Tutorial: OCL

Purpose

Let you practise reading and writing OCL constraints.

Here are a couple more useful OCL operations on collections that were not explained in the slides. (There are more: for full details, see section 11.7 of the OCL spec.)

Suppose `c` is a Collection of elements of type T, and `t : T`. Then we can write:

- `c->includes(t)`

  a Boolean expression that will be true iff the element `t` is equal to an element of the collection (exercise: write this in terms of `exists` instead: yet another example of the non-parsimony of the UML/OCL language!)

- `c->including(t)`

  an expression that evaluates to a collection which is the same as `c` except that `c` has been added to the collection. (If `c` is a sequence, `t` is added as the last element of the new collection; if it is a bag or a set, the obvious thing happens.)

These questions refer to the following diagram extracted from the OCL specification.
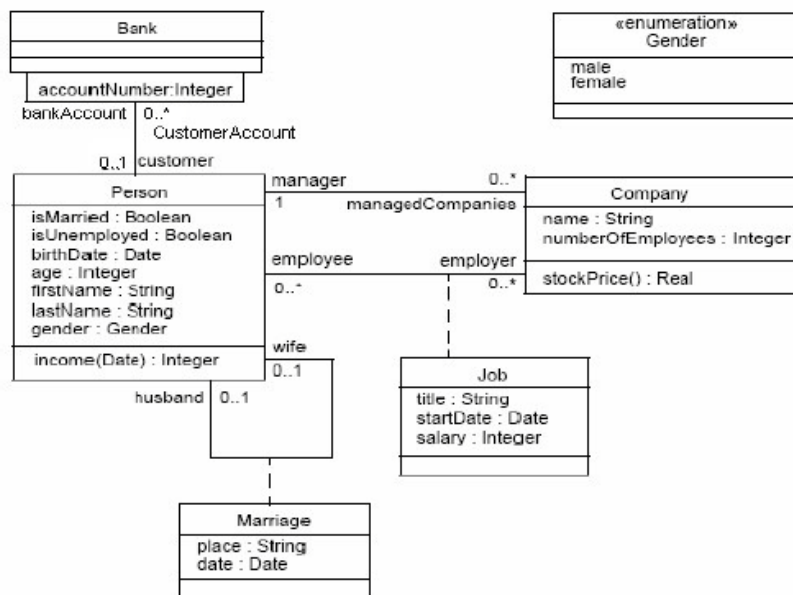

Figure 7.1 - Class Diagram Example

1 Question 1

Translate into English:

1. In the context of a Person:

   ```
   isMarried implies age > 15
   ```

2. ```
   context Company inv:
   numberOfEmployees = employee->size()
   ```

3. ```
   context Person::income(d:Date) : Integer
   pre: d.laterThan(self.birthDate)
   post: if age < 18
           then result < 100
           else result < 200
         endif
   ```

4. In the context of `bigBank :  Bank`:

   ```
   bigBank.customer -> collect(p : Person | p.managedcompanies)
   -> asSet() -> size() >= 3
   ```

   What is the difference between this and

   ```
   bigBank.customer -> collect(p : Person | p.managedcompanies)
   -> size() >= 3
   ```

   ?

2 Question 2

Translate into OCL:

1. The length of a person's first name is always less than 20 characters, and so is the length of their last name.

2. Anyone who manages a company is an employee of that company. (You could write this in context Person – making it an invariant of Person – or in context Company – making it an invariant of Company. Try it both ways.)

3. Every company has a male employee.

4. It is a class invariant of Person that nobody can have more than 5 bank accounts.

5. Nobody can have two employments with companies that have identical names.