
Formal Validation of System Specifications

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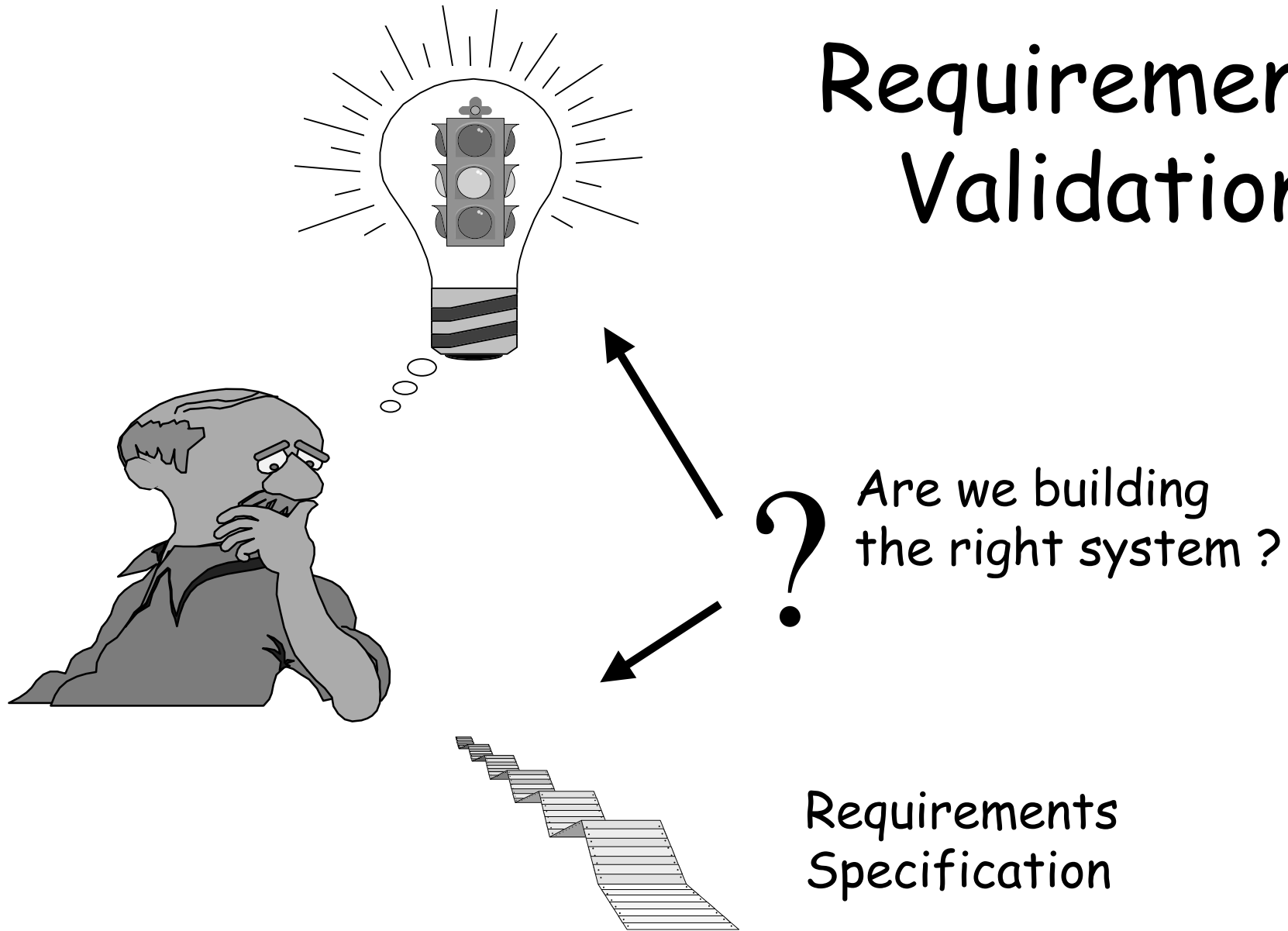
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Requirements Validation



Analysis Techniques

- parsing
- typechecking
- simulation
- prototyping
- completeness and consistency checking
- model checking: asking questions about the specification



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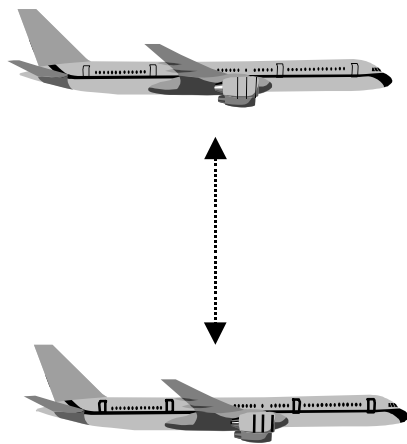
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- multi-formalism
- high level of abstraction

Automated Analysis

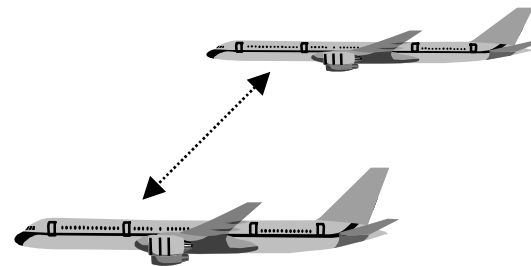
Separation Minima for NAT

rules for air traffic controllers



Vertical
Separation

Lateral Separation



Longitudinal Separation



Samples from Spec

:flight;

FlightLevel: (flight -> num);

		1	2	3	4	Default
1	<u>A.FlightLevel</u>	__ <= 280	.	__ >450	__ >450	
2	<u>B.FlightLevel</u>	.	__ <= 280	__ > 450	__ >450	
3	<u>IsSupersonic A</u>	.	.	__=T	.	
4	<u>IsSupersonic B</u>	.	.	.	__=T	
	<u>VerticalSeparationRequired (A,B)</u>	1000	1000	4000	4000	2000

forall (A:flight). NOT (IsLevel A AND InCruiseClimb A);

Analysis Results

- completeness analysis found:
 - missing assumptions “everyone knew about” (domain knowledge)
 - consistency analysis found:
 - three places where the requirements are inconsistent
 - symmetry analysis found:
 - assumptions about the uninterpreted terms
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Aeronautical Telecommunications Network (ATN)

