUE ( '20' )    --> 20   (INTEGER)
VALUE ( 'abc' )   --> ?    null
```

15.28 Value_in - membership function

FUNCTION VALUE_IN (C:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC:GEN; V:GENERIC:GEN) : LOGICAL;

The VALUE_IN function returns a LOGICAL value depending on whether or not a particular value is a member of an aggregation.

Parameters :

- a) C is an aggregation of any type.
- b) V is an expression that is assignment compatible with the base type of C.

Result :

- a) If either V or C is indeterminate (?), UNKNOWN is returned.
- b) If any element of C has a value equal to the value of V, TRUE is returned.
- c) If any element of C is indeterminate (?), UNKNOWN is returned.
- d) Otherwise FALSE is returned.

EXAMPLE The following test ensures that there is at least one point which is positioned at the origin.

```

LOCAL
    points : SET OF point;
END_LOCAL;
...
IF VALUE_IN(points, point(0.0, 0.0, 0.0)) THEN ...
```

15.29 Value_unique - uniqueness function

FUNCTION VALUE_UNIQUE (V:AGGREGATE OF GENERIC) : LOGICAL;

The VALUE_UNIQUE function returns a LOGICAL value depending on whether or not the elements of an aggregation are value unique.

Parameters : V is an aggregation of any type.

Result :

- a) If V is indeterminate (?), UNKNOWN is returned.
- b) If any any two elements of V are value equal, FALSE is returned.
- c) If any element of V is indeterminate (?), UNKNOWN is returned.
- d) Otherwise TRUE is returned.

EXAMPLE The following test ensures that each point in a set is at a different position (by definition they are distinct, that is, instance unique).

IF VALUE_UNIQUE(points) THEN ...

16 Built-in procedures

EXPRESS provides two built-in procedures, both of which are used to manipulate lists. The procedures are described in this clause. Built-in procedures will not be performed if passed an indeterminate (?) parameter, unless explicitly specified otherwise in the description of the procedure.

The procedure head for each is given to show the data types of the formal parameters.

16.1 Insert

PROCEDURE INSERT (VAR L:LIST OF GENERIC:GEN; E:GENERIC:GEN; P:INTEGER);

The INSERT procedure inserts an element at a particular position in a LIST.

Parameters :

- a) L is the LIST value into which an element is to be inserted.
- b) E is the instance to be inserted into L. E shall be compatible with the base type of L, as indicated by the type labels in the procedure head.
- c) P is an INTEGER giving the position in L at which E is to be inserted.

Result : L is modified by inserting E into L at the specified position. The insertion follows the existing element at position P, so when P = 0, E becomes the first element.

Conditions : $0 \leq P \leq \text{SIZEOF}(L)$

16.2 Remove

PROCEDURE REMOVE (VAR L:LIST OF GENERIC; P:INTEGER);

The REMOVE procedure removes an element from a particular position in a LIST.

Parameters :

- a) L is the LIST value from which an element is to be removed.
- b) P is an INTEGER giving the position of the element in L to be removed.

Result : L is modified by removing the element found at the specified position P.

Conditions : $1 \leq P \leq \text{SIZEOF}(L)$

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Annex A (normative) EXPRESS language syntax

This annex defines the lexical elements of the language and the grammar rules which these elements shall obey.

NOTE This syntax definition will result in ambiguous parsers if used directly. It has been written to convey information regarding the use of identifiers. The interpreted identifiers define tokens which are references to declared identifiers, and therefore should not resolve to `simple_id`. This requires a parser developer to provide a lookup table, or similar, to enable identifier reference resolution and return the required reference token to a grammar rule checker. This approach has been used to aid the implementors of parsers in that there should be no ambiguity with respect to the use of identifiers.

A.1 Tokens

The following rules specify the tokens used in EXPRESS. Except where explicitly stated in the syntax rules, no white space or remarks shall appear within the text matched by a single syntax rule in the following subclauses: A.1.1, A.1.2, A.1.3, and A.1.5.

A.1.1 Keywords

This subclause gives the rules used to represent the keywords of EXPRESS.

NOTE This subclause follows the typographical convention stated in 6.1 that each keyword is represented by a syntax rule whose left-hand side is that keyword in uppercase. Since string literals in the syntax rules are case-insensitive, these keywords may be given in a formal specification in upper, lower or mixed case.

```

0 ABS = 'abs' .
1 ABSTRACT = 'abstract' .
2 ACOS = 'acos' .
3 AGGREGATE = 'aggregate' .
4 ALIAS = 'alias' .
5 AND = 'and' .
6 ANDOR = 'andor' .
7 ARRAY = 'array' .
8 AS = 'as' .
9 ASIN = 'asin' .

10 ATAN = 'atan' .
11 BAG = 'bag' .
12 BASED_ON = 'based_on' .
13 BEGIN = 'begin' .
14 BINARY = 'binary' .
15 BLENGTH = 'blength' .
16 BOOLEAN = 'boolean' .
17 BY = 'by' .
18 CASE = 'case' .
19 CONSTANT = 'constant' .

20 CONST_E = 'const_e' .
21 COS = 'cos' .
22 DERIVE = 'derive' .
23 DIV = 'div' .
24 ELSE = 'else' .

```

25 END = 'end' .
 26 END_ALIAS = 'end_alias' .
 27 END_CASE = 'end_case' .
 28 END_CONSTANT = 'end_constant' .
 29 END_ENTITY = 'end_entity' .

 30 END_FUNCTION = 'end_function' .
 31 END_IF = 'end_if' .
 32 END_LOCAL = 'end_local' .
 33 END_PROCEDURE = 'end_procedure' .
 34 END_REPEAT = 'end_repeat' .
 35 END_RULE = 'end_rule' .
 36 END_SCHEMA = 'end_schema' .
 37 END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT = 'end_subtype_constraint' .
 38 END_TYPE = 'end_type' .
 39 ENTITY = 'entity' .

 40 ENUMERATION = 'enumeration' .
 41 ESCAPE = 'escape' .
 42 EXISTS = 'exists' .
 43 EXTENSIBLE = 'extensible' .
 44 EXP = 'exp' .
 45 FALSE = 'false' .
 46 FIXED = 'fixed' .
 47 FOR = 'for' .
 48 FORMAT = 'format' .
 49 FROM = 'from' .

 50 FUNCTION = 'function' .
 51 GENERIC = 'generic' .
 52 GENERIC_ENTITY = 'generic_entity' .
 53 HIBOUND = 'hibound' .
 54 HIINDEX = 'hiindex' .
 55 IF = 'if' .
 56 IN = 'in' .
 57 INSERT = 'insert' .
 58 INTEGER = 'integer' .
 59 INVERSE = 'inverse' .

 60 LENGTH = 'length' .
 61 LIKE = 'like' .
 62 LIST = 'list' .
 63 LOBOUND = 'lobound' .
 64 LOCAL = 'local' .
 65 LOG = 'log' .
 66 LOG10 = 'log10' .
 67 LOG2 = 'log2' .
 68 LOGICAL = 'logical' .
 69 LOINDEX = 'loindex' .

 70 MOD = 'mod' .
 71 NOT = 'not' .
 72 NUMBER = 'number' .
 73 NVL = 'nvl' .
 74 ODD = 'odd' .
 75 OF = 'of' .
 76 ONEOF = 'oneof' .
 77 OPTIONAL = 'optional' .
 78 OR = 'or' .

```

79 OTHERWISE = 'otherwise' .

80 PI = 'pi' .
81 PROCEDURE = 'procedure' .
82 QUERY = 'query' .
83 REAL = 'real' .
84 REFERENCE = 'reference' .
85 REMOVE = 'remove' .
86 RENAMED = 'renamed' .
87 REPEAT = 'repeat' .
88 RETURN = 'return' .
89 ROLESOF = 'rolesof' .

90 RULE = 'rule' .
91 SCHEMA = 'schema' .
92 SELECT = 'select' .
93 SELF = 'self' .
94 SET = 'set' .
95 SIN = 'sin' .
96 SIZEOF = 'sizeof' .
97 SKIP = 'skip' .
98 SQRT = 'sqrt' .
99 STRING = 'string' .

100 SUBTYPE = 'subtype' .
101 SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT = 'subtype_constraint' .
102 SUPERTYPE = 'supertype' .
103 TAN = 'tan' .
104 THEN = 'then' .
105 TO = 'to' .
106 TOTAL_OVER = 'total_over' .
107 TRUE = 'true' .
108 TYPE = 'type' .
109 TYPEOF = 'typeof' .

110 UNIQUE = 'unique' .
111 UNKNOWN = 'unknown' .
112 UNTIL = 'until' .
113 USE = 'use' .
114 USEDIN = 'usedin' .
115 VALUE = 'value' .
116 VALUE_IN = 'value_in' .
117 VALUE_UNIQUE = 'value_unique' .
118 VAR = 'var' .
119 WHERE = 'where' .

120 WHILE = 'while' .
121 WITH = 'with' .
122 XOR = 'xor' .

```

A.1.2 Character classes

The following rules define various classes of characters which are used in constructing the tokens in A.1.3.

```

123 bit = '0' | '1' .
124 digit = '0' | '1' | '2' | '3' | '4' | '5' | '6' | '7' | '8' | '9' .

```

```

125 digits = digit { digit } .
126 encoded_character = octet octet octet octet .
127 hex_digit = digit | 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' .
128 letter = 'a' | 'b' | 'c' | 'd' | 'e' | 'f' | 'g' | 'h' | 'i' | 'j' | 'k' | 'l' |
          'm' | 'n' | 'o' | 'p' | 'q' | 'r' | 's' | 't' | 'u' | 'v' | 'w' | 'x' |
          'y' | 'z' .
129 lparen_then_not_lparen_star = '(' { '(' } not_lparen_star { not_lparen_star } .

130 not_lparen_star = not_paren_star | ')' .
131 not_paren_star = letter | digit | not_paren_star_special .
132 not_paren_star_quote_special = '!' | '"' | '#' | '$' | '%' | '&' | '+' | ',' |
          '-' | '.' | '/' | ':' | ';' | '<' | '=' | '>' |
          '?' | '@' | '[' | '\ ' | ']' | '^' | '_' | '`' |
          '{' | '|' | '}' | '~' .
133 not_paren_star_special = not_paren_star_quote_special | ''' .
134 not_quote = not_paren_star_quote_special | letter | digit | '(' | ')' | '*' .
135 not_rparen_star = not_paren_star | '(' .
136 octet = hex_digit hex_digit .
137 special = not_paren_star_quote_special | '(' | ')' | '*' | ''' .
138 not_rparen_star_then_rparen = not_rparen_star { not_rparen_star } ')' { ')' } .

```

A.1.3 Lexical elements

The following rules specify how certain combinations of characters are interpreted as lexical elements within the language.

```

139 binary_literal = '%' bit { bit } .

140 encoded_string_literal = '"' encoded_character { encoded_character } '"' .
141 integer_literal = digits .
142 real_literal = integer_literal |
          ( digits '.' [ digits ] [ 'e' [ sign ] digits ] ) .
143 simple_id = letter { letter | digit | '_' } .
144 simple_string_literal = \q { ( \q \q ) | not_quote | \s | \x9 | \xA | \xD } \q .

```

A.1.4 Remarks

The following rules specify the syntax of remarks in EXPRESS.

```

145 embedded_remark = '(*' [ remark_tag ] { ( not_paren_star { not_paren_star } ) |
          lparen_then_not_lparen_star | ( '*' { '*' } ) |
          not_rparen_star_then_rparen | embedded_remark } '*)' .
146 remark = embedded_remark | tail_remark .
147 remark_tag = ''' remark_ref { '.' remark_ref } ''' .
148 remark_ref = attribute_ref | constant_ref | entity_ref | enumeration_ref |
          function_ref | parameter_ref | procedure_ref | rule_label_ref |
          rule_ref | schema_ref | subtype_constraint_ref | type_label_ref |
          type_ref | variable_ref .
149 tail_remark = '---' [ remark_tag ] { \a | \s | \x9 | \xA | \xD } \n .

```

A.1.5 Interpreted identifiers

The following rules represent identifiers that are known to have a particular meaning (this is, to be declared elsewhere as types or functions or others).

NOTE It is expected that identifiers matching these syntax rules are known to an implementation. How the implementation obtains this information is of no concern to the definition of the language. One method of gaining this information is multi-pass parsing: the first pass collects the identifiers from their declarations, so that subsequent passes are then able to distinguish a `variable_ref` from a `function_ref`, for example.

```

150 attribute_ref = attribute_id .
151 constant_ref = constant_id .
152 entity_ref = entity_id .
153 enumeration_ref = enumeration_id .
154 function_ref = function_id .
155 parameter_ref = parameter_id .
156 procedure_ref = procedure_id .
157 rule_label_ref = rule_label_id .
158 rule_ref = rule_id .
159 schema_ref = schema_id .

160 subtype_constraint_ref = subtype_constraint_id .
161 type_label_ref = type_label_id .
162 type_ref = type_id .
163 variable_ref = variable_id .

```

A.2 Grammar rules

The following rules specify how the previous lexical elements may be combined into constructs of EXPRESS. White space and/or remark(s) may appear between any two tokens in these rules. The primary syntax rule for EXPRESS is `syntax`.

```

164 abstract_entity_declaration = ABSTRACT
165 abstract_supertype = ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE ';' .
166 abstract_supertype_declaration = ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE [ subtype_constraint ] .
167 actual_parameter_list = '(' parameter { ',' parameter } ')' .
168 add_like_op = '+' | '-' | OR | XOR .
169 aggregate_initializer = '[' [ element { ',' element } ] ']' .

170 aggregate_source = simple_expression .
171 aggregate_type = AGGREGATE [ ':' type_label ] OF parameter_type .
172 aggregation_types = array_type | bag_type | list_type | set_type .
173 algorithm_head = { declaration } [ constant_decl ] [ local_decl ] .
174 alias_stmt = ALIAS variable_id FOR general_ref { qualifier } ';' stmt { stmt }
175               END_ALIAS ';' .
176 array_type = ARRAY bound_spec OF [ OPTIONAL ] [ UNIQUE ] instantiable_type .
177 assignment_stmt = general_ref { qualifier } ':=' expression ';' .
178 attribute_decl = attribute_id | redeclared_attribute .
179 attribute_qualifier = '.' attribute_ref .

180 bag_type = BAG [ bound_spec ] OF instantiable_type .
181 binary_type = BINARY [ width_spec ] .
182 boolean_type = BOOLEAN .
183 bound_1 = numeric_expression .
184 bound_2 = numeric_expression .
185 bound_spec = '[' bound_1 ':' bound_2 ']' .
186 built_in_constant = CONST_E | PI | SELF | '?' .
187 built_in_function = ABS | ACOS | ASIN | ATAN | BLENGTH | COS | EXISTS | EXP |
                      FORMAT | HIBOUND | HIINDEX | LENGTH | LOBOUND | LOINDEX |
                      LOG | LOG2 | LOG10 | NVL | ODD | ROLESOF | SIN | SIZEOF |
                      Sqrt | TAN | TYPEOF | USEDIN | VALUE | VALUE_IN |

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VALUE_UNIQUE .
188 built_in_procedure = INSERT | REMOVE .
189 case_action = case_label { ',' case_label } ':' stmt .

190 case_label = expression .
191 case_stmt = CASE selector OF { case_action } [ OTHERWISE ':' stmt ]
            END_CASE ';' .
192 compound_stmt = BEGIN stmt { stmt } END ';' .
193 concrete_types = aggregation_types | simple_types | type_ref .
194 constant_body = constant_id ':' instantiable_type ':=' expression ';' .
195 constant_decl = CONSTANT constant_body { constant_body } END_CONSTANT ';' .
196 constant_factor = built_in_constant | constant_ref .
197 constant_id = simple_id .
198 constructed_types = enumeration_type | select_type .
199 declaration = entity_decl | function_decl | procedure_decl |
            subtype_constraint_decl | type_decl .

200 derived_attr = attribute_decl ':' parameter_type ':=' expression ';' .
201 derive_clause = DERIVE derived_attr { derived_attr } .
202 domain_rule = [ rule_label_id ':' ] expression .
203 element = expression [ ':' repetition ] .
204 entity_body = { explicit_attr } [ derive_clause ] [ inverse_clause ]
            [ unique_clause ] [ where_clause ] .
205 entity_constructor = entity_ref '(' [ expression { ',' expression } ] ')' .
206 entity_decl = entity_head entity_body END_ENTITY ';' .
207 entity_head = ENTITY entity_id subsuper ';' .
208 entity_id = simple_id .
209 enumeration_extension = BASED_ON type_ref [ WITH enumeration_items ] .

210 enumeration_id = simple_id .
211 enumeration_items = '(' enumeration_id { ',' enumeration_id } ')' .
212 enumeration_reference = [ type_ref ':' ] enumeration_ref .
213 enumeration_type = [ EXTENSIBLE ] ENUMERATION [ ( OF
            enumeration_items ) | enumeration_extension ] .
214 escape_stmt = ESCAPE ';' .
215 explicit_attr = attribute_decl { ',' attribute_decl } ':' [ OPTIONAL ]
            parameter_type ';' .
216 expression = simple_expression [ rel_op_extended simple_expression ] .
217 factor = simple_factor [ '**' simple_factor ] .
218 formal_parameter = parameter_id { ',' parameter_id } ':' parameter_type .
219 function_call = ( built_in_function | function_ref ) [ actual_parameter_list ] .

220 function_decl = function_head algorithm_head stmt { stmt } END_FUNCTION ';' .
221 function_head = FUNCTION function_id [ '(' formal_parameter
            { ';' formal_parameter } ')' ] ':' parameter_type ';' .
222 function_id = simple_id .
223 generalized_types = aggregate_type | general_aggregation_types |
            generic_entity_type | generic_type .
224 general_aggregation_types = general_array_type | general_bag_type |
            general_list_type | general_set_type .
225 general_array_type = ARRAY [ bound_spec ] OF [ OPTIONAL ] [ UNIQUE ]
            parameter_type .
226 general_bag_type = BAG [ bound_spec ] OF parameter_type .
227 general_list_type = LIST [ bound_spec ] OF [ UNIQUE ] parameter_type .
228 general_ref = parameter_ref | variable_ref .
229 general_set_type = SET [ bound_spec ] OF parameter_type .

230 generic_entity_type = GENERIC_ENTITY [ ':' type_label ] .
231 generic_type = GENERIC [ ':' type_label ] .

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232 group_qualifier = '\ ' entity_ref .
 233 if_stmt = IF logical_expression THEN stmt { stmt } [ELSE stmt { stmt }]
 END_IF ';' .
 234 increment = numeric_expression .
 235 increment_control = variable_id ':' bound_1 TO bound_2 [BY increment] .
 236 index = numeric_expression .
 237 index_1 = index .
 238 index_2 = index .
 239 index_qualifier = '[' index_1 [':' index_2] ']' .

 240 instantiable_type = concrete_types | entity_ref .
 241 integer_type = INTEGER .
 242 interface_specification = reference_clause | use_clause .
 243 interval = '{' interval_low interval_op interval_item interval_op
 interval_high '}' .
 244 interval_high = simple_expression .
 245 interval_item = simple_expression .
 246 interval_low = simple_expression .
 247 interval_op = '<' | '<=' .
 248 inverse_attr = attribute_decl ':' [(SET | BAG) [bound_spec] OF] entity_ref
 FOR [entity_ref '.'] attribute_ref ';' .
 249 inverse_clause = INVERSE inverse_attr { inverse_attr } .

 250 list_type = LIST [bound_spec] OF [UNIQUE] instantiable_type .
 251 literal = binary_literal | logical_literal | real_literal | string_literal .
 252 local_decl = LOCAL local_variable { local_variable } END_LOCAL ';' .
 253 local_variable = variable_id { ',' variable_id } ':' parameter_type
 [':' expression] ';' .
 254 logical_expression = expression .
 255 logical_literal = FALSE | TRUE | UNKNOWN .
 256 logical_type = LOGICAL .
 257 multiplication_like_op = '*' | '/' | DIV | MOD | AND | '||' .
 258 named_types = entity_ref | type_ref .
 259 named_type_or_rename = named_types [AS (entity_id | type_id)] .

 260 null_stmt = ';' .
 261 number_type = NUMBER .
 262 numeric_expression = simple_expression .
 263 one_of = ONEOF '(' supertype_expression { ',' supertype_expression } ')' .
 264 parameter = expression .
 265 parameter_id = simple_id .
 266 parameter_type = generalized_types | named_types | simple_types .
 267 population = entity_ref .
 268 precision_spec = numeric_expression .
 269 primary = literal | (qualifiable_factor { qualifier }) .

 270 procedure_call_stmt = (built_in_procedure | procedure_ref)
 [actual_parameter_list] ';' .
 271 procedure_decl = procedure_head algorithm_head { stmt } END_PROCEDURE ';' .
 272 procedure_head = PROCEDURE procedure_id ['(' [VAR] formal_parameter
 { ';' [VAR] formal_parameter } ')'] ';' .
 273 procedure_id = simple_id .
 274 qualifiable_factor = attribute_ref | constant_factor | function_call |
 general_ref | population .
 275 qualified_attribute = SELF group_qualifier attribute_qualifier .
 276 qualifier = attribute_qualifier | group_qualifier | index_qualifier .
 277 query_expression = QUERY '(' variable_id '<*' aggregate_source '|'
 logical_expression ')' .
 278 real_type = REAL ['(' precision_spec ')'] .

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279 redeclared_attribute = qualified_attribute [ RENAMED attribute_id ] .

280 referenced_attribute = attribute_ref | qualified_attribute .
281 reference_clause = REFERENCE FROM schema_ref [ '(' resource_or_rename
                        { ',' resource_or_rename } ')' ] ';' .
282 rel_op = '<' | '>' | '<=' | '>=' | '<>' | '=' | ':<:' | ':=: ' .
283 rel_op_extended = rel_op | IN | LIKE .
284 rename_id = constant_id | entity_id | function_id | procedure_id | type_id .
285 repeat_control = [ increment_control ] [ while_control ] [ until_control ] .
286 repeat_stmt = REPEAT repeat_control ';' stmt { stmt } END_REPEAT ';' .
287 repetition = numeric_expression .
288 resource_or_rename = resource_ref [ AS rename_id ] .
289 resource_ref = constant_ref | entity_ref | function_ref | procedure_ref |
                type_ref .

290 return_stmt = RETURN [ '(' expression ')' ] ';' .
291 rule_decl = rule_head algorithm_head { stmt } where_clause END_RULE ';' .
292 rule_head = RULE rule_id FOR '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')' ';' .
293 rule_id = simple_id .
294 rule_label_id = simple_id .
295 schema_body = { interface_specification } [ constant_decl ]
                { declaration | rule_decl } .
296 schema_decl = SCHEMA schema_id [ schema_version_id ] ';' schema_body
                END_SCHEMA ';' .
297 schema_id = simple_id .
298 schema_version_id = string_literal .
299 selector = expression .

300 select_extension = BASED_ON type_ref [ WITH select_list ] .
301 select_list = '(' named_types { ',' named_types } ')' .
302 select_type = [ EXTENSIBLE [ GENERIC_ENTITY ] ] SELECT [ select_list
                | select_extension ] .
303 set_type = SET [ bound_spec ] OF instantiable_type .
304 sign = '+' | '-' .
305 simple_expression = term { add_like_op term } .
306 simple_factor = aggregate_initializer | entity_constructor |
                enumeration_reference | interval | query_expression |
                ( [ unary_op ] ( '(' expression ')' | primary ) ) .
307 simple_types = binary_type | boolean_type | integer_type | logical_type |
                number_type | real_type | string_type .
308 skip_stmt = SKIP ';' .
309 stmt = alias_stmt | assignment_stmt | case_stmt | compound_stmt | escape_stmt |
        if_stmt | null_stmt | procedure_call_stmt | repeat_stmt | return_stmt |
        skip_stmt .

310 string_literal = simple_string_literal | encoded_string_literal .
311 string_type = STRING [ width_spec ] .
312 subsuper = [ supertype_constraint ] [ subtype_declaration ] .
313 subtype_constraint = OF '(' supertype_expression ')' .
314 subtype_constraint_body = [ abstract_supertype ] [ total_over ]
                            [ supertype_expression ';' ] .
315 subtype_constraint_decl = subtype_constraint_head subtype_constraint_body
                            END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT ';' .
316 subtype_constraint_head = SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT subtype_constraint_id FOR
                            entity_ref ';' .
317 subtype_constraint_id = simple_id .
318 subtype_declaration = SUBTYPE OF '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')' .
319 supertype_constraint = abstract_entity_declaration |
                        abstract_supertype_declaration | supertype_rule .

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320 supertype_expression = supertype_factor { ANDOR supertype_factor } .
321 supertype_factor = supertype_term { AND supertype_term } .
322 supertype_rule = SUPERTYPE subtype_constraint .
323 supertype_term = entity_ref | one_of | '(' supertype_expression ')' .
324 syntax = schema_decl { schema_decl } .
325 term = factor { multiplication_like_op factor } .
326 total_over = TOTAL_OVER '(' entity_ref { ',' entity_ref } ')' ';' .
327 type_decl = TYPE type_id '=' underlying_type ';' [ where_clause ] END_TYPE ';' .
328 type_id = simple_id .
329 type_label = type_label_id | type_label_ref .

330 type_label_id = simple_id .
331 unary_op = '+' | '-' | NOT .
332 underlying_type = concrete_types | constructed_types .
333 unique_clause = UNIQUE unique_rule ';' { unique_rule ';' } .
334 unique_rule = [ rule_label_id ':' ] referenced_attribute { ','
    referenced_attribute } .
335 until_control = UNTIL logical_expression .
336 use_clause = USE FROM schema_ref [ '(' named_type_or_rename
    { ',' named_type_or_rename } ')' ] ';' .
337 variable_id = simple_id .
338 where_clause = WHERE domain_rule ';' { domain_rule ';' } .
339 while_control = WHILE logical_expression .

340 width = numeric_expression .
341 width_spec = '(' width ')' [ FIXED ] .

```

A.3 Cross reference listing

The production on the left is used in the productions indicated on the right.

0 ABS	187
1 ABSTRACT	164 165 166
2 ACOS	187
3 AGGREGATE	171
4 ALIAS	174
5 AND	257 321
6 ANDOR	320
7 ARRAY	175 225
8 AS	259 288
9 ASIN	187
10 ATAN	187
11 BAG	180 226 248
12 BASED_ON	209 300
13 BEGIN	192
14 BINARY	181
15 BLENGTH	187
16 BOOLEAN	182
17 BY	235
18 CASE	191
19 CONSTANT	195
20 CONST_E	186
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22 DERIVE	201
23 DIV	257
24 ELSE	233
25 END	192
26 END_ALIAS	174

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30	END_FUNCTION		220
31	END_IF		233
32	END_LOCAL		252
33	END_PROCEDURE		271
34	END_REPEAT		286
35	END_RULE		291
36	END_SCHEMA		296
37	END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT		315
38	END_TYPE		327
39	ENTITY		207
40	ENUMERATION		213
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44	EXP		187
45	FALSE		255
46	FIXED		341
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48	FORMAT		187
49	FROM		281 336
50	FUNCTION		221
51	GENERIC		231
52	GENERIC_ENTITY		230 302
53	HIBOUND		187
54	HIINDEX		187
55	IF		233
56	IN		283
57	INSERT		188
58	INTEGER		241
59	INVERSE		249
60	LENGTH		187
61	LIKE		283
62	LIST		227 250
63	LOBOUND		187
64	LOCAL		252
65	LOG		187
66	LOG10		187
67	LOG2		187
68	LOGICAL		256
69	LOINDEX		187
70	MOD		257
71	NOT		331
72	NUMBER		261
73	NVL		187
74	ODD		187
75	OF		171 175 180 191 213 225 226 227 229 248 250 303 313 318
76	ONEOF		263
77	OPTIONAL		175 215 225
78	OR		168
79	OTHERWISE		191
80	PI		186
81	PROCEDURE		272
82	QUERY		277
83	REAL		278
84	REFERENCE		281

85 REMOVE	188
86 RENAMED	279
87 REPEAT	286
88 RETURN	290
89 ROLESOF	187
90 RULE	292
91 SCHEMA	296
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93 SELF	186 275
94 SET	229 248 303
95 SIN	187
96 SIZEOF	187
97 SKIP	308
98 SQRT	187
99 STRING	311
100 SUBTYPE	318
101 SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT	316
102 SUPERTYPE	165 166 322
103 TAN	187
104 THEN	233
105 TO	235
106 TOTAL_OVER	326
107 TRUE	255
108 TYPE	327
109 TYPEOF	187
110 UNIQUE	175 225 227 250 333
111 UNKNOWN	255
112 UNTIL	335
113 USE	336
114 USEDIN	187
115 VALUE	187
116 VALUE_IN	187
117 VALUE_UNIQUE	187
118 VAR	272
119 WHERE	338
120 WHILE	339
121 WITH	209 300
122 XOR	168
123 bit	139
124 digit	125 127 131 134 143
125 digits	141 142
126 encoded_character	140
127 hex_digit	136
128 letter	131 134 143
129 lparen_then_not_lparen_star	145
130 not_lparen_star	129
131 not_paren_star	130 135 145
132 not_paren_star_quote_special	133 134 137
133 not_paren_star_special	131
134 not_quote	144
135 not_rparen_star	138
136 octet	126
137 special	
138 not_rparen_star_then_rparen	145
139 binary_literal	251
140 encoded_string_literal	310
141 integer_literal	142
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143 simple_id	178 197 208 210 222 265 273 293 294 297 317

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145	embedded_remark	145 146
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151	constant_ref	148 196 289
152	entity_ref	148 205 232 240 248 258 267 289 292 316 318 323 326
153	enumeration_ref	148 212
154	function_ref	148 219 289
155	parameter_ref	148 228
156	procedure_ref	148 270 289
157	rule_label_ref	148
158	rule_ref	148
159	schema_ref	148 281 336
160	subtype_constraint_ref	148
161	type_label_ref	148 329
162	type_ref	148 193 209 212 258 289 300
163	variable_ref	148 228
164	abstract_entity_declaration	319
165	abstract_supertype	314
166	abstract_supertype_declaration	319
167	actual_parameter_list	219 270
168	add_like_op	305
169	aggregate_initializer	306
170	aggregate_source	277
171	aggregate_type	223
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173	algorithm_head	220 271 291
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183	bound_1	185 235
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208	entity_id		152 207 259 284
209	enumeration_extension		213
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212	enumeration_reference		306
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221	function_head		220
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224	general_aggregation_types		223
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226	general_bag_type		224
227	general_list_type		224
228	general_ref		174 176 274
229	general_set_type		224
230	generic_entity_type		223
231	generic_type		223
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233	if_stmt		309
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Annex B (normative)

Determination of the allowed entity instantiations

For a particular subtype/supertype graph there may be a large number of complex entity data types and simple entity data types which may be instantiated. This annex will show how these are identified for a general subtype/supertype graph declaration.

NOTE To illustrate some of the following, consider the set of natural numbers $[1, 2, 3, \dots]$. This set may be partitioned in many different ways:

- Even numbers and odd numbers: $[2, 4, 6, \dots]$ and $[1, 3, 5, 7, \dots]$
- Prime numbers: $[2, 3, 5, 7, \dots]$
- Numbers divisible by 3: $[3, 6, 9, 12, \dots]$
- Numbers divisible by 4: $[4, 8, 12, 16, \dots]$

In EXPRESS terms, the natural numbers could be modelled as a supertype and the other sets of numbers as subtypes. It can readily be seen that while some of these subtypes are non-overlapping (such as even numbers and odd numbers) others do have some members in common (such as the subtypes 'Numbers divisible by 3' and 'Numbers divisible by 4' have the members $[12, 24, \dots]$ in common).

B.1 Formal approach

Any group of entity data types related by subtype/supertype relationships may be considered as a potentially instantiable subtype/supertype graph. These groups of entity data types are called partial complex entity data types in this formal approach. A partial complex entity data type may contain a single entity data type since a single entity data type is potentially instantiable. A partial complex entity data type is denoted by the names of the entity data types composing it, separated by the & character. Partial complex entity data types may be combined to form other partial complex entity data types. A partial complex entity data type may be a complex entity data type, but full evaluation is required before this is known for certain. A complex entity instance is an instance of a complex entity data type and represents an object of interest.

The following identities hold for any partial complex entity data type:

- $A \& A \equiv A$
that is, a particular entity data type will occur only once within a given partial complex entity data type;
- $A \& B \equiv B \& A$
that is, the grouping of partial complex entity data types is commutative;
- $A \& (B \& C) \equiv (A \& B) \& C \equiv A \& B \& C$
that is, the grouping of partial complex entity data types is associative; the parentheses indicate evaluation precedence which, in this case, makes no difference to the evaluation.

An evaluated set is defined to be a mathematical set of partial complex entity data types which is denoted by partial complex entity data types separated by ',' enclosed within square brackets. An empty evaluated set is denoted by $[]$.

Two operators can be used to combine a partial complex entity data type and an evaluated set:

- $A + [B1, B2] \equiv [B1, B2] + A \equiv [A, B1, B2]$
The + operator adds the partial complex entity data type to the evaluated set as a new member of the evaluated set. The same partial complex entity data type shall not occur more than once within a single evaluated set.
- $A \& [B1, B2] \equiv [B1, B2] \& A \equiv [A \& B1, A \& B2]$
The & operator adds the partial complex entity data type to all the partial complex entity data types within the evaluated set. It is therefore distributive over evaluated sets.

Evaluated sets may be combined by the same two mechanisms:

- $[A1, A2] + [B1, B2] \equiv [A1, A2, B1, B2]$
An evaluated set can be formed which contains all of the elements of two combined sets. This is the union of the two sets.
- $[A1, A2] \& [B1, B2] \equiv [A1 \& B1, A1 \& B2, A2 \& B1, A2 \& B2]$
An evaluated set can be formed by repeated application of the distribution rule for & for each element of the first evaluated set over the second evaluated set.

Evaluated sets may be filtered using the / operator to create a new evaluated set:

- $[A, A \& B, A \& C, A \& B \& D, B \& C, D] / A \equiv [A, A \& B, A \& C, A \& B \& D]$
The new evaluated set contains only those elements in the original evaluated set which contain the given partial complex entity data type.
- $[A, A \& B, A \& C, A \& B \& D, B \& C, D] / [B, D] \equiv [A \& B, A \& B \& D, B \& C, D]$
The new evaluated set can be formed by repeated filtering of the first evaluated set by each partial complex entity data type in the second evaluated set and combining the results using +.

Evaluated sets may be differenced using the - operator to create a new evaluated set:

- $[A1, A2, B1, B2] - [A2, B1] \equiv [A1, B2]$
An evaluated set can be formed which contains all the elements in the first evaluated set except for those in the second evaluated set.

The following identities hold for any evaluated set:

- $[A, B] \equiv [B, A]$
Evaluated sets are order-independent.
- $[A, A, B] \equiv [A, B]$
A particular complex entity data type will appear only once in any given evaluated set.
- $[A, [B, C]] \equiv [A, B, C]$
Evaluated sets may be nested.

B.2 Supertype and subtype constraint operators

Using the formalism above, it is possible to rewrite the restrictions defined in EXPRESS supertype expressions and subtype constraints in terms of evaluated sets. The reductions described in B.2.1 to B.2.3 are applied recursively until no supertype term (ONEOF, AND, or ANDOR) remains.

These reductions alone do not completely describe the full meaning of the supertype expression or subtype constraints, in particular the ONEOF and TOTAL-OVER clauses. This requires the full algorithm given in B.3.

B.2.1 OneOf

The ONEOF list reduces to an evaluated set containing the ONEOF selections, that is,

$$\text{ONEOF}(A, B, \dots) \longrightarrow [A, B, \dots]$$

B.2.2 And

The AND operator is equivalent to the & operator and acts upon partial complex entity data types or evaluated sets to produce a partial complex entity data type or an evaluated set.

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ AND } B &\longrightarrow [A \& B] \\ A \text{ AND ONEOF}(B1, B2) &\longrightarrow A \& [B1, B2] = [A \& B1, A \& B2] \\ \text{ONEOF}(A1, A2) \text{ AND ONEOF}(B1, B2) &\longrightarrow [A1, A2] \& [B1, B2] = \\ &[A1 \& B1, A1 \& B2, A2 \& B1, A2 \& B2] \end{aligned}$$

B.2.3 AndOr

The ANDOR operator generates an evaluated set which contains each of the operands separately and the operands combined using the & operator. ANDOR acts upon partial complex entity data types or evaluated sets.

$$\begin{aligned} A \text{ ANDOR } B &\longrightarrow [A, B, A \& B] \\ A \text{ ANDOR ONEOF}(B1, B2) &\longrightarrow [A, [B1, B2], A \& [B1, B2]] = [A, B1, B2, A \& B1, A \& B2] \\ \text{ONEOF}(A1, A2) \text{ ANDOR ONEOF}(B1, B2) &\longrightarrow [[A1, A2], [B1, B2], [A1, A2] \& [B1, B2]] = \\ &[A1, A2, B1, B2, A1 \& B1, A1 \& B2, A2 \& B1, A2 \& B2] \end{aligned}$$

B.2.4 Precedence of operators

The evaluation of evaluated sets proceeds from left to right, with the highest precedence being evaluated first as specified in 9.2.5.5.

EXAMPLE The expression below evaluates as follows:

$$A \text{ ANDOR } B \text{ AND } C \longrightarrow [A, [B \& C], A \& [B \& C]] = [A, B \& C, A \& B \& C]$$

B.3 Interpreting the possible complex entity data types

The interpretation of the supertype expressions and subtype constraints with additional information available from the declared structure, allows the developer of an EXPRESS schema to determine the complex entity data types that would be instantiable given those declarations. To enable this determination the evaluated set of complex entity data types for the subtype/supertype graph may be generated. For this purpose the following terms are defined:

Multiply inheriting subtype: A multiply inheriting subtype is one which identifies two or more supertypes in its subtype declaration.

Root supertype: A root supertype is a supertype that is not a subtype.

The evaluated set R of complex entity data types is computed by the following process:

- a) Identify all entity declarations which form the subtype/supertype graph.

NOTE 1 This may require multiple iterations in cases with complex subtype/supertype graphs.

- b) For each supertype i in the subtype/supertype graph within which a supertype constraint is declared, construct a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT of the form:

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SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT i_superconstraint FOR i;
  <supertype_constraint> ;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
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replacing <supertype_constraint> with the supertype constraint declared in the entity. Consider this constraint as part of the schema for the purposes of this algorithm. Ignore the supertype expression in the entity declaration that was the basis for the subtype constraint for the purposes of this algorithm.

NOTE 2 This step converts supertype constraints declared in the entity to equivalent SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT declarations.

- c) For each supertype i in the subtype/supertype graph, identify all data types $j1, j2, \dots, jk$ in the subtype/supertype graph that are defined as subtypes of i , but do not occur in any SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT defined for i in the schema or generated in step (b), and construct a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT of the form:

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT i_othersubtypes FOR i;
  j1 ANDOR j2 ANDOR ... ANDOR jk;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
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Consider this constraint as part of the schema for the purposes of this algorithm.

- d) For each supertype i in the subtype/supertype graph, identify all SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT $sc1, sc2, \dots, sc_k$ that have i in their FOR clause. At this point, the parts of subtype constraints that contain total coverage or abstract restrictions are ignored. Combine the subtype expressions sxi of these constraints into a single SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sti of the form: $(sx1 \text{ ANDOR } sx2 \text{ ANDOR } sx3 \dots \text{ ANDOR } sxk)$.
- e) For each supertype i in the subtype/supertype graph, generate the evaluated set that represents the constraints between its immediate subtypes by applying the reductions in B.2 and the identities in B.1 to the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sti given by step (d) above. Combine i with the result using the & operator. If i is not defined as an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE in its ENTITY declaration or in any SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT of i , add i to the result using +. Call this set E_i .
- f) For each root supertype r in the subtype/supertype graph, expand E_r as follows:
- 1) For each subtype s of r , replace every occurrence of s (including those within partial complex entity data types) in E_r with E_s , if available, and apply the reductions in B.2 and the identities in B.1.
 - 2) Recursively apply step (f1) to each s , expanding subtypes of s until leaf entities are reached (for which no E_s are available).

NOTE 3 This recursion must terminate, since there are no cycles in the subtype/supertype graph.

- g) Combine root sets. Create $R = \sum_r E_r \equiv E_{r1} + E_{r2} + \dots$, that is, R is the union of the sets produced in step (f).
- h) For each supertype s in R , for each total coverage subtype constraint $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$ defined for s :
 - 1) Define t to be: $(t_1 \text{ ANDOR } t_2 \dots \text{ ANDOR } t_k)$.
 - 2) For all immediate subtypes s_i of s not in $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k$ replace each occurrence of s_i in R by the expression derived from $(s_i$ and $t)$ using the definitions in B.2.2.
 - 3) Reduce R according to the reductions in B.2 and the identities in B.1.
- i) For each multiply inheriting subtype m , do the following:
 - 1) For each of its immediate supertypes s , generate the set $R/m/s$ which contains exactly those complex data types in R that include both m and s .
 - 2) Generate the evaluated set of supertype combinations permitted by m , $P_m = R/m/s1 \& R/m/s2 \& \dots$, that is, combine the evaluated sets produced in step (i1) using $\&$.
 - 3) Generate the evaluated set of supertype combinations that may not include all the supertypes of m , $X_m = \sum_s R/m/s$, that is, union together the evaluated sets produced in step (i1).
 - 4) Put $R = (R - X_m) + P_m$.
- j) For each SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT expression k (including those generated in steps (b) and (h)) of the form ONEOF($S_1, S_2, \dots$), do the following:
 - 1) For each pair of subexpressions S_i, S_j controlled by k ($i < j$), compute the set of combinations disallowed by ONEOF(S_i, S_j): $D_k^{i,j} = [S_i \& S_j]$. Reduce $D_k^{i,j}$ according to the reductions in B.2 and the identities in B.1.
 - 2) Set $D_k = \sum_{i,j} D_k^{i,j}$, that is, D_k is the union of the sets computed in step (j1).
 - 3) Put $R = R - (R/D_k)$.
- k) For each SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT expression k (including those generated in steps (b) and (h)) of the form $S_1 \text{ AND } S_2$, do the following:
 - 1) Compute the set of required combinations dictated by k , $Q_k = [S_1 \& S_2]$. Reduce Q_k according to the reductions in B.2 and the identities in B.1.
 - 2) For each entity data type i named in k , compute the set of invalid entity combinations containing i that are disallowed by k , $D_k^i = R/i - R/(Q_k/i)$.
 - 3) Set $D_k = \sum_i D_k^i$, that is, D_k is the union of the sets computed in step (k2).

4) Put $R = R - D_k$.

1) The final evaluated set R is the evaluated set for the input subtype/supertype graph.

EXAMPLE 1 In this example, only the entity supertype and subtype declarations are given, as this is all the information required to interpret the possible complex entity data types.

SCHEMA example;

ENTITY p;
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT p_subs FOR p;
TOTAL_OVER(m, f);
ONEOF(m, f) AND ONEOF(c, a);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

ENTITY m SUBTYPE OF (p);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY f SUBTYPE OF (p);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY c SUBTYPE OF (p);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY a SUBTYPE OF (p);
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT no_li FOR a;
ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE;
ONEOF(l, i);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

ENTITY l SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY i SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

END_SCHEMA;

This schema is represented by EXPRESS-G in figure B.1.

The potential complex entity data types can be determined as follows:

- The above EXPRESS already gives us all of the entity declarations and complete supertype expressions as required in steps (a), (b), and (c).
- Applying step (d) gives:

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT stp FOR p;
TOTAL_OVER(m, f);
((ONEOF(m, f) AND ONEOF(c, a)));
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sta FOR a;
(ONEOF(i, l));
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

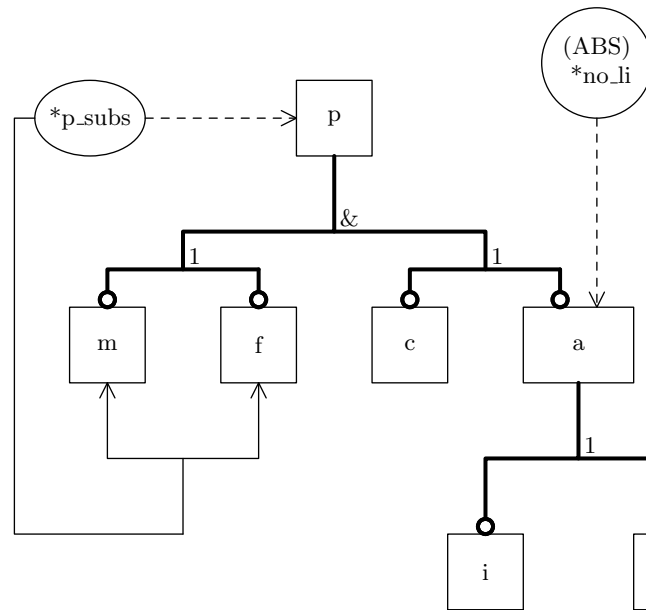


Figure B.1 – EXPRESS-G diagram of schema for example 1 on page 171

- Applying step (e) gives:

$$E_p \rightarrow [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a, p]$$

$$E_a \rightarrow [a \& l, a \& i]$$

- Applying step (f) expands the declarations of the root entities, in this case **p**. The resulting set is:

$$E_p = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p]$$

- Combining the root sets in step (g) gives:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p]$$

- Applying step (h) to the TOTAL_OVER constraint gives:

- TOTAL_OVER(m, f):

$$s_p = [p \& m, p \& f]$$

Replacing all occurrences of **p** that do not include **m** or **f** gives:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p \& m, p \& f]$$

- There are no multiply inheriting subtypes, so step (i) is not required.

- Applying step (j) to each ONEOF constraint gives:

- ONEOF(m, f):

$$D_1^{1,2} = [m \& f]$$

$$D_1 = [m \& f]$$

Removing D_1 from R according to step (j3) leaves R unchanged. Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p \& m, p \& f]$$

— ONEOF(c, a):

$$\begin{aligned} D_2^{1,2} &= [c \& a] \\ D_2 &= [c \& a] \end{aligned}$$

Removing D_2 from R according to step (j3) leaves R unchanged. Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p \& m, p \& f]$$

— ONEOF(l, i):

$$\begin{aligned} D_3^{1,2} &= [l \& i] \\ D_3 &= [l \& i] \end{aligned}$$

Removing D_3 from R according to step (j3) leaves R unchanged. Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i, p \& m, p \& f]$$

— Applying step (k) to each AND constraint gives:

— ONEOF(m, f) AND ONEOF(c, a):

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= [m \& c, m \& a, f \& c, f \& a] \\ D_1^m &= [p \& m] \\ D_1^f &= [p \& f] \\ D_1^c &= [] \\ D_1^a &= [] \\ D_1 &= [p \& m, p \& f] \end{aligned}$$

Removing D_1 from R according to step (k4) changes R to:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i]$$

— According to step (l), the result is thus:

$$R = [p \& m \& c, p \& m \& a \& l, p \& m \& a \& i, p \& f \& c, p \& f \& a \& l, p \& f \& a \& i]$$

This example, although apparently arbitrary, could have been made more realistic if the entities had been given more descriptive names. For instance, if instead of p, m, f, c, a, l, and i the entities were respectively called, **person**, **male**, **female**, **citizen**, **alien**, **legal_alien**, and **illegal_alien**.

With this interpretation, reading off a few of the items in the final evaluated set gives:

- A **person** who is **male** and a **citizen**.
- A **person** who is a **male alien** and who is an **illegal_alien**.
- A **person** who

In addition the TOTAL-OVER constraint ensures that evaluated sets calculated by any other schema which extends this subtype/supertype graph shall also include either **male** or **female** for valid instances of **person**.

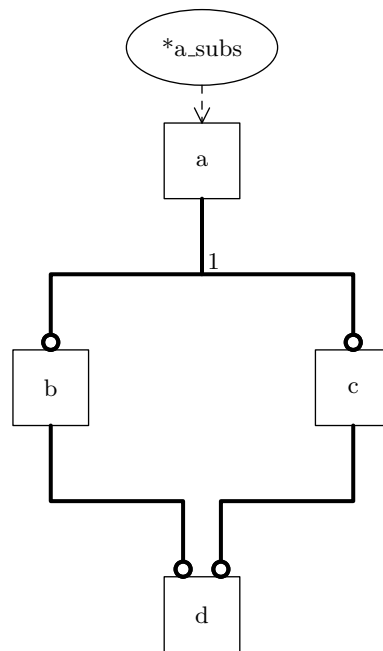


Figure B.2 – EXPRESS-G diagram of schema for example 2 on page 174

EXAMPLE 2 This example demonstrates that ONEOF is a global constraint that cannot be overridden by multiple inheritance.

SCHEMA diamond;

ENTITY a;
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT a_subs FOR a;
ONEOF(b, c);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

ENTITY b SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY c SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY d SUBTYPE OF (b, c);
END_ENTITY;

END_SCHEMA;

This is represented by EXPRESS-G in figure B.2.

The potential complex entity data types can be determined as follows:

- The above EXPRESS already gives us all of the entity declarations and complete supertype expressions required in steps (a) and (b).
- Step (c) creates:

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SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT b_othersubtypes FOR b;
d;

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END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT c_othersubtypes FOR c;
 d;
 END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

- Step (d) creates:

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sca FOR a;
 ONEOF(b, c);
 END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT scb FOR b;
 d;
 END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT scc FOR c;
 d;
 END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

- Applying step (e) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} E_a &\longrightarrow [a\&b, a\&c, a] \\ E_b &\longrightarrow [b\&d, b] \\ E_c &\longrightarrow [c\&d, c] \\ E_d &\longrightarrow [d] \end{aligned}$$

- Applying step (f) expands the declarations of the root entities, **a**. The resulting sets are:

$$E_a = [a\&b\&d, a\&b, a\&c\&d, a\&c, a]$$

- Combining the root sets in step (g) gives:

$$R = [a\&b\&d, a\&b, a\&c\&d, a\&c, a]$$

- Applying step (i) to each multiply inheriting subtype gives the following results:

- For entity *d*:

$$\begin{aligned} C_d^b &= [a\&b\&d] \\ C_d^c &= [a\&c\&d] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_d &= [a\&b\&d\&c] \\ X_d &= [a\&b\&d, a\&c\&d] \end{aligned}$$

The new set $R = (R - X_d) + P_d$ is then: $[a\&b, a\&c, a, a\&b\&d\&c]$

- Applying step (j) to each ONEOF constraint gives:

- ONEOF(b, c):

$$\begin{aligned} D_1^{1,2} &= [b\&c] \\ D_1 &= [b\&c] \end{aligned}$$

Removing D_1 from R according to step (j3) removes the following elements from R :
 $[a\&b\&d\&c]$.

Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [a \& b, a \& c, a]$$

— There are no supertype expressions that use AND, so step (k) is not required.

— According to step (l), the result is thus:

$$R = [a \& b, a \& c, a]$$

EXAMPLE 3 This example shows the effect of applying constraints to a complex structure that contains at least one of each possible type of constraint. This example is not expected to model any useful concept and is used purely to demonstrate the algorithm.

SCHEMA complex;

ENTITY a;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY b SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY c SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY d SUBTYPE OF (a);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY f SUBTYPE OF (a, z);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY k SUBTYPE OF (d);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY l SUBTYPE OF (d, y);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY x SUBTYPE OF (z);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY y SUBTYPE OF (z);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY z;
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT a_subs FOR a;
ONEOF(b, c) AND d ANDOR f;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT d_subs FOR d;
ABSTRACT;
ONEOF(k, l);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

END_SCHEMA;

This is represented by EXPRESS-G in figure B.3.

The potential complex entity data types can be determined as follows:

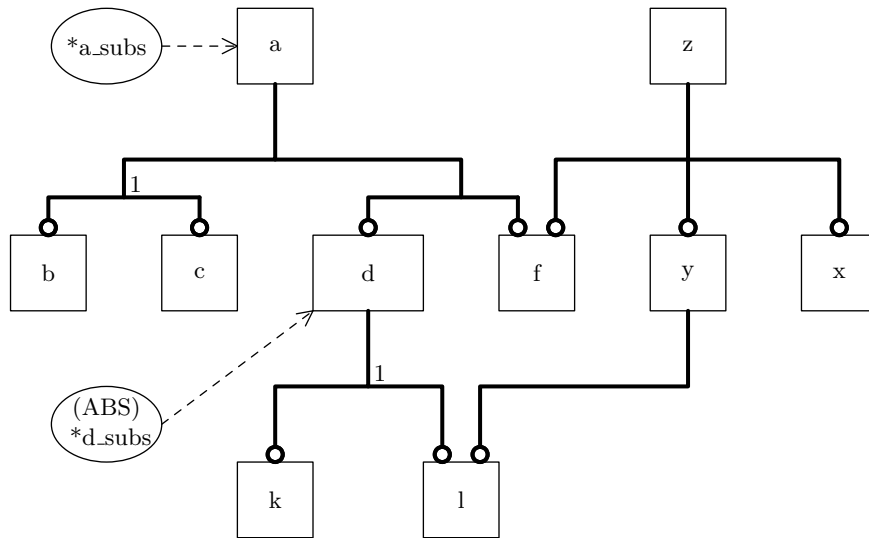


Figure B.3 – EXPRESS-G diagram of schema for example 3 on page 176

- The above EXPRESS explicitly specifies all of the entity declarations and complete supertype expressions as required in steps (a) and (b).

- Step (c) creates:

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT z_othersubtypes FOR z;
  f ANDOR y ANDOR x;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT y_othersubtypes FOR y;
  1;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

- Step (d) creates:

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT stz FOR z;
  f ANDOR y ANDOR x;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sty FOR y;
  1;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT sta FOR a;
  ONEOF(b, c) AND d ANDOR f;
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

```
SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT std FOR d;
  ABSTRACT;
  ONEOF(k, l);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;
```

- Applying step (e) gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_a &\longrightarrow [a, a \& b \& d, a \& b \& d \& f, a \& c \& d, a \& c \& d \& f, a \& f] \\
 E_d &\longrightarrow [d \& k, d \& l] \\
 E_y &\longrightarrow [l \& y, y] \\
 E_z &\longrightarrow [f \& x \& y \& z, f \& x \& z, f \& y \& z, f \& z, x \& y \& z, x \& z, y \& z, z]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Applying step (f) expands the declarations of the root entities, **a**, **z**. The resulting sets are:

$$E_a = [a, a\&b\&d\&k, a\&b\&d\&l, a\&b\&d\&f\&k, a\&b\&d\&f\&l, a\&c\&d\&k, a\&c\&d\&l, a\&c\&d\&f\&k, a\&c\&d\&f\&l, a\&f]$$

$$E_z = [f\&l\&x\&y\&z, f\&l\&y\&z, f\&x\&y\&z, f\&x\&z, f\&y\&z, f\&z, l\&x\&y\&z, l\&y\&z, x\&y\&z, x\&z, y\&z, z]$$

- Combining the root sets in step (g) gives:

$$R = [a, a\&b\&d\&k, a\&b\&d\&l, a\&b\&d\&f\&k, a\&b\&d\&f\&l, a\&c\&d\&k, a\&c\&d\&l, a\&c\&d\&f\&k, a\&c\&d\&f\&l, a\&f, f\&l\&x\&y\&z, f\&l\&y\&z, f\&x\&y\&z, f\&x\&z, f\&y\&z, f\&z, l\&x\&y\&z, l\&y\&z, x\&y\&z, x\&z, y\&z, z]$$

- There are no total coverage subtype constraints, so step (h) is not required.

- Applying step (i) to each multiply inheriting subtype gives the following results:

- For entity **f**:

$$C_f^a = [a\&b\&d\&k\&f, a\&b\&d\&l\&f, a\&c\&d\&k\&f, a\&c\&d\&l\&f, a\&f]$$

$$C_f^z = [f\&l\&x\&y\&z, f\&l\&y\&z, f\&x\&y\&z, f\&x\&z, f\&y\&z, f\&z]$$

$$P_f = [a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&f\&z, a\&f\&x\&z, a\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&f\&y\&z, a\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&f\&x\&y\&z]$$

$$X_f = [a\&b\&d\&f\&k, a\&b\&d\&f\&l, a\&c\&d\&f\&k, a\&c\&d\&f\&l, a\&f, f\&l\&x\&y\&z, f\&l\&y\&z, f\&x\&y\&z, f\&x\&z, f\&y\&z, f\&z]$$

The new set $R = (R - X_f) + P_f$ is then: $[a, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&k, a\&b\&d\&l, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&k, a\&c\&d\&l, a\&f\&z, a\&f\&x\&z, a\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&f\&y\&z, a\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&f\&x\&y\&z, l\&x\&y\&z, l\&y\&z, x\&y\&z, x\&z, y\&z, z]$

- For entity **l**:

$$C_l^d = [a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&l, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&l]$$

$$C_l^y = [a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, l\&x\&y\&z, l\&y\&z]$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_l &= [a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, \\ & a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, \\ & a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& y \& z, \\ & a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, \\ & a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& y \& z] \\ X_l &= [a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& z, \\ & a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l, \\ & a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& z, \\ & a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l, a \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, \\ & l \& x \& y \& z, l \& y \& z] \end{aligned}$$

The new set $R = (R - X_I) + P_I$ is then: $[a, a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& k, a \& b \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& z, a \& c \& d \& k, a \& c \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& f \& z, a \& f \& x \& z, a \& f \& y \& z, a \& f \& x \& y \& z, x \& y \& z, x \& z, y \& z, z]$

- Applying step (j) to each ONEOF constraint gives:
 - ONEOF(b, c):

$$\begin{array}{l} D_1^{1,2} = [b \& c] \\ D_1 = [b \& c] \end{array}$$

Removing D_1 from R according to step (j3) removes the following elements from R :
 $[a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& c \& f \& l \& y \& z,$
 $a \& b \& c \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z]$

Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [a, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, \\ a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, \\ a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&k, a\&b\&d\&l\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&l\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&l\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&l\&y\&z, \\ a\&c\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&c\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&c\&d\&k, a\&c\&d\&l\&l\&x\&y\&z, \\ a\&c\&d\&l\&l\&y\&z, a\&f\&z, a\&f\&x\&z, a\&f\&y\&z, a\&f\&x\&y\&z, x\&y\&z, x\&z, y\&z, z]$$

- ONEOF(k, l):

$$\begin{aligned} D_2^{1,2} &= [k\&l] \\ D_2 &= [k\&l] \end{aligned}$$

Removing D_2 from R according to step (j3) removes the following elements from R :
 $[a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& y \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& l \& x \& y \& z]$

Thus, we are left with:

$$R = [a, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&x\&y\&z, \\ a\&b\&d\&f\&k\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&f\&l\&x\&y\&z, a\&b\&d\&k,$$

$a \& b \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& k, a \& c \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& f \& z, a \& f \& x \& z, a \& f \& y \& z,$
 $a \& f \& x \& y \& z, x \& y \& z, x \& z, y \& z, z]$

— Applying step (k) to each AND constraint gives:

— ONEOF(b, c) AND d:

$$Q_1 = [b \& d, c \& d]$$

$$D_1^b = []$$

$$D_1^c = []$$

$$D_1^d = []$$

$$D_1 = []$$

Removing D_1 from R according to step (k4) leaves R unchanged. Thus, we are left with:

$R = [a, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z,$
 $a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& k,$
 $a \& b \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& k, a \& c \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& f \& z, a \& f \& x \& z, a \& f \& y \& z,$
 $a \& f \& x \& y \& z, x \& y \& z, x \& z, y \& z, z]$

— According to step (l), the result is thus:

$R = [a, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z,$
 $a \& b \& d \& f \& k \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& k,$
 $a \& b \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& b \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& l \& x \& y \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& f \& k \& z,$
 $a \& c \& d \& k, a \& c \& d \& l \& x \& y \& z, a \& c \& d \& l \& y \& z, a \& f \& z, a \& f \& x \& z, a \& f \& y \& z,$
 $a \& f \& x \& y \& z, x \& y \& z, x \& z, y \& z, z]$

Annex C (normative)

Instance limits imposed by the interface specification

When complex subtype/supertype graphs are interfaced, the valid complex entity data types are computed by extending the rules given in clause 11 and annex B. By specifying only those entities which are required in the current schema, a subtype/supertype graph defined in one or more other schemas may be pruned for use within the current schema.

This annex gives the rules required to resolve the subtype/supertype graphs where one or more entity data types, originally in the graph, have not been interfaced. These missing entity data types leave holes in the supertype expressions. Such holes are denoted by $\langle \rangle$ in this annex. The following reductions are used to remove these holes from a supertype expression:

- $\text{ONEOF}(A, \langle \rangle, \dots) \longrightarrow \text{ONEOF}(A, \dots)$
- $\text{ONEOF}(\langle \rangle) \longrightarrow \langle \rangle$
- $\text{ONEOF}(A) \longrightarrow A$
- $A \text{ AND } \langle \rangle \longrightarrow \text{ONEOF}(A, A)$
- $A \text{ ANDOR } \langle \rangle \longrightarrow A$
- $\text{TOTAL_OVER}(A, \langle \rangle, \dots) \longrightarrow \text{TOTAL_OVER}(A, \dots)$
- $\text{TOTAL_OVER}(\langle \rangle) \longrightarrow \langle \rangle$

The treatment of AND is to ensure that entity data types which are constrained in the original schema to be combined, are not allowed to exist in this schema (ensured by $\text{ONEOF}(A, A)$) if the entity data types they were to be combined with are not interfaced.

The evaluated set of valid complex entity data types for a schema which interfaces with other schemas is computed by the following algorithm:

- a) Generate the complete entity pool for the current schema. The complete entity pool consists of the following:
 - 1) all entities defined in the current schema;
 - 2) all entities USE'd or REFERENCE'd into the current schema;
 - 3) all entities implicitly interfaced into the current schema.

NOTE 1 The complete entity pool may contain more than one entity with the same name (in the case of implicit references from multiple schemas), or it may include the same entity under different names (in the case of USE FROM ... AS). In the former case, the entity pool contains each of the identically-named entities, while in the latter case the entity pool contains only the single entity, despite its multiple names.

- b) For each supertype in the entity pool, prune the supertype expression to remove all references to entities not in the entity pool. Repeatedly apply the reductions above to remove

the holes thus introduced, producing a valid supertype expression referring only to entities in the entity pool.

- c) Compute the evaluated set according to the algorithm in annex B starting with step (b) and applying the reductions specified in the first two paragraphs of this annex to the constraints generated in steps (b), (c), and (h) specified in B.3.

A complex entity data type in the evaluated set which contains at least one locally declared or USE'd entity may be independently instantiated. A complex entity data type which does not contain any such entity cannot be independently instantiated in the current schema.

NOTE 2 If there is an explicitly interfaced entity which is not contained in any complex entity data type in the resultant evaluated set, this entity cannot be instantiated at all. It is likely that such an entity has been interfaced in error.

EXAMPLE 1 The schema **example** (see example 1 on page 171 in annex B) is used to demonstrate the algorithm.

```
SCHEMA test;
USE FROM example (1);
REFERENCE FROM example (m, c);
END_SCHEMA;
```

The potential complex entity data types are determined as follows:

- The entity pool is l, m, c, a, p : l, m , and c are explicitly interfaced, a and p are implicitly interfaced because they are in the supertype chain of l .
- Pruning the supertype expression for p and reducing it (step b) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ONEOF}(m, f) \text{ AND ONEOF}(c, a) \\ & \text{ONEOF}(m, <>) \text{ AND ONEOF}(c, a) \\ & \text{ONEOF}(m) \text{ AND ONEOF}(c, a) \\ & m \text{ AND ONEOF}(c, a) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for a we find:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ONEOF}(l, i) \\ & \text{ONEOF}(l, <>) \\ & \text{ONEOF}(l) \\ & l \end{aligned}$$

- In this case, the supertype expressions are already complete, as required by step (c).
- Applying the evaluated set algorithm in step (c) gives the evaluated set $R = [c \& m \& p, a \& l \& m \& p]$.

The complex entity data type $a \& l \& m \& p$ contains the explicitly USE'd entity l , and so can be independently instantiated. $c \& m \& p$, on the other hand, cannot be independently instantiated in the current schema.

EXAMPLE 2 Assuming the following schemas are available:

```
SCHEMA s1;
ENTITY e1 SUPERTYPE OF (e11 ANDOR e12); END_ENTITY;
```

```
ENTITY e11 SUBTYPE OF (e1); END_ENTITY;
ENTITY e12 SUBTYPE OF (e1); END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA s2;
USE FROM s1 (e11 AS f);
ENTITY e211 SUBTYPE OF (f); END_ENTITY;
ENTITY e212 SUBTYPE OF (f); END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;
```

```
SCHEMA s3;
USE FROM s1 (e12 as g);
ENTITY e321 SUBTYPE OF (g); END_ENTITY;
ENTITY e322 SUBTYPE OF (g); END_ENTITY;
END_SCHEMA;
```

The evaluated sets for these schemas are as follows:

```
s1  [e1, e1&e11, e1&e12, e1&e11&e12]
s2  [e1&f, e1&f&e211, e1&f&e212, e1&f&e211&e212]
s3  [e1&g, e1&g&e321, e1&g&e322, e1&g&e321&e322]
```

If schema **test** is defined as below:

```
SCHEMA test;
USE FROM s2 (e211);
USE FROM s3 (e322);
END_SCHEMA;
```

The potential complex entity data types are determined as follows:

- The entity pool is $e211, e322, f, g, e1$. $e211$ and $e322$ are explicitly interfaced, f , g and $e1$ are implicitly interfaced because they are in the supertype chain of $e211$ and $e322$. f and g are renames of $e11$ and $e12$ respectively, so $e11$ and $e12$ are effectively members of the entity pool.
- Pruning the supertype expression for $e1$ and reducing it (step b) gives:

$$e11 \text{ ANDOR } e12$$

$$f \text{ ANDOR } g$$

for f we find:

$$e211 \text{ ANDOR } e212$$

$$e211 \text{ ANDOR } \langle \rangle$$

$$e211$$

for g we find:

$$e321 \text{ ANDOR } e322$$

$$\langle \rangle \text{ ANDOR } e322$$

$$e322$$

- In this case, the supertype expressions are already complete, as required by step (c).

- Applying the evaluated set algorithm in step (c) gives the evaluated set
 $R = [e1, e1\&f, e1\&g, e1\&f\&g, e1\&f\&e211, e1\&f\&g\&e211, e1\&g\&e322, e1\&f\&g\&e322, e1\&f\&g\&e211\&e322]$.

The complex entity data types $e1\&f\&e211$, $e1\&f\&g\&e211$, $e1\&g\&e322$, $e1\&f\&g\&e322$, and $e1\&f\&g\&e211\&e322$ contain one of the explicitly USE'd entity $e211$ or $e322$, and so can be independently instantiated. On the other hand, $e1$, $e1\&f$, $e1\&g$, and $e1\&f\&g$ cannot be independently instantiated in the current schema.

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Annex D (normative)

EXPRESS-G: A graphical subset of EXPRESS

D.1 Introduction and overview

EXPRESS-G is a formal graphical notation for the display of data specifications defined in the EXPRESS language. The notation supports a subset of the EXPRESS language.

EXPRESS-G supports the following:

- various levels of data abstraction;
- diagrams spanning more than one page;
- diagrams using minimal computer graphics capabilities.

EXPRESS-G is represented by graphic symbols forming a diagram. The notation has three types of symbols:

Definition: symbols denoting simple data types, named data types, constructed data types and schema declarations;

Relationship: symbols describing relationships which exist among the definitions;

Composition: symbols enabling a diagram to be displayed on more than one page.

EXPRESS-G supports simple data types, named data types, relationships and cardinality. EXPRESS-G also supports the notation for one or more schemas. It does not provide any support for the constraint mechanisms provided by the EXPRESS language.

NOTE EXPRESS-G may be used as a data specification language in its own right; there is no requirement to have an associated EXPRESS specification.

EXAMPLE Figure D.1 and Figure D.2 show an EXPRESS-G diagram for the single EXPRESS schema given in the example in J.1 on page 242. The graphical diagram is divided to illustrate the use of multiple pages.

The principal elements of the diagram show that a **person** has certain defining characteristics, including a first name, a last name, an optional nickname, date of birth, and a description of their hair. A **person** is either **male** or **female**. A **male** may have a **female** wife; in which case the **female** has a **male** husband. A **person** may have children who are also **persons**.

D.2 Definition symbols

The definitions of data types and schemas within a diagram are denoted by boxes which enclose the name of the item being defined. The relationships between the items are denoted by the lines joining the boxes. Differing line styles provide information on the kind of definition or relationship.

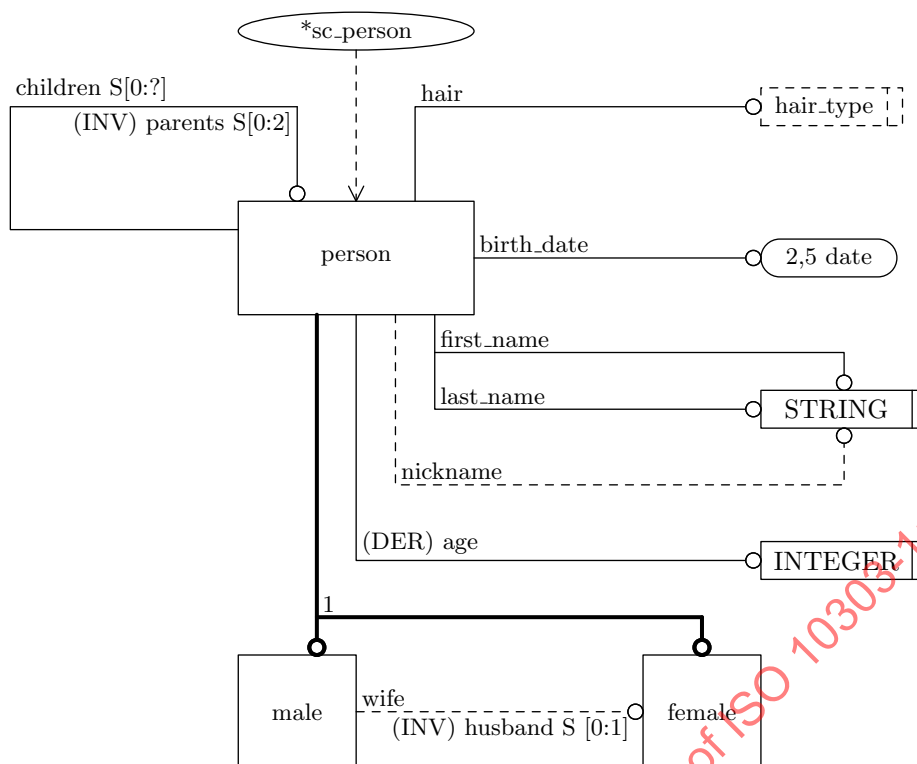


Figure D.1 – Complete entity level diagram of the example in J.1 on page 242
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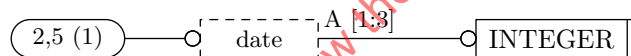


Figure D.2 – Complete entity level diagram of the example in J.1 on page 242
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D.2.1 Symbol for simple data types

The symbol for an EXPRESS simple data type is a rectangular solid box with a double vertical line at the right end of the box. The name of the data type is enclosed within the box, as shown in Figure D.3.

D.2.1.1 Symbols for generalized data types

The symbol for the EXPRESS GENERIC_ENTITY data type is the same as for EXPRESS simple data types. The name of the data type is enclosed within the box as shown in figure D.4.

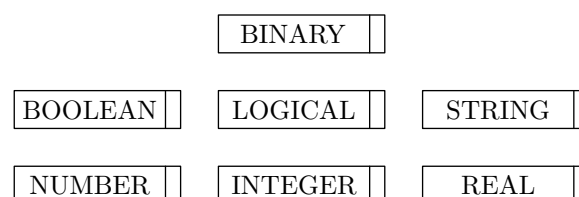


Figure D.3 – Symbols for EXPRESS simple data types

GENERIC_ENTITY

Figure D.4 – Symbol for EXPRESS generic_entity data type

SELECT	ENUMERATION
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Figure D.5 – Symbols for EXPRESS constructed data types

D.2.2 Symbols for constructed data types

The symbols for the constructed data types of EXPRESS, SELECT and ENUMERATION, are dashed boxes. The name of the data type is enclosed within the box as shown in Figure D.5.

The symbol for a SELECT data type consists of a dashed box with a double vertical line at the left. If the select data type is a GENERIC_ENTITY SELECT data type, the data type name is preceded by a superscripted asterisk (*) symbol.

The symbol for an ENUMERATION data type consists of a dashed box with a double vertical line at the right. EXPRESS-G does not provide for the representation of the enumerated list.

NOTE The ENUMERATION data type symbol resembles the simple data type symbols, having a second vertical bar at the right, since simple and ENUMERATION data types are atomic data types in EXPRESS-G.

EXPRESS only allows the SELECT and ENUMERATION data types to be used as a representation of a defined data type. EXPRESS-G provides an abbreviated notation whereby the defined data type name is written within the dashed box representing the SELECT or ENUMERATION, instead of the data type name, and the defined data type symbol is not given, as seen in Figure D.6 (see D.5.4).

EXAMPLE The two diagrams in Figure D.7 are equivalent:

An implementation of an EXPRESS-G editing tool may use the full form of constructed data type representation, the abbreviated form or both. The implementor of an EXPRESS-G editing tool shall indicate which of these forms is used using annex E.

a_select	an_enumeration
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Figure D.6 – Abbreviated symbols for the EXPRESS constructed data types when used as the representation of defined data types

hair_type	—○	ENUMERATION
hair_type		

Figure D.7 – Example of alternative methods for representing an enumeration data type

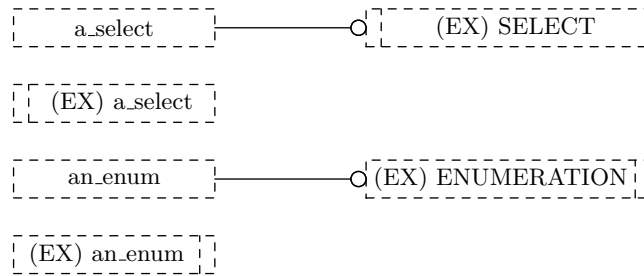


Figure D.8 – Symbols for EXPRESS extensible constructed data types

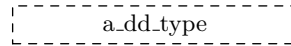


Figure D.9 – Symbol for EXPRESS defined data type

D.2.2.1 Extensible constructed data types

Extensible constructed data types are denoted in EXPRESS-G by placing the characters EX enclosed in parentheses, that is (EX), before the name of the constructed data type as shown in figure D.8.

D.2.3 Symbols for defined data types

The symbol for a defined data type consists of a dashed box enclosing the name of the TYPE, as shown in Figure D.9.

D.2.4 Symbols for entity data types

The symbol for an entity data type consists of a solid box enclosing the name of the ENTITY, as shown in Figure D.10.

D.2.5 Symbols for subtype constraints

The symbol for a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT is an ellipse enclosing the name of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT, as shown in Figure D.11.

D.2.6 Symbols for functions and procedures

EXPRESS-G does not support any notation for either FUNCTION or PROCEDURE definitions.

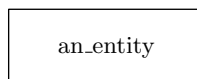


Figure D.10 – Symbol for an EXPRESS entity data type

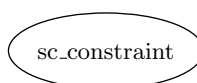


Figure D.11 – Symbol for an EXPRESS subtype constraint

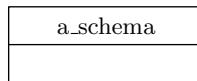


Figure D.12 – Symbol for a schema

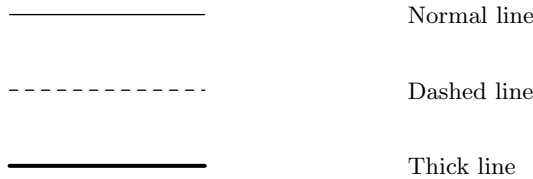


Figure D.13 – Relationship line styles

D.2.7 Symbols for rules

EXPRESS-G does not support any notation for a RULE definition. The names of entities that are parameters in a RULE may be flagged with an asterisk (see D.5.3).

D.2.8 Symbols for schemas

The symbol for a SCHEMA (Figure D.12) is a rectangular solid box with the name of the SCHEMA in the upper half, which is divided from the lower half of the box by a horizontal line. The lower half of the symbol is empty.

D.3 Relationship symbols

Definition symbols are connected by lines of various styles as shown in Figure D.13.

A relationship for an OPTIONAL attribute of an entity data type is presented as a dashed line. A schema-schema reference is presented as a dashed line. A dashed line shall also be drawn between the ellipse of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT and the constrained supertype entity box. An inheritance relationship (that is, a subtype and supertype relationship) is presented as a thick line. The extension of one constructed data type by another is also presented as a thick line. All other relationships are presented as normal width solid lines.

Relationships are bidirectional, but one of the two directions is emphasized. If an entity A has an explicit attribute that is entity B, the emphasized direction is from A to B. In EXPRESS-G, the relationship is marked with an open circle in the emphasized direction, in this case, at the B end of the line. For an inheritance relationship, the emphasized direction is toward the subtype, that is, the circle is at the subtype end of the line. For the extension of constructed data types, the emphasized direction is toward the constructed data type that is based on the extensible data type (that is, the circle is at the end of the line that is attached to the constructed data type that is based on the extensible constructed data type).

EXAMPLE Relationship directions are illustrated in Figure D.14, which is an incomplete rendition of the EXPRESS code given in the example in J.2 on page 243. The diagram consists of six entity data types, three defined data types and several simple data types. Entity **super** has two subtypes, namely **sub_1** and **sub_2**. Entity **sub_2** has an attribute that is a select data type called **choice**, selecting between an entity data type named **an_ent** and the defined data type **name**. The entity data type **an_ent** has the integer data type as its attribute, while **name** is a string data type.

The entity data type **sub_1** has the entity data type **from_ent** as an attribute. **From_ent** has **to_ent**

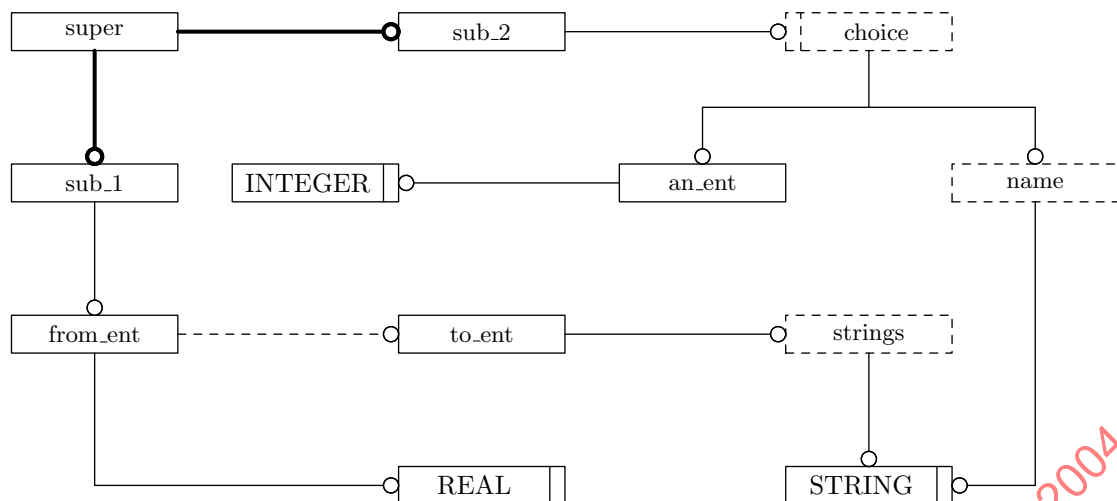


Figure D.14 – Partial entity level diagram illustrating relationship directions from the example in J.2 on page 243 (Page 1 of 1)

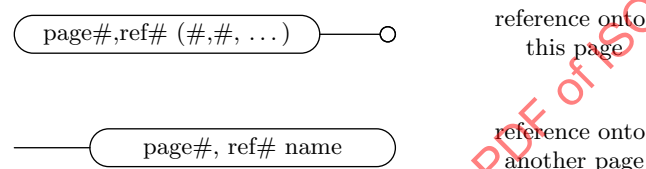


Figure D.15 – Composition symbols: page references

as an optional attribute and the real data type as a required attribute. In turn, the entity data type **to_ent** has a defined data type called **strings** as a required attribute, and **strings** is a list (not shown in diagram) of string data type.

NOTE 1 Although the example diagrams show only straight relationship lines, lines may follow any path (they may, for example, be curved).

NOTE 2 It may not always be convenient to lay out a diagram without some of the relationship lines crossing each other. The means of distinguishing crossing points is left to the author of the diagram.

D.4 Composition symbols

Graphical representations can span more than one page. Each page is numbered. The symbols for achieving inter-page references are provided in Figure D.15.

A schema may reference definitions from another schema. The symbols for inter-schema references are shown in Figure D.16.

D.4.1 Page references

When there is a relationship between definitions on separate pages, the relationship line on the two pages is terminated by a rounded box. The rounded box contains a page number and a reference number, as shown in Figure D.15. The page number is the number of the page where a referenced definition occurs. The reference number is used to distinguish between multiple references on a page. The composition symbol on the page where the reference originated contains the name of the referenced definition. The rounded reference box on the referenced

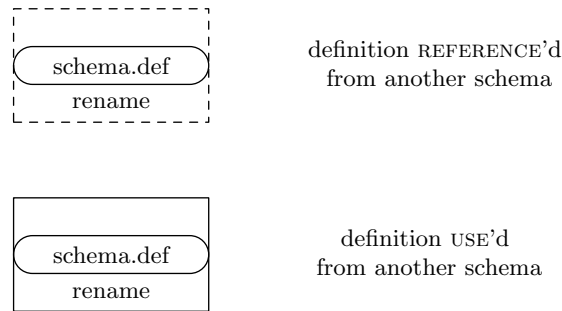


Figure D.16 – Composition symbols: inter-schema references

page may contain a parenthesized list of the page numbers where references originated.

NOTE The use of page referencing is shown in Figure D.1 and Figure D.2. The rounded box labelled 2,5 from the **person** indicates that the definition is to be found on page 2 of the diagram as reference 5. On page 2 of the diagram as shown in Figure D.2, the rounded box symbol reference into **date** indicates that this definition is referenced from another definition on another page of the diagram. The number enclosed in parentheses indicates that the referencing item is to be found on page 1 of the diagram.

D.4.2 Inter-schema references

Inter-schema references are indicated by a rounded box enclosing the name of the definition qualified by the schema name, as shown in Figure D.16.

Definitions accessed from another schema via an EXPRESS REFERENCE statement are enclosed by a dashed rectangular box. If the definition is renamed, the new name may be placed within the box below the rounded box.

Definitions accessed from another schema via an EXPRESS USE statement are enclosed by a solid rectangular box. If the definition is renamed, the new name may be placed within the box below the rounded box.

NOTE The use of inter-schema references is shown in Figure D.24.

D.5 Entity level diagrams

EXPRESS-G may be used to represent the definitions, and their relationships, within one schema. This type of diagram may consist of simple data types, defined data types, entity data types, subtype constraints, and relationship symbols, together with role and cardinality information as appropriate to represent the contents of a single schema.

D.5.1 Role names

In EXPRESS an attribute of an entity data type is named for the role of the data type being referenced when an instance participates in the relationship established by the attribute. The text string representing the role name may be placed on the relationship line connecting the entity data type symbol to its attribute symbol. These role names shall be consistent with the scope and visibility rules as defined in 10.

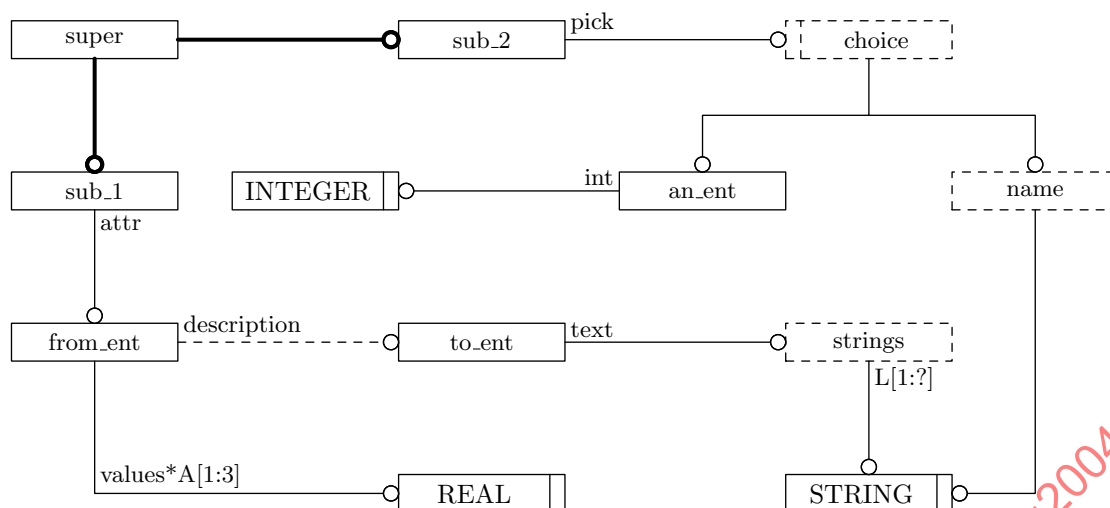


Figure D.17 – Complete entity level diagram of the example in J.2 on page 243
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D.5.2 Cardinalities

The attributes of entity and defined data types can be represented by aggregation data types (these are, LIST, SET, BAG, and ARRAY). In EXPRESS-G, an aggregation is indicated on the relationship line for the attribute, following the attribute name. Only the first letter of the aggregation data type (that is, A, B, L, or S) is used, and the **OF** is omitted. Exceptionally, if an AGGREGATE data type is used, this is indicated on the relationship line for the attribute by using an empty pair of square brackets ([]) rather than a letter. If an aggregation is not specified, the cardinality is one for a required relationship and zero or one for an optional attribute.

NOTE The EXPRESS given in the example in J.2 on page 243 is fully displayed using EXPRESS-G in Figure D.17. The components of a SELECT type are not role-named.

D.5.3 Constraints

EXPRESS-G provides no methods for defining constraints, other than cardinalities. The fact that something is constrained within an EXPRESS data specification may be denoted by preceding the name of the thing with an asterisk (*) symbol. The following rules apply:

- if an entity is a parameter in an EXPRESS RULE, the name of the entity may be preceded by an asterisk;
- if an attribute of an entity is constrained by either a UNIQUE clause or a WHERE clause within the entity, the name of the attribute may be preceded by an asterisk;
- if a defined type is constrained by a WHERE clause, the name of the defined type may be preceded by an asterisk;
- if an aggregation data type is constrained by a UNIQUE keyword, the first letter of the aggregation may be preceded by an asterisk.

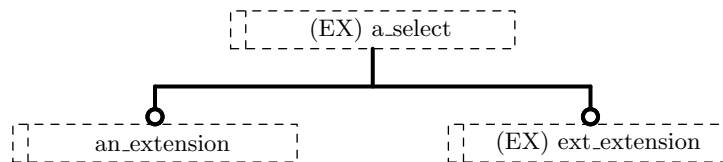


Figure D.18 – Extensible select data type diagram

D.5.4 Constructed and defined data types

A SELECT data type is represented by the select data type symbol (see Figure D.5) plus a relationship and data type definition for each of the selectable items. No cardinality or role name is specified for the relationships.

An ENUMERATION data type is represented solely by its symbol (see Figure D.5).

NOTE 1 EXPRESS-G does not provide a mechanism for noting the enumeration items.

A defined data type is represented by the type definition symbol (see Figure D.9) enclosing the name of the definition, the representation data type definition, and a relationship line from the defined data type definition to the representation data type definition. The cardinality of the representation may be placed on the relationship.

NOTE 2 A defined data type representation can be seen in the **strings** type in Figure D.17.

The extension relationship between an extensible constructed data type and a constructed data type based on it is denoted by a thick line linking the extensible data type to its extensions. Since there may be more than one extension to an extensible data type, the link linking the extensible data type to its extensions may branch. The extensible data type may have multiple lines leading to its extensions. The end of the line connected to the extensible data type has no end style. The end of the line connected to the extension is signified by an open circle.

NOTE 3 Two extensions to an extensible select data type, one of which is itself extensible, can be seen in figure D.18.

D.5.5 Entity data types

EXPRESS-G uses the solid box symbol (see Figure D.10) for ENTITY definitions. The name of the entity data type is enclosed by the box.

In EXPRESS-G an ENTITY may:

- be part of an acyclic inheritance graph;
- have explicit attributes;
- have derived attributes;
- have inverse attributes.

Each explicit or derived attribute in an EXPRESS entity gives rise to a relationship in the corresponding EXPRESS-G diagram. The role name of the attribute may be placed on the relationship line, together with the cardinality which follows the attribute name. A derived

attribute is distinguished from an explicit attribute by preceding the name of the attribute by the characters **DER** enclosed in parentheses, that is, (**DER**).

In the case where there is an inverse attribute defined for an attribute, the name and cardinality of the attribute is placed on the opposite side of the relationship line to the attribute name of which it is an inverse. The name is preceded by the characters **INV** enclosed in parentheses, that is, (**INV**).

An inverse may not be the direct (simple) inverse of an explicit attribute. The entity referred to in the inverse attribute declaration may, among others, be a subtype of the entity that declared the direct relationship. Other indirect inverse relationships are described in 9.2.1.3. For such indirect inverse relationships the following rules shall apply:

- An inverse attribute is denoted by a normal line linking the entity in which the inverse attribute is defined, and the entity (or composition symbols for page or inter-schema references representing the entity) that represents the target of the inverse attribute. The target of an inverse attribute may be the entity declaring the explicit attribute, for which this is an inverse, or a subtype of that entity.
- The end of the line connected to the entity that contains the inverse attribute is signified by an open circle.
- The end of the line connected to the target entity has no end style.
- The name of the original explicit attribute and the entity that the attribute is declared in is placed adjacent to the line within parenthesis in the form "(entity_name.attribute_name)".
- The characters **INV** enclosed in parentheses, that is, (**INV**), are placed before the name of the inverse attribute, which is also placed adjacent to the line.
- If the inverse attribute is constrained either by a where rule or a unique rule, the attribute name is preceded by a superscripted asterisk (*).
- If the attribute is defined by an aggregation data type, the aggregation data type is denoted as given in D.5.2, following the attribute name.
- If the inverse attribute is a redeclared attribute, it shall include the characters **RT** enclosed in parentheses, that is, (**RT**), before the (**INV**) characters. If in this redeclaration the attribute is renamed, the new attribute name follows the original name, these being separated by the greater than symbol (>).

NOTE 1 Typical entity level diagrams are shown in Figure D.1 and Figure D.17.

NOTE 2 The indication of domain rules applied to attributes can be seen on the roles husband and maiden-name in Figure D.1.

NOTE 3 An example of entities constrained by rules is shown for the **male** and **female** entities in Figure D.1.

Subtype/supertype

The entities forming an inheritance graph are connected by thick solid lines. The circled end of the relationship line denotes the subtype end of the relationship. When a supertype is

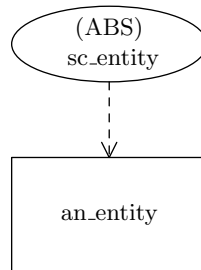


Figure D.19 – Symbol for denoting an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE if the abstract constraint is defined within a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT

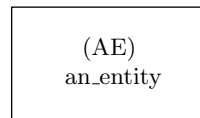


Figure D.20 – Symbol denoting an ABSTRACT ENTITY

ABSTRACT, the characters **ABS**, enclosed in parentheses, that is, **(ABS)**, precede the name of the entity within the entity symbol box. If the ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE constraint is declared in a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT, the symbol **(ABS)** shall precede the name of the corresponding SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT within the ellipse symbol for the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT, as shown in figure D.19.

When an entity is declared to be ABSTRACT (not an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE, but an ABSTRACT ENTITY), the characters **AE**, enclosed in parentheses, that is, **(AE)**, precede the name of the entity within the entity box symbol as shown in figure D.20.

EXPRESS-G provides a limited notation for indicating the logical structure of an inheritance graph. The ONEOF relation may be indicated by a branching relationship line from the supertype to each of its subtypes that are in a ONEOF relationship to each other, together with the digit 1 being placed at the branching junction. If the ONEOF relation is defined by a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT, an asterisk shall precede the name of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT in the ellipse symbol for the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

The AND relation may be indicated by a branching relationship line from the supertype to each of its subtypes that are in a AND relationship to each other, together with the character **&** being placed at the branching junction. If the AND relation is defined by a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT, an asterisk shall precede the name of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT in the ellipse symbol for the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT.

The TOTAL_OVER constraint is presented in connection with the symbol for the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT as part of which it has been defined (see figure D.21). A dashed line shall be drawn between the ellipse of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT and the constrained supertype entity box; this line style shall be used independent of the existence of a TOTAL_OVER constraint. Normal width solid lines shall be drawn between the ellipse of the SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT and the entity boxes of the subtypes that provide the total coverage for the supertype. All these lines shall end with unclosed arrows at the entity boxes of the supertype and the subtypes that are included in the constraint. Instead of ending in entity boxes, the lines from a SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT may end in composition symbols for page and inter-schema references.

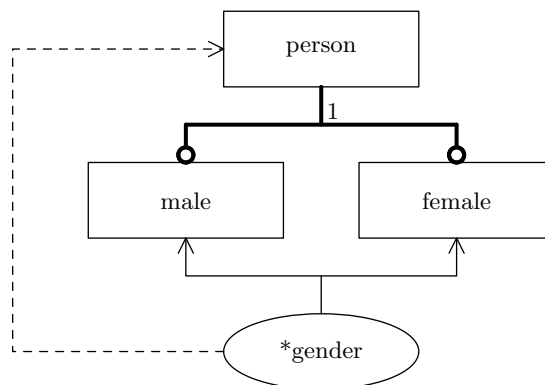


Figure D.21 – Example of the TOTAL_OVER coverage constraint

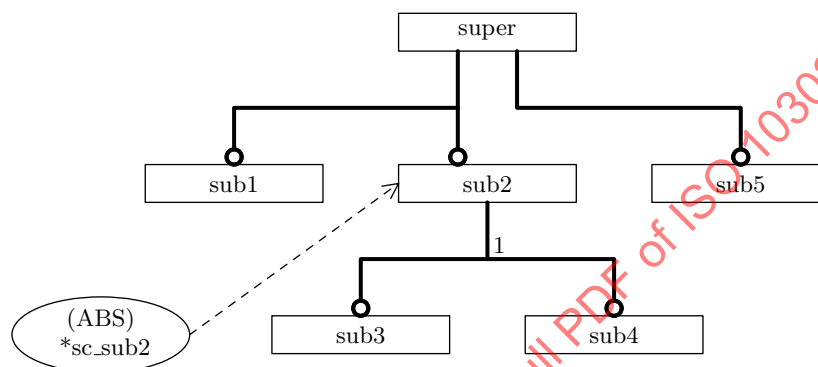


Figure D.22 – Complete entity level diagram of the inheritance graph from the example in J.3 on page 244 (Page 1 of 1)

EXAMPLE The following model is displayed in Figure D.21.

```

ENTITY person;
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY male SUBTYPE OF (person);
END_ENTITY;

ENTITY female SUBTYPE OF (person);
END_ENTITY;

SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT gender FOR person;
  TOTAL_OVER(male, female);
  ONEOF(female, male);
END_SUBTYPE_CONSTRAINT;

```

NOTE 4 Figure D.22 provides an EXPRESS-G diagram of the example in J.3 on page 244, showing **sub2** as being an ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE.

NOTE 5 The diagram in Figure D.22 shows that the entities **sub1**, **sub2** and **sub5** are subtypes of the supertype **super**. An instance of **super** possibly has no subtypes because it is not ABSTRACT. The entities **sub3** and **sub4** are subtypes of the supertype **sub2**. The entities **sub3** and **sub4** are in a ONEOF relationship to each other.

EXPRESS permits the redeclaration of supertype attributes within a subtype, provided the

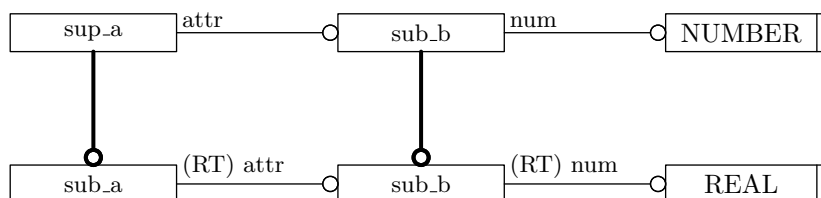


Figure D.23 – Complete entity level diagram of the example in J.4 on page 245 showing attribute redeclarations in subtypes (Page 1 of 1)

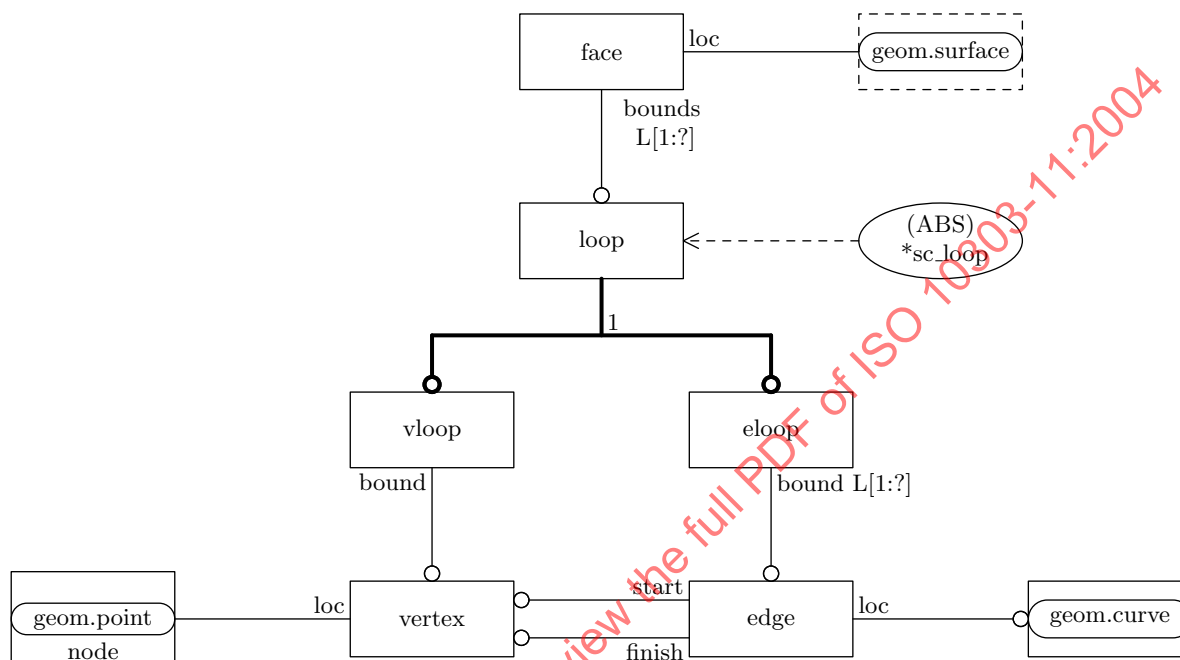


Figure D.24 – Complete entity level diagram of the top schema of example 1 on page 245 illustrating inter-schema references (Page 1 of 1)

redeclared attribute is a specialization of the supertype attribute type. If the attribute redeclaration also includes a rename of the attribute, the new name follows the original name, the two being separated by the greater than symbol (>). In EXPRESS-G a redeclared attribute is represented in the same manner as its supertype attribute, but with the addition of the characters RT (redeclared type) enclosed in parentheses, that is, (RT), before the name of the attribute.

NOTE 6 Figure D.23 illustrates some of the forms of attribute redeclaration, as given in the EXPRESS example in J.4 on page 245. Entity **sub_a** redeclares the attribute **attr** from its supertype to be a subtype of its supertype attribute. Entity **sub_b** has an optional attribute of type **NUMBER**. In its subtype, that is redeclared to be a required attribute of **REAL** type.

D.5.6 Inter-schema references

When a definition in the current schema refers to a definition in another schema, the inter-schema reference symbol is used and contains the qualified name of the definition.

NOTE Figure D.24 shows a entity level diagram of a single schema. The EXPRESS source for this diagram is given as example 1 on page 245. The complete diagram consists of two schemas, **top** and **geom** (see Figure D.25), and some of the **top** schema entities have attributes that use definitions in the **geom** schema. Since a entity level diagram only consists of those things defined in a single schema, the

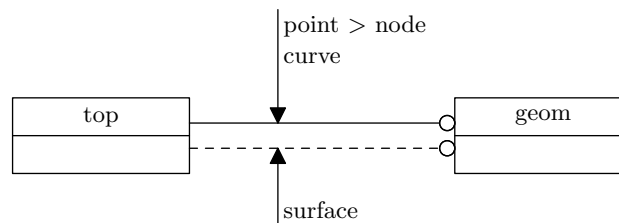


Figure D.25 – Complete schema level diagram of example 1 on page 245 (Page 1 of 1)

representation of the **top** schema in this example requires the inter-schema references shown.

D.6 Schema level diagrams

A schema level diagram consists of the representation of multiple schemas and their interfaces.

The contents of an EXPRESS-G schema level diagram are limited to the schemas comprising the diagram and the schema interfaces. The following are included:

- schemas that refer to another schema by means of **USE**;
- schemas that refer to another schema by means of **REFERENCE**;
- names of the things that are referenced or used.

The **USE** interface is presented by a normal width relationship line from the using schema to the used schema, with an open circle denoting the used schema. The **REFERENCE** interface is shown by a dashed relationship line from the referencing schema to the referenced schema, with an open circle denoting the referenced schema.

Definitions that are used or referenced may be shown as a list of names adjacent to the relevant relationship line, and connected to the relationship line by a line with an arrowhead adjacent to and pointing at the relationship line. The rename of a definition is indicated by following the original name of the definition by a greater than (>) sign and the rename.

NOTE 1 A diagram with two schemas is shown in Figure D.25. The **top** schema has an interface to the **geom** schema. In particular, the **top** schema references the **surface** and uses the **curve** and **point** definitions from the **geom** schema. The **point** definition is renamed **node** in the **top** schema.

If a schema level diagram extends over more than one page and the schema interfaces cross the page boundaries, the page referencing symbols are used.

NOTE 2 Example 2 on page 246 gives the EXPRESS source code for an abbreviated version of a schema level diagram. The EXPRESS-G schema diagram for this example is shown in Figure D.26.

D.7 Complete EXPRESS-G diagrams

In EXPRESS-G a complete diagram is one that, within the limits of the EXPRESS-G notation, accurately represents all the definitions, relationships and constraints using either an entity level or schema level diagram.

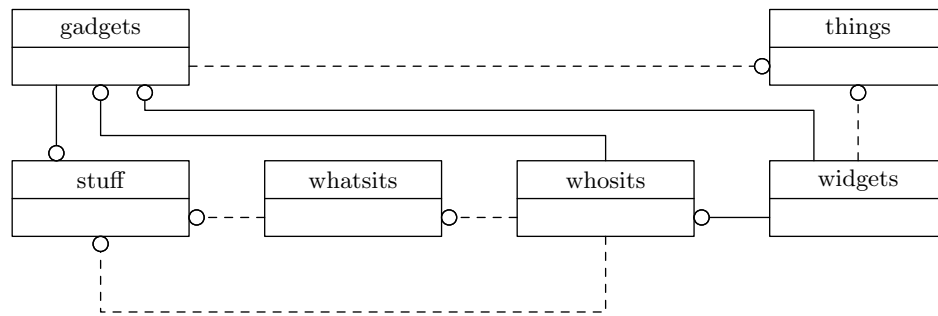


Figure D.26 – Complete schema level diagram of example 2 on page 246 (Page 1 of 1)

D.7.1 Complete entity level diagram

Diagrams that present a complete diagram of a single schema have contents defined by the following rules:

- a) Each page shall have a title starting with the words: Complete entity level diagram of ...;
- b) Each page is numbered in the form Page X of N, where N is the total number of pages forming the diagram, and X is the particular page number;
- c) All entity data types, defined data types, and simple type symbols used within the single schema are displayed;
- d) Schema symbols do not appear;
- e) All relationships, attribute names, and cardinalities are displayed;
- f) All attributes, including explicit, derived and inverse attributes are displayed;
- g) All inheritance (that is, subtype and supertype) relationships are displayed;
- h) All ABSTRACT SUPERTYPE constraints are marked;
- i) All ONEOF subtype relations are marked;
- j) All definitions used or referenced from another schema are presented by the rounded box symbols, together with the surrounding rectangular boxes of the appropriate style (solid for used definitions and dashed for referenced definitions);
- k) Any rename is presented in the relevant inter-schema reference symbol;
- l) All entities that are constrained by a RULE are marked with an asterisk (*);
- m) All attributes that are constrained are marked with an asterisk (*);
- n) All defined types that are constrained are marked with an asterisk (*);
- o) All aggregation types that are constrained are marked with an asterisk (*);
- p) All ABSTRACT ENTITY declarations are marked;

- q) All TOTAL_OVER constraints are marked;
- r) All relationships between extensible constructed data types and their extensions are displayed;
- s) All the new and old names of attributes renamed during redeclaration are displayed;
- t) All GENERIC_ENTITY SELECT constraints are displayed;
- u) All GENERIC_ENTITY data types used within the schema are displayed.

All entity-entity relations not marked with an inverse attribute are interpreted to have a cardinality of zero or more. No logical structuring can be inferred from an unmarked subtype relation, except that it is not a ONEOF relation.

D.7.2 Complete schema level diagram

Diagrams that present a complete schema level diagram have contents defined by the following rules:

- a) Each page is titled, with the title starting with the words: "Complete schema level diagram of ...";
- b) Each page is numbered in the form Page X of N, where N is the total number of pages forming the diagram, and X is the particular page number;
- c) All schemas used are displayed;
- d) Entity, type, and simple symbols shall not be displayed;
- e) All schema-schema relationships, USE and REFERENCE, are displayed;
- f) The names of all definitions that are either used or referenced are attached to the relevant relationship line, together with any renames. If no names are attached to a relationship line, this is interpreted to mean that the entire schema is used or referenced.

NOTE When developing models or displaying diagrams, it is useful to be able to display diagrams at varying levels of abstraction. For example, not all attributes are given on the diagram, or role names may not be shown. This is outside the scope of EXPRESS-G, but it is recommended that the level of abstraction be agreed and documented before development starts. Further, it is recommended that the diagram titles reflect the abstractions being used.

Annex E (normative)

Protocol implementation conformance statement (PICS)

Is this implementation an EXPRESS language parser/verifier? If so, answer the questions provided in E.1.

Is this implementation an EXPRESS-G editing tool? If so, answer the questions provided in E.2.

E.1 EXPRESS language parser

For which level is support claimed:

- ☐ Level 1 – Reference checking;
☐ Level 2 – Type checking;
☐ Level 3 – Value checking;
☐ Level 4 – Complete checking.

(Note: In order to claim support for a given level, all lower levels must also be supported.)

What is the maximum integer value [integer_literal]?:
 What is the maximum real precision [real_literal]?:
 What is the maximum real exponent [real_literal]?:
 What is the maximum string width (characters) [simple_string_literal]?:
 What is the maximum string width (octets) [encoded_string_literal]?:
 What is the maximum binary width (bits) [binary_literal]?:
 Do you have a limit on the number of unique identifiers which are declared? If so, what is your limit?:
 Do you have a limit on the number of characters used as an identifier? If so, what is your limit?:
 Do you have a limit on the scope nesting depth? If so, what is your limit?:
 Do you implement the concept of multiple name scopes in which schema names may occur? If so, what are these scopes called?:
 How do you represent the standard constant '?' [built_in_constant]?:

E.2 EXPRESS-G editing tool

For which level is support claimed:

- ☐ Level 1 – Symbol checking;
☐ Level 2 – Complete checking.

(Note: In order to claim support for a given level, all lower levels must also be supported.)

Do you have a limit on the number of unique identifiers which :
are declared? If so, what is your limit?:

Do you have a limit on the number of characters used as an :
identifier? If so, what is your limit?:

Do you have a limit on the number of symbols per page of the :
model? If so, what is your limit?:

Do you have a limit on the number of pages available to a :
model? If so, what is your limit?:

Do you implement the concept of multiple name scopes in :
which schema names may occur? If so, what are these scopes
called?:

Do you implement the full form of constructed data type rep- :
resentation, the abbreviated form or both forms?:

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