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## THE MIZAR LOGIC INFORMATION LANGUAGE

A logic information language /L.I.L., in short/ is a language of recording of mathematical texts, including the logical relationships between elements in it such as inferences between theorems, and so on. Our aim was the elaboration of a language, subsequently called MIZAR, the use of which would not depart too radically from accepted practices in mathematics. Such a practical L.I.L. has to be on the one hand sufficiently simple for automatic processing and, on the other, sufficiently rich for human use.

A L.I.L. of the type represented by MIZAR can be used for the following purposes:

- a. for checking proofs submitted by students in mathematics teaching ;
- b. in computer-aided proof-checking, particularly checking proofs of program properties ;
- c. as an input language to a mathematics fact retrieval system ;
- d. as a source language of semi-automatic machine translation, i.e. a translation from the L.I.L into a natural language
- e. as an intermediate language in a machine translation system.

Much work in the field of L.I.L.'s has been devoted to the last topic /for instance, E.V.Padučeva/.

It must be noted that the analyser of a L.I.L. represents only a part of the system for most of the above-mentioned applications. For teaching and for computer-aided proof checking a supplementary module, known as proof checker, must be incorporated into the system. For teaching purposes it does not need extensive automatic proof checking facilities, but it must be "transparent" and must spend not much run time for inference checking. For the purposes of computer-aided proof checking, on the other hand, a "rich" system is preferable and run time limitations are not so essential, particularly when the system is being used interactively and the user can always break in, halt the checker and omit the justification of a statement. Into a retrieval system at least data bank access procedures must be incorporated; they would also be very useful in computer-aided proof checking. The proof checker can be discarded altogether in the case of machine translation.

Work on languages of this type has been underway for about ten years: one thinks for instance of Kalužnin's paper [3] and of projects of de Bruijn [1] and Gluškov [3]. Recently, the projects of Postma [4] and Marinov have been described.

The MIZAR project is a continuation of work conducted for Płock Scientific Society in 1975 /implementation on an ODRA 1204 computer/. Later, the MIZAR project was implemented on the Cyber 72 computer using the PASCAL 6000 programming language. At first, a subset called MIZAR/QC has been implemented /see [6]/. The syntax of MIZAR :

We use the BNF notation with slight modifications :

1. An interrogation point behind a construct denotes that it may be omitted.

11. LIST (XXX, SEP) denotes (XXX SEP)\* XXX and LIST



2. Sentences

```

sentence := packed-sentence |
           packed-sentence ( "implies" | "iff" ) packed-sentence |
           conjunctive-sentence |
           disjunctive-sentence |
           universal-sentence |
           existential-sentence

packed-sentence := " ( "sentence" ) " |
                  atomic-sentence |
                  "not" packed-sentence

atomic-sentence := expression "is" attribute-expression |
                  predicate-identifier:ao ( "[ "expression-list" ] " ) ? |
                  expression relation expression

disjunctive-sentence := LIST+ ( packed-sentence, "or" )
conjunctive-sentence := LIST+ ( packed-sentence, "& " )
universal-sentence := universal-prefix
                      ( "holds" sentence |
                        existential-sentence

existential-sentence := "ex" being-list "st" sentence
universal-prefix := "for" being-list ( "st restriction ) ?
being-list := ( variable-list "being" type-expression ",")
              variable-list ( "being" type-expression ) ?
variable-list := LIST ( variable:do, ",")
restriction := sentence

proposition := ( label:do ":" ) ? sentence
conditions := that LIST ( proposition, "and" )

```

### 3. Statements

```

statement := simple-statement |
           compound-statement
simple-statement := "then" ? statement-body ("by" label-list)? |
                  statement-body justification
compound-statement := (label:do ":") ? "now reasoning "end"
statement-body := proposition |
                 choice |
                 pred-clause |
                 take-clause |
                 reconsider-clause
choice := "consider" choice-list-1 "such" conditions |
         universal-prefix "consider" choice-list-2 "such" conditions
choice-list-1 := being-list
choice-list-2 := LIST (function-list "being" type-expression,
                      ",")
pred-clause := universal-prefix? "pred"
              (Predicate-identifier:do |
               variable:ao relation variable:ao)
              "denotes" sentence
take-clause := "take" LIST ( take-list-1, ",") |
               universal-prefix "take" LIST ( take-list-2, ",")
take-list-1 := variable-list "=" expression
take-list-2 := LIST (( function-identifier:do
                       operation variable:ao
                       variable:ao operation variable:ao), ",")
                       "=" expression
function-list := LIST (function-identifier:do, ",")
reconsider-clause := "reconsider" LIST rc-list-1, ",,"

```

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universal-prefix "reconsider" LIST (rc-list-2, ",")|
rc-list-1 := LIST variable:do ("=" " (" expression-list ")")?
           ",")
           "as" type-expression
rc-list-2:= LIST (function-identifier:do
                 ("=" " (" LIST function-identifier:ao, ",") ")")?,
                 ",")
                 "as" type-expression

```

#### 4. Justification

```

label-list := LIST (label:ao, ",")
justification := "proof reasoning "end"|
                "ref" reference|
                "from" scheme-expression
reference := LIST (block-identifier:ao, "/" ) "/" label+ao
scheme-expression := scheme-identifier:ao (" (" label-list
                                           ") ") ?

```

#### 5. Reasonings

```

reasoning := LIST (( assumption|
                    let-clause|
                    conclusion|
                    statement), ";") ";" conclusion
conclusion := ( "thus" | "hence" ) proposition ("by" label-list) ?|
              "thus" proposition justification
assumption := "assume" proposition conditions
              "given" being-list "such" conditions
let-clause := "let" LIST (variable-list "be" type-expression,
                          ",")

```



( "such" conditions ) ?

## 6. Definitions

### 6.1. Type definition

type-definition :=

"type" type-identifier:do ( "of" being-list ) ?  
 ( "denotes" type-expression |  
 "includes" variable:do "being" type-expression |  
 "constists" "of" component-list ) ( "such" conditions ) ?

component-list := being-list

### 6.2. Function and/or attribute definition

definition := "definition"

LIST(( let-clause |  
 prime-definition), ";")  
 "end"

prime-definition := definition-body ( "by" label-list ) ? |  
 definition-body justification

definition-body :=

( variable:so "is" attribute-identifier:do  
 "of" LIST variable:so, ", " ?  
 "iff" sentence

### 6.3. Scheme definition

scheme-definition := scheme-head scheme-body

scheme-head := "scheme" scheme-identifier:do ";"

scheme-body :=

"type" formal-type-list "; " ?  
 "predicate" formal-predicate-list "; " ?

```

("function" formal-function-list ";" ) ?
("constant" formal-constant-list ";" ) ?
    formal-conclusion
("since" formal-assumptions-sequence ) ?
    "proof" reasoning "end"
formal-type-list := LIST ( type+identifier:do, ",")
formal-predicate-list := LIST ( predicate-identifier:do, ",")
formal-function-list :=
    LIST ( function-list "being" type-expression, ",")
formal-constant-list := being-list
formal-assumptions-sequence :=
    LIST ( formal-assumption, ",")
formal-assumption := proposition
formal-conclusion := sentence

```

## 7. Blocks

```

block := ( block-identifier:do ":" ) ?
    "begin" LIST ( block-element, ",") "end"
block-element := statement |
    definition |
    scheme-definition |
    type-definition |
    theorem |
    predeclaration |
    block
theorem := "theorem"
    ( proposition ("by" label-list) ? |
    proposition justification )

```

predeclaration := "let" LIST (variable:po, ",")  
                   "denote" type-expression

## 8. Identifiers and constants

variable := identifier

label := identifier

block-identifier := identifier

type-identifier := identifier

scheme-identifier := identifier

attribute-identifier := identifier

function-identifier := identifier

predicate-identifier := identifier

identifier := letter ( letter | digit )\*

integer-constant := digit<sup>+</sup>

letter := A | ... | Z | a | ... | z

digit := 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

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