

RoboSim **Reference Manual**

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1. Introduction

In this report, we present a state-machine based notation, called *RoboSim*, designed specifically for the modelling of verified simulations for robotic applications. As a graphical notation, *RoboSim* is intended to be more appealing than programming notations; furthermore, a model in *RoboSim* should be considered as an intermediate, implementation independent, representation that can be translated into languages used by several well-established simulators such as Netlogo [16], MASON [11], JASON [8], Argos [5], Enky (home.gna.org/enki/), Microsoft Robotics Developer Studio (www.microsoft.com/robotics), Webots, and Simulink + Stateflow [12, 13]. The graphical notation of *RoboSim* is inspired on *RoboChart* [9], a UML-like notation designed for robotics. However, as a simulation notation, it has the following

- A model in *RoboSim* specifies a cyclic mechanism, as is usual in languages like Netlogo and Stateflow, among others.
- The cycle itself is a separate mechanism from the executing machine; a *RoboSim* model is formed of the parallel execution of the cycle and the machine.
- Time information is restricted to the cycle; the model of the machine is untimed.
- The visible events are readings and writings in registers of sensors and actuators.
- These events are always available.

Additionally, *RoboSim* has some distinguishing features.

- The cycle step can be more flexibly defined than, for instance, in Stateflow. Particularly, a step is not constrained to entering a single state of the machine.
- A formal semantics for *RoboSim* is given in the same framework as that for *RoboChart*, which allows the definition of a notion of correct simulation with respect to the more abstract

RoboChart model.

- Other relevant properties of a simulation can also be mechanically checked like. For instance, the improper execution of the same operation more than once in a same cycle.

Like *RoboChart*, apart from the state-machine itself, *RoboSim* includes elements to organise specifications, fostering reuse and taming complexity.

The state-machine notation is fully specified, including an action language and constructs to specify timing and properties. Operations used in a state machine can be taken from a domain-specific API or defined by other state machines; communication between state machines is synchronous. Operations can be given pre and postconditions.

In this report, we formalise the semantics of *RoboSim* using CSP [3]. Importantly, CSP is a front end for a mathematical model that supports a number of analysis techniques that allow, for example, checking the validity of a simulation. For that we can use model-checking, which provides a high degree of automation, as well as more powerful (but not automatic) verification based on theorem proving. Use of CSP enables model checking with FDR [15]. On the other hand, CSP has an underlying model based Hoare and He's Unifying Theories of Programming [4] that makes our core semantics adequate for theorem proving and for extension to deal, for instance, with probability [6].

The remainder of this manual is structured as follows. Chapter 2 presents the *RoboSim* metamodel, and Chapter 3 defines their well-formedness conditions. The semantics is presented in Chapter 4. Finally, Chapter 6 concludes with a summary of the results and future work.

2. *RoboSim* metamodel

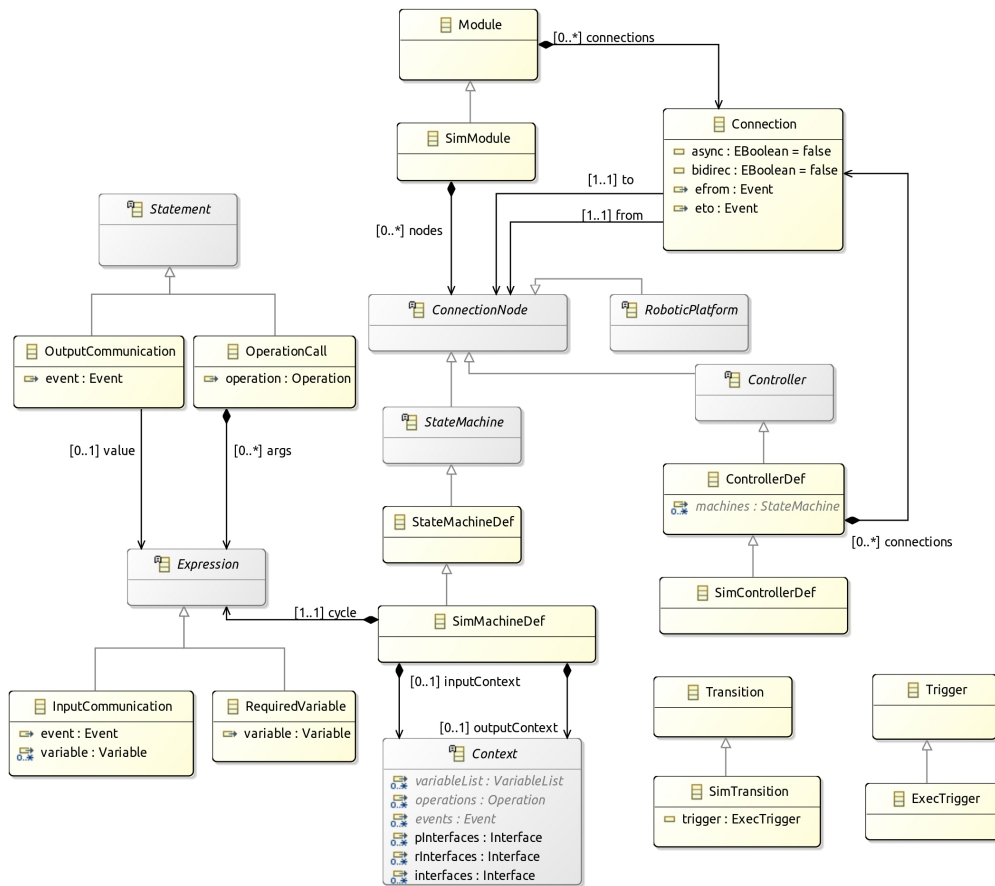
RoboSim models are structured using the elements sketched in Figure 2.1. The structure of a *RoboSim* package follows *RoboChart* structure, namely, modules, robotic platforms, controllers, simulation machines.

A simulation is defined by a `Module`, which includes a robotic platform and at least one `Controller`, which can each include one or more simulation machines. In the metamodel, `RoboticPlatforms`, `Controllers`, and `StateMachines` are `ConnectionNodes`. The restrictions on cardinality are well-formedness conditions. The `ConnectionNodes` are linked by `Connections` via their events `eFrom` and `eTo`. The connections can be asynchronous and bidirectional; further restrictions are well-formedness conditions.

Modules, controllers, and machines are self-contained: they declare the full `Context` (variables, operations, and events) used in their definitions, possibly via interfaces, to allow compositional reasoning. The main difference from *RoboChart* is that these elements include the `cycle` definition.

A variable `cycle` of type `nat` of natural numbers is implicitly declared in every model. Its value is defined by a boolean `Expression` given in each module, controller, and state machine, so that they are self-contained. Modules, controllers, and state machines define the valid sample times for their simulation by specifying restrictions on the value of `cycle`.

The `cycle` specifications may admit several valid periods. In general, however, an actual value needs to be defined just in association with a particular simulation execution. If a component (module, controller, or machine) does not explicitly specify it, a value for `cycle` that satisfies the specification can be identified, for example, when generating code for a simulator.

Figure 2.1: *RoboSim* metamodel

A module and each of its controllers may have different specifications for the value of `cycle`; similarly, a controller and each of its machines may also have different specifications. Ultimately, it is the module that defines the `cycle` of the simulation of a complete model. There has to be, therefore, at least one value that satisfies all the restrictions of the module and its controllers, or of a controller and its state machines.

A simulation-machine definition (`SimMachineDef`) is a `StateMachine`. Another form of `StateMachine`, is a reference to a state machine.

Declarations in a simulation machine are partitioned into three `Context`s: local declarations, inputs and outputs. Input and output events have a semantics different from that in *RoboChart*. There, they are events raised by the platform or the software. In *RoboSim*, an input or output is represented by a boolean that indicates whether that event has occurred. If any values are communicated, they are meaningful only if the event occurs.

Calls to operations are treated as outputs in *RoboSim*. Programmatically, in a simulation cycle, operations may be called during the processing of inputs, but are only actually executed later, at the point of the cycle when the registers are written.

A required variable is also external to the machine, and so its value is read, in the case of an input variable, and written, for output variables, on a cyclic basis. A variable or event may be both an input and an output.

To make the semantic differences clear, references to inputs and outputs are all preceded by a \$ in *RoboSim*. In the metamodel (see Figure 2.1), we have an extra form of Expression that allows the use of an input Event as a variable (InputCommunication). If the input communicates a value, that is recorded as part of that communication. An InputCommunication can take place only as part of a transition trigger, so that any variable assignments are an implicit part of the transition assignment. Expressions do not have side effects. Another new form of Expression, namely, RequiredVariable, allows references to a variable preceded by a \$.

OutputCommunications and OperationCalls can be used in actions, and are, therefore, extra forms of Statement. Like *RoboChart*, *RoboSim* allows other types of Statement such as Assignment, which assigns a value to a variable, IfStmt, which conditionally executes one of two statements, and Clock Reset, which allows to reset a clock. A special form of Transition, namely, SimTransition, allows the use of the special event EXEC as a trigger; it does not need to be declared. No other triggers are possible in a *RoboSim* model.

Despite the semantic distinctions, we have interface declarations in *RoboSim* exactly like in *RoboChart*, since this facilitates the modularisation of declarations, and the transition from a *RoboChart* to a *RoboSim* model. Particularly, this allows the designer to reuse entirely the robotic platform in the simulation.

As opposed to *RoboChart* clocks, *RoboSim* clocks advance in each cycle by the number of time units of the period for the cycle. So, choice of that period needs to take into account the budgets and deadlines required for the model.

3. Well-formedness Conditions

We now define a number of well-formedness conditions that identify the valid models written using the *RoboSim* metamodel presented in the previous chapter. Many conditions are those expected of a standard state-machine notation, and are fully described in the definition of *RoboChart* [9]. In what follows, we present the well-formedness conditions that are specific to *RoboSim* or related to constructs specific to *RoboSim*.

3.1 Robotic Platforms

The well-formedness conditions associated with robotic platforms involve the declaration of elements of the provided interfaces.

SRP1 Provided interfaces must declare just variables and operations. There is no notion of providing events in *RoboSim*, since events are taken to be elements of a component, which are used to establish a connection with another component for communication.

3.2 Modules

SM1 The specification of `cycle` is a boolean expression. It is a predicate that specifies a restriction on the values (positive natural numbers) that the variable `cycle` may take.

SM2 The conjunction of the `cycle` specification of all the controllers and of the module itself is not false. This means that it is possible to choose a valid positive value for `cycle` for use in a simulation of the module.

- SM3** The outputs of the controllers are disjoint, so that there is no conflict when writing to the actuator registers. In the case of events, this is ensured by the connections like in *RoboChart*: an event of the platform is linked to at most one controller. Required variables, however, may be required by several controllers, and should be an output just in one. An operation should be required just by one controller.
- SM4** The *RoboChart* facility for creating module instances (related to collections) is not allowed.

3.3 Controllers

- SC1** The specification of `cycle` is a boolean expression.
- SC2** The conjunction of the `cycle` specifications of all the simulation machines, of all the machines that define operations, and of the controller itself is not false. Besides machines, a controller may define operations used by its machines. These operations may be defined by simulation machines themselves, and their `cycle` specifications also need to be feasible in the context of the controller. This condition is similar to **SM2**, but refers to the specifications of cycle in the machines of a controller and in the controller itself, while **SM2** refers to the specifications of the controllers of a module and of the module itself. **SM2** is not concerned with restrictions in machines.
- SC3** Connections with a simulation machine must respect its input and output definitions. For instance, an input event of a machine must be either not connected or the connection must be an input to that machine. Similarly for outputs: they must be either not connected, or connected to an output from that machine.
- SC4** The outputs of the state machines are disjoint, to avoid conflicts as in the case of module.

3.4 State Machine

- SSTM1** The specification of `cycle` is a boolean expression.
- SSTM2** Input declarations can be only events and variables.
- SSTM3** Output declarations can be events, variables, or operations.
- SSTM4** Required variables must be inputs and outputs, since they can be read and written, like in *RoboChart*.
- SSTM5** Variables defined in a machine are there only for local use.
- SSTM6** All platform operations must be outputs. Calls to operations provided by the controller, however, do not become outputs of the system.
- SSTM7** Inputs, outputs, and required variables are referenced using a \$. This emphasises the fact that they are handled in a cyclic pattern.
- SSTM8** Local event declarations are not allowed.
- SSTM9** The input and output contexts have only events and interfaces that can be defined or required.

3.5 → Transitions

ST1 A transition cannot have deadline and probability junctions.

ST2 The only possible trigger is exec.

3.6 Statements

SS1 Timed and wait statements are not allowed.

3.7 Events

SE1 There is no broadcast attribute.

SE2 Exec is the only possible event that can be used as trigger.

4. Semantics

The semantics of *RoboSim* is based on the timed semantics of *RoboChart*, which is fully described in the *RoboChart* reference manual [9]. In what follows, we present the rules that are specific to *RoboSim*.

Rule 3. Cycle for modules

$\text{cycleModule}(m : \text{SimModule}, \text{ctrls} : \text{Seq}(\text{SimControllerDef}), \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}),$
 $\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

```

let CycleModule =
  ((||| in : dom inputs • registerRead.take(in) →
    registerReadC.give(inputs(in)) → SKIP);
  (||| evar : dom evars • registerReadC.take(evar) → SKIP);
  (||| evar : dom evars • registerWriteE.data(evar) → SKIP);
  (CollectOutputs(dom(allOutputs)) [endexec.id(m)] Monitor) Δ StopU);
  ((end → SKIP) ▷1 (wait([m.cycleDef]Expr - 1)));
  CycleModule
CollectOutputs(sout) =
  (registerWriteC?outp : {out : dom(allOutputs \ (evars ∪ rvars)); outc : allOutputs(out);
  outp : {data(outc)}} | out ∈ sout • outp) →
  registerWrite!lift(outp) → CollectOutputs(sout \ {project(outp)})
□ endexec.id(m) → SKIP
□ (registerWriteC?rvars : {out : dom(allOutputs ∩ (evars ∪ rvars)); outc : allOutputs(out);
  outp : {data(outc)}} | out ∈ sout • outp) →
  CollectOutputs(sout \ {project(outp)})
Monitor =
  (||| i : 1 .. #ctrls • endexec.id(ctrls(i)) → SKIP); endexec.id(m) → SKIP
within CycleModule
where
allOutputs = outputs ∪ rvar ∪ evars

```

The function `take` maps an input or output to CSP input parameters of a communication.

Rule 4. Module or controller memory

$\text{memoryComp}(\text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType}), \text{node} : \text{ConnectionNode}) :$
 $\text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

```

let Memory(nvars) =
  (□ v : dom evars • registerWriteC.take(v) → Memory(nvars[name(v) := true])
    □ registerWriteE.take(v) → Memory(nvars[name(v) := false])
  □
  (□ v : dom rvars • registerWriteC.take(v) → Memory(nvars))
  □
  (□ v : dom evars • registerReadC.give(evars(v)) → Memory(nvars))
  □
  (□ rv : ran rvars • registerReadC.give(rv) → Memory(nvars))
within constInit(node); Memory(initial(nvars))
where
nvars = {v : dom rvars ∪ dom evars • name(v)}

```

The function `composeControllers`²(m, ctrls, inputs, outputs, rvars, evars) basically constructs a parallelism of the processes for each of the controllers in the sequence `ctrls`.

Rule 5. Composition of controllers

$\text{composeControllers}(m : \text{SimModule}, \text{ctrls} : \text{Seq}(\text{SimControllerDef}), \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}),$
 $\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$

if $\#ctrls = 1$

then

$\text{renamingController}^1(m, \text{head ctrl}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

else

$\text{renamingController}^2(m, \text{head ctrl}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

$\llbracket \{\text{end}\} \cup \text{setConstants} \rrbracket$

$\text{composeControllers}^3(m, \text{tail ctrl}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

where

$\text{setConstants} = \{c : \text{allConstants}(rp) \bullet \text{set_vid}(c, m)\}$

Rule 6. Renaming controller

$\text{renamingController}(m : \text{SimModule}, c : \text{SimControllerDef}, \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}),$
 $\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$

$$\frac{\llbracket c \rrbracket}{c'} \left[\left[\begin{array}{l} \{ct : \text{allConstants}(c) \bullet \text{set_vid}(ct) \leftarrow \text{set_vid}(ct, m)\} \\ \cup \{ \text{registerRead} \leftarrow \text{registerReadC} \} \\ \cup \{ \text{registerWrite} \leftarrow \text{registerWriteC} \} \end{array} \right] \right] \setminus \text{setNotConnectedEvs}$$

where

$\text{setNotConnectedEvs} = \{ \{ \text{NotConnectedEvs}(\text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars}) \} \}$

4.2 Controllers

Rule 7. Semantics of controllers

$\llbracket c : \text{SimControllerDef} \rrbracket c : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

let

for each $op : c.\text{IOperations}$ •

$\text{nproc}(op)(\{x : op.\text{parameters} \bullet x.\text{name}\}) = \llbracket opdef(op) \rrbracket^{\text{nops}}_{STM'}$

within

$$\left(\left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{cycleController}^1(c, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{dvars}, \text{evars}) \\ \llbracket \{ \text{registerWriteC}.\text{data}(\text{out}) \mid \text{out} \leftarrow \text{randvars} \} \cup \{ \text{registerWriteE} \} \\ \cup \{ \text{registerReadC}.\text{data}(v) \mid v : \text{dom evars} \} \rrbracket \\ \text{memoryComp}^2(\text{dvars}, \text{evars}, c) \\ \llbracket \text{setConstants} \cup \{ \text{registerReadC}, \text{registerWriteC}, \text{terminate} \} \cup \\ \{ \text{endExecM} \} \rrbracket \\ \text{composeMachines}^1(c, \text{machines}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{dvars}, \text{evars})^{\text{nops}} \\ \setminus \{ \text{registerReadC}, \text{registerWriteC}, \text{registerWriteE} \} \cup \{ \text{endExecM} \} \cup \text{lconsts} \end{array} \right) \right) \right)$$

$\Theta_{\{end\}} \text{SKIP}$

where

$\text{machines} = \langle x : c.\text{machines} \rangle$

$\text{cons} = c.\text{connections}$

$\text{inputs} = \text{InputsC}(c, \text{cons})$

$\text{outputs} = \text{OutputsC}(c, \text{cons})$

$\text{dvars} = \text{DvarsC}(c)$

$\text{evars} = \text{InternalsC}(c, \text{cons})$

$\text{setConstants} = \{ \text{ct} : \text{allConstants}(c) \bullet \text{set_name}(\text{ct}) \}$

$\text{endExecM} = \{ \text{stm} : \text{machines} \bullet \text{endexec}.\text{id}(\text{stm}) \}$

$\text{opdef}(op) = \text{findOperationDefinition}(op, c.\text{IOperations})$

$\text{nops} = \{ op : c.\text{IOperations} \bullet \text{id}(op) \mapsto \text{nproc}(op) \} \cup$

$\{ op : \text{requiredOperations}(c) \bullet \text{id}(op) \mapsto \text{nproc}(op) \}$

$\text{lvars} = \{ v : \text{allLocalVariables}(c) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v) \}$

$\text{rvars} = \{ v : \text{requiredVariables}(c) \bullet \text{set_Ext_vid}(v) \}$

$\text{lconsts} = \{ v : \text{allLocalConstants}(c) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v) \}$

$\text{rconsts} = \{ v : \text{requiredConstants}(c) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v) \}$

Rule 8. Cycle for controllers

$\text{cycleController}(c : \text{SimControllerDef}, \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}), \text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}),$
 $\text{dvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

let $\text{CycleController} =$

$((\parallel \text{inC} : \text{dom inputs} \bullet \text{registerRead}.\text{take}(\text{inC}) \rightarrow$
 $\parallel \text{inM} : \text{inputs} \{\{\text{inC}\}\} \bullet \text{registerReadC}.\text{give}(\text{inM}, \text{inputs}(\text{inM})) \rightarrow \text{SKIP});$
 $(\parallel \text{evar} : \text{dom evars} \bullet \text{registerReadC}.\text{take}(\text{evar}) \rightarrow \text{SKIP});$
 $(\parallel \text{evar} : \text{dom evars} \bullet \text{registerWriteE}.\text{data}(\text{evar}) \rightarrow \text{SKIP});$
 $(\text{CollectOutputs}(\text{dom}(\text{outputs} \cup \text{dvars}) \parallel \text{endexec}.\text{id}(c)) \parallel \text{Monitor})) \Delta \text{Stop}_U);$
 $((\text{end} \rightarrow \text{SKIP}) \triangleright_1 (\text{wait}(\llbracket c.\text{cycleDef} \rrbracket_{\text{Expr}} - 1)));$

CycleController

$\text{CollectOutputs}(\text{sout}) =$

$(\text{registerWriteC?} \text{outp} : \{ \text{outc} : \text{dom Outputs}; \text{outm} : \text{Outputs}(\text{outc});$
 $\text{outp} : \{ \{ \text{data}(\text{outm}) \} \mid \text{outc} \in \text{sout} \bullet \text{outp} \} \rightarrow$
 $\text{registerWrite} \parallel \text{lift}(\text{outp})) \rightarrow \text{CollectOutputs}(\text{sout} \setminus \{ \text{project}(\text{outp}) \})$
 $\square (\text{registerWriteC?} \text{outp} : \{ \text{varc} : \text{dom dvars}; \text{varm} : \text{dvars}(\text{varc});$
 $\text{outp} : \{ \{ \text{data}(\text{varm}) \} \mid \text{varc} \in \text{sout} \bullet \text{outp} \} \rightarrow$
 $\text{CollectOutputs}(\text{sout} \setminus \{ \text{project}(\text{outp}) \})$
 $\square \text{endexec}.\text{id}(c) \rightarrow \text{SKIP}$

$\text{Monitor} =$

$(\parallel m : c.\text{machines} \bullet \text{endexec}.\text{id}(m) \rightarrow \text{SKIP}; \text{endexec}.\text{id}(c) \rightarrow \text{SKIP}$

within CycleController

Rule 9. Composition of machines

$\text{composeMachines}(c : \text{SimControllerDef}, \text{machines} : \text{Seq}(\text{SimMachineDef}), \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}),$
 $\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

if $\# \text{machines} = 1$

then

$\text{renamingMachine}^1(c, \text{head machines}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

else

$\text{renamingMachine}^2(c, \text{head machines}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

$\parallel \{ \text{end} \} \cup \text{setConstants}$

$\text{composeMachines}^2(c, \text{tail machines}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars})$

where

$\text{setConstants} = \{ \text{stm} : \text{ran machines}, c : \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{set_vid}(c) \}$

Rule 10. Renaming machine

$\text{renamingMachine}(c : \text{SimControllerDef}, \text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef}, \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}),$
 $\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{rvars} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType}), \text{evars} : \text{Set}(\text{EventsType})) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

$\frac{\llbracket \text{stm} \rrbracket}{\text{STM}^2} \left[\left[\begin{array}{l} \{ \text{ct} : \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{set_vid}(\text{ct}) \leftarrow \text{set_vid}(\text{ct}, c) \} \\ \cup \{ \text{registerRead} \leftarrow \text{registerReadC} \} \\ \cup \{ \text{registerWrite} \leftarrow \text{registerWriteC} \} \end{array} \right] \right] \setminus \text{setNotConnectedEvs}$

where

$\text{setNotConnectedEvs} = \{ \text{NotConnectedEvs}(\text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{rvars}, \text{evars}) \}$

4.3 State Machines

Rule 11. Semantics of state machine

$$\llbracket \text{stm} : \text{StateMachineBody} \rrbracket_{STM}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

The rule is split according to the type of stm .

Rule 12. Semantics of state machine

$$\llbracket \text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef} \rrbracket_{STM} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

$$\left(\left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{behaviour}^1(\text{stm}) \\ \llbracket \text{getsetChannelsStm}^1(\text{stm}) \cup \{\text{registerWrite}\} \rrbracket \\ \text{stmMemory}^1(\text{stm}) \\ \llbracket \{\text{startexec}, \text{endexec}, \text{id}(\text{stm}), \text{end}, \text{registerRead}, \text{registerWrite}\} \rrbracket \\ \text{cycle}^1(\text{stm}, \text{inputs}, \text{outputs}) \end{array} \right) \setminus \text{getsetChannelsStm}^2(\text{stm}) \right) \setminus \{\text{startexec}\} \right)$$

$$\Theta_{\{\text{end}\}} \text{SKIP}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inputs} &= \text{inputs}(\text{stm}) \\ \text{outputs} &= \text{outputs}(\text{stm}) \\ \text{reqVars} &= \text{reqVars}(\text{stm}) \\ \text{consts} &= \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \end{aligned}$$

Rule 13. Get and set channels

$$\text{getsetChannels}(\text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef}) : \text{ChannelSet} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\{v : \text{Evars}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v)\} \cup \{v : \text{Rvars}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v)\}\} \cup \\ &\{v : \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v)\} \cup \{v : \text{allLocalConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v)\} \end{aligned}$$

Rule 14. Cycle for machines

$$\text{cycle}(\text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef}, \text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{InputsType}), \text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{OutputsType})) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } \text{Cycle} &= (((\| \text{in} : \text{inputs} \bullet \text{registerRead}.\text{take}(\text{in}) \rightarrow \text{SKIP}; \\ &\text{startexec} \rightarrow \text{CollectOutputs}(\text{outputs}) \triangle \text{Stop}_U; \\ &((\text{end} \rightarrow \text{SKIP}) \triangleright_1 (\text{wait}(\llbracket \text{stm.cycleDef} \rrbracket_{\text{expr}} - 1))))); \\ &\text{Cycle} \\ \text{CollectOutputs}(\text{sout}) &= \text{registerWrite?giveT}(\text{out}) \rightarrow \text{CollectOutputs}(\text{sout} \setminus \{\text{out}\}) \\ &\quad \square \text{endexec}.\text{id}(\text{stm}) \rightarrow \text{SKIP} \end{aligned}$$

within Cycle

Rule 15. Constants Initialisation for State Machines

$$\text{constInitSTM}(cs : \text{Seq}_1(\text{Variable}), \text{stm} : \text{StateMachineDef}, P : \text{CSPPProcess}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

$$\text{buildScope}(\text{undefc}, \text{stm}, \left(\text{let } c : \text{defs} \bullet \text{name}(c) = \llbracket c.\text{initial} \rrbracket_{\text{Expr}} \right. \\ \left. \text{within } P \right)$$
where

$$\text{defc} = \langle x : \text{consts} \mid x.\text{initial} \neq \text{null} \rangle$$

$$\text{undefc} = \langle x \bullet \text{consts} \mid x.\text{initial} = \text{null} \rangle$$
Rule 16. Behaviour of state machine

$$\text{behaviour}(\text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$
let

$$\text{Ending} = \text{endexec} \rightarrow (\text{startexec} \rightarrow \text{Ending} \sqcap \text{end} \rightarrow \text{SKIP})$$
within

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} (\text{startexec} \rightarrow \text{stateful}^1(\text{stm}) \setminus \{\text{end}\}) \\ \llbracket \{\text{share}\} \rrbracket \\ \text{SKIP} \\ \text{Ending} \end{array} \right);$$
Rule 17. Semantics of state machine

$$\text{stateful}(\text{stm} : \text{StateMachineBody})^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$
let

$$\text{Stateful} = \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{MachineBody} \\ \llbracket \text{getsetLocalChannels}(\text{stm}) \cup \text{clockSync} \cup \{\text{end}\} \rrbracket \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} (\text{varMemory}(\text{stm}) \llbracket \{\text{end}\} \rrbracket \text{constMemory}(\text{stm})) \\ \llbracket \{\text{end}\} \rrbracket \\ \text{clockstimed}(\text{stm.clocks}) \end{array} \right) \\ \setminus \text{getsetLocalChannels}(\text{stm}) \cup \text{clockSync} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{MachineBody} = \left(\begin{array}{l} \llbracket \text{stm} \rrbracket^{\text{nops}} \llbracket \{\text{interrupt}\} \rrbracket \text{Skip} \\ \mathcal{N}c' \end{array} \right) \setminus \text{enteredSS}$$
within

$$\text{Stateful}$$
where

$$\text{clockSync} = \{c : \text{stm.clocks} \bullet \text{get_id}(c), \text{clockReset.id}(c)\}$$

$$\text{enteredSS} = \{x : \text{stm.nodes} \bullet \text{entered.id}(x)\}$$

Rule 18. State-machine memory

$$\underline{\text{stmMemory}(\text{stm} : \text{SimMachineDef}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

$$\text{let } \underline{\text{Memory}}(\text{nvars}) =$$

- $v : \text{rvars} \bullet \text{get_data}(v)!\text{name}(v) \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars})$
 - $\text{registerRead?data}(v)?x \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars}[\text{name}(v) := x])$
 - $\text{registerWrite!data}(v)?x \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars}[\text{name}(v) := x])$
-
- $r : \text{r} : \text{evars} \bullet \text{get_data}(v)!\text{name}(v) \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars})$
 - $\text{registerRead?data}(v)?x \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars}[\text{name}(v) := x])$
-
- $v : \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v)!\text{name}(v) \rightarrow \text{Memory}(\text{nvars})$

$$\text{within } \underline{\text{constInitSTM}}(\text{stm}); \underline{\text{Memory}}(\text{varvalues})$$

$$\text{where}$$

$$\text{rvars} = \underline{\text{requiredVariables}}(\text{stm})$$

$$\text{evars} = \underline{\text{inputEvents}}(\text{stm})$$

$$\text{lvars} = \underline{\text{allLocalVariables}}(\text{stm})$$

$$\text{consts} = \langle v : \text{allConstants}(\text{stm}) \bullet v \rangle$$

$$\text{nvars} = \langle v : \text{ivars} \cup \text{lvars} \cup \text{cvars} \bullet \text{name}(v) \rangle \wedge \langle v : \text{consts} \bullet \text{name}(v) \rangle$$

$$\text{varvalues} = \langle v : \text{ivars} \cup \text{lvars} \cup \text{cvars} \bullet \text{initial}(v) \rangle \wedge \langle v : \text{consts} \bullet \text{name}(v) \rangle$$
Rule 19. Get and Set channels

$$\underline{\text{getsetChannels}}(s : \text{StateMachineDef}) : \text{ChannelSet} =$$

$$\left\{ \langle v : \text{allVariables}(s) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v) \rangle \right\} \cup \left\{ \langle v : \text{allVariables}(s) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v) \rangle \right\} \cup$$

$$\left\{ \langle v : \text{allConstants}(s) \bullet \text{get_vid}(v) \rangle \right\} \cup \left\{ \langle v : \text{allConstants}(s) \bullet \text{set_vid}(v) \rangle \right\}$$
Rule 20. Semantics of defined operations

$$\underline{[[\text{stm} : \text{SimOperationDef}]_{STM}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

$$\underline{\text{stateful}^2(\text{stm}) \setminus \{\text{end}\}}$$
4.4 NodeContainers

The semantics of a node container is split into three rules for convenience.

Rule 21. Node container semantics

$$\underline{[[\text{nc} : \text{NodeContainer}]_{NC}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

$$\underline{\text{ncBehaviour}^1(\text{nc})^{\text{nops}}}$$

Rule 26. Semantics of a Transition

$$\llbracket t : \text{Transition} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{T}}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$$

if $\text{src} \in \text{State} \wedge t.\text{condition} \neq \text{null}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\llbracket t.\text{condition} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}\text{Expr}} \right) \& \text{trigger}^1(t); \text{clockResetstimed}(t); (S\text{Stop} \triangle \text{exit} \rightarrow \text{Skip}); \\ ((S\text{Stop} \parallel (\mu X \bullet \text{endexec} \rightarrow \text{startexec} \rightarrow X)) \triangle \\ (\text{exited} \rightarrow \llbracket t.\text{action} \rrbracket_{\text{StatementLnContext}}^{\text{nops}} [\text{endexec} \leftarrow \text{endexec_action}, \text{startexec} \leftarrow \text{startexec_action}]); \\ \text{enter.id}(tgt) \rightarrow \text{Skip} \end{array} \right)$$

else if $\text{src} \in \text{State} \wedge t.\text{condition} = \text{null}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{trigger}^2(t); \text{clockResetstimed}(t); (S\text{Stop} \triangle \text{exit} \rightarrow \text{Skip}); \\ ((S\text{Stop} \parallel (\mu X \bullet \text{endexec} \rightarrow \text{startexec} \rightarrow X)) \triangle \\ (\text{exited} \rightarrow \llbracket t.\text{action} \rrbracket_{\text{StatementLnContext}}^{\text{nops}} [\text{endexec} \leftarrow \text{endexec_action}, \text{startexec} \leftarrow \text{startexec_action}]); \\ \text{enter.id}(tgt) \rightarrow \text{Skip} \end{array} \right)$$

else if $\text{src} \notin \text{State} \wedge t.\text{condition} \neq \text{null}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\llbracket t.\text{condition} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}\text{Expr}} \right) \& \text{internal.id}(\text{src}) \rightarrow \\ \llbracket t.\text{action} \rrbracket_{\text{StatementLnContext}}^{\text{nops}} [\text{endexec} \leftarrow \text{endexec_action}, \text{startexec} \leftarrow \text{startexec_action}]; \\ \text{enter.id}(tgt) \rightarrow \text{Skip} \end{array} \right)$$

else if $\text{src} \notin \text{State} \wedge t.\text{condition} = \text{null}$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{internal.id}(\text{src}) \rightarrow \\ \llbracket t.\text{action} \rrbracket_{\text{StatementLnContext}}^{\text{nops}} [\text{endexec} \leftarrow \text{endexec_action}, \text{startexec} \leftarrow \text{startexec_action}]; \\ \text{enter.id}(tgt) \rightarrow \text{Skip} \end{array} \right)$$

where

$$\text{src} = t.\text{source}$$

$$\text{tgt} = t.\text{target}$$
Rule 27. Transition events

$$\text{tevent}(t : \text{Transition}) : \text{CSPEvent} =$$

if $t.\text{trigger} = \text{null}$

$$\text{internal.id}(t.\text{source})$$

else

$$\text{endexec}.\text{id}(t.\text{source})$$
Rule 28. Semantics of a transition's trigger

$$\text{trigger}(t : \text{Transition}) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$$

if $t.\text{trigger} = \text{null}$

$$\text{internal.id}(t.\text{source}) \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$

else

$$\text{endexec}.\text{id}(t.\text{source}) \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$

Rule 29. Rename transition trigger events

$$\underline{\text{renameTriggerEvents(nc : NodeContainer) : RenamingSet =}}$$

$$\{\{t : ts \bullet \text{endexec} \dots \text{id}(t.\text{source}) \leftarrow \text{endexec}\}\}$$

$$\cup \{\{\text{endexec_action} \leftarrow \text{endexec}\}\}$$

$$\cup \{\{\text{startexec_action} \leftarrow \text{startexec}\}\}$$

where

$$ts = \{t : \text{nc.transitions} \mid t.\text{trigger} \neq \text{null}\}$$
4.6 Statements**Rule 30. Semantics of SimCall**

$$\underline{\llbracket \text{stmt} : \text{SimCall} \rrbracket_{\text{Statement}}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

if $\text{stmt.args} > 0$

$$\text{registerWrite}.\underline{\text{stmt.operation.name}}! \{x : \text{stmt.args} \bullet x.\text{name}\} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$

else

$$\text{registerWrite}.\underline{\text{stmt.operation.name}} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$
Rule 31. Semantics of OutputCommunication

$$\underline{\llbracket \text{stmt} : \text{OutputCommunication} \rrbracket_{\text{Statement}}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

if $\text{stmt.value} \neq \text{null}$

$$\text{registerWrite}.\underline{\text{stmt.event.name}}! \llbracket \text{stmt.value} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}_{\text{Expr}}} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$

else

$$\text{registerWrite}.\underline{\text{stmt.event.name}} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$
Rule 32. Semantics of Assignment

$$\underline{\llbracket \text{stmt} : \text{Assignment} \rrbracket_{\text{Statement}}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

if $\text{stmt.left} \in \text{SimVarRef}$

$$\text{registerWrite}!\underline{\text{stmt.left.name.name}}! \llbracket \text{stmt.right} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}_{\text{Expr}}} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$

else

$$S\text{Stop} \triangle \underline{\text{set_vid}(\text{stmt.left})}! \llbracket \text{stmt.right} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}_{\text{Expr}}} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$
Rule 33. ExecStatement

$$\underline{\llbracket \text{stmt} : \text{ExecStatement} \rrbracket_{\text{Statement}}^{\text{nops}} : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =}$$

$$\text{endexec} \rightarrow \text{startexec} \rightarrow \text{SKIP}$$

5. Conformance

In this chapter we describe a conformance relation that can defines all the valid RoboSim simulations of a RoboChart model. It can be used to check whether a RoboSim model is a valid simulation of a RoboChart model.

5.1 A1

Rule 34. A1

$\underline{A1}(\text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Inputs})) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

$\| \! \| \! \| i : \text{inputs} \bullet \underline{A1Event}(i)$

Rule 35. A1Event

$\underline{A1Event}(\text{in} : \text{Input}) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

if $\text{in} \in \text{Event}$ **then**

$\text{registerRead.in.name?b} \underline{\text{takeval}}(\text{in}) \rightarrow$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } b \text{ then } \underline{\text{in.name.in}} \underline{\text{takeval}}(\text{in}) \rightarrow \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \square \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \\ \text{else } \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \end{array} \right)$

elseif $\text{in} \in \text{Variable}$ **then**

$\text{registerRead.in.name?b?x} \rightarrow$

$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } b \text{ then } \text{set_EXT.in.name!x} \rightarrow \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \square \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \\ \text{else } \underline{A1Event}(\text{in}) \end{array} \right)$

The function $\underline{\text{takeval}}(x)$ returns the CSP parameters for the input x .

Rule 36. TA1

$$\underline{TA1}(\text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Inputs})) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

$$\underline{A1}(\text{inputs}) \triangle \text{end} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$
5.2 A2**Rule 37. TA2**

$$\underline{TA2}(\text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Outputs}), \text{cycleDef} : \text{Expression}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

let

$$A2(\text{sout}) = \left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } \# \text{outputs} > 0 \text{ then} \\ \quad \left(\square s : \text{sout} \bullet \underline{\text{read}}(s); A2(\text{sout} \setminus \{s\}) \right) \\ \text{else} \\ \quad \text{STOP} \end{array} \right) \right) \\ \triangleright_1 \text{wait}(\llbracket \text{cycleDef} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}_{\text{expr}}} - 1); A2(\text{outputs})$$

within

$$A2(\text{outputs}) \triangle \text{end} \rightarrow \text{Skip}$$
Rule 38. read

$$\underline{\text{read}}(o : \text{Output}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

if $o \in \text{Event}$ **then**

if $o.\text{type} \neq \text{null}$ **then**

$$\underline{\text{eventId}}(o).\text{out}?x \rightarrow (\text{registerWrite}.o.\text{name}!x \blacktriangleright 0)$$

else

$$\underline{\text{eventId}}(o).\text{out} \rightarrow (\text{registerWrite}.o.\text{name} \blacktriangleright 0)$$

elseif $o \in \text{Operation}$ **then**

if $\#o.\text{args} > 0$ **then**

$$o.\text{nameCall}?x \rightarrow (\text{registerWrite}.o.\text{name}!x \blacktriangleright 0)$$

else

$$o.\text{nameCall} \rightarrow (\text{registerWrite}.o.\text{name} \blacktriangleright 0)$$

elseif $o \in \text{Variable}$ **then**

$$\underline{\text{set_vid}}(o)?x \rightarrow (\text{registerWrite}.o.\text{name}!x \blacktriangleright 0)$$
5.3 A3**Rule 39. TA3**

$$\underline{TA3}(\text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Inputs}), \text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Outputs}), \text{cycleDef} : \text{Expression}) : \text{TimedCSPPProcess} =$$

let

$$A3 = \left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \left(\parallel i : \text{inputs} \bullet \underline{\text{registerRead}}.\text{take}(i) \rightarrow \text{Skip} \right) \blacktriangleright 0; \\ \left(\text{RUN}(\text{extEvents}(\text{inputs} \cup \text{outputs})) \triangle \text{end} \rightarrow \text{Skip} \right) \triangle_1 (\text{wait}(\llbracket \text{cycleDef} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{E}_{\text{expr}}} - 1); A3) \end{array} \right) \right)$$

within

$$A3$$

The process $\text{RUN}(X)$ recursively offers the events in the set X . Formally, it is defined as follows:

$RUN(X) = \square_{ev : X \bullet ev \rightarrow RUN(X)}$. The function $\underline{\text{extEvents}}(X)$ returns the set of events for the elements of the set X .

5.4 Assumptions

Rule 40. Assumptions

$\underline{\text{Assumptions}}(\text{inputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Inputs}), \text{outputs} : \text{Set}(\text{Outputs}),$
 $\text{cycleDef} : \text{Expression}) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{TA1}}(\text{inputs}) \\ \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{inputs}) \cup \{\text{registerRead}, \text{end}\} \mid \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{outputs}) \cup \{\text{registerWrite}, \text{end}\} \\ \underline{\text{TA2}}(\text{outputs}, \text{cycleDef}) \end{array} \right) \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{inputs} \cup \text{outputs}) \cup \{\text{registerRead}, \text{registerWrite}, \text{end}\} \mid \\ \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{inputs} \cup \text{outputs}) \cup \{\text{registerRead}, \text{end}\} \\ \underline{\text{TA3}}(\text{inputs}, \text{outputs}, \text{cycleDef}) \end{array} \right)$$

Rule 41. Constrained

$\underline{\text{Constrained}}(\text{module} : \text{RCModule}, \text{cycleDef} : \text{Expression}) : \text{TimedCSPProcess} =$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} (\underline{\text{module}}]_{\mathcal{M}}; \text{end} \rightarrow \text{Skip}) \\ \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{inputsMod}) \cup \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{outputsMod}) \cup \{\text{end}\} \\ (\underline{\text{Assumptions}}(\text{inputsMod}, \text{outputsMod}, \text{cycleDef}); \text{Stop}) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\backslash \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{inputsMod}) \cup \underline{\text{extEvents}}(\text{outputsMod}) \cup \{\text{end}\}$$

where

$\text{inputsMod} = \text{Inputs}(\text{module})$

$\text{outputsMod} = \text{Outputs}(\text{module})$

The conformance relation is then defined by refinement: $\underline{\text{Constrained}}(\text{RC}, \text{cycleDef}) \sqsubseteq \text{RS}$.

6. Conclusions

We have presented here, *RoboSim*, a new notation for simulation of robots. We have described a semantics for its core constructs. It uses CSP, but we envisage its extension to use Circus [1], a process algebra that combines Z [7] and CSP, and includes time constructs [2]. Use of Circus and its UTP foundation will enable use of theorem proving as well as model checking. Work on probability is available in the UTP [6], but we will pursue an encoding of Markov decision processes in the UTP.

RoboChart itself misses support for modelling the environment and the robotic platforms in model detail. It is also in our plans to take inspiration from hybrid automata [14] to extend the notation, and from the UTP model of continuous variables [10] to define the semantics.

A. *RoboSim* Metamodel

The metamodel of *RoboSim* is based on the metamodel of *RoboChart*, which is fully described in the *RoboChart* reference manual [9]. In what follows, we present the metamodel that is specific to *RoboSim*. It is specified in Ecore and formatted by the tool OCLinEcore. The syntax of the representation used in this appendix is available [here](#).

```
import robochart : 'platform:/resource/circus.robocalc.robochart/model/
    robochart.ecore#';

package robosim : robosim = 'http://www.robocalc.circus/RoboSim'
{
    class InputContext extends robochart::Context;
    class OutputContext extends robochart::Context;
    class SimModule extends robochart::RCModule, Cyclic;
    class SimControllerDef extends robochart::ControllerDef, Cyclic;
    class SimMachineDef extends robochart::StateMachineDef, SimContext, Cyclic;
    class SimOperationDef extends robochart::OperationDef, SimContext;
    class ExecTrigger extends robochart::Communication;
    class SimRefExp extends robochart::Expression
    {
        property element : robochart::NamedElement [?];
        property exp : robochart::Expression [?] { composes };
        property variable : robochart::Variable [?];
        property predicate : robochart::Expression [?] { composes };
    }
    class SimCall extends robochart::Call;
    class SimVarRef extends robochart::VarRef;
    class CycleExp extends robochart::Expression;
    class ExecStatement extends robochart::Statement;
```

```
abstract class SimContext extends robochart::Context
{
  property inputContext : robochart::Context[1] { composes };
  property outputContext : robochart::Context[1] { composes };
}
abstract class Cyclic
{
  property cycleDef : robochart::Expression[1] { composes };
}
class OutputCommunication extends robochart::Statement
{
  property event : robochart::Event[1];
  property value : robochart::Expression[?] { composes };
}
}
```

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