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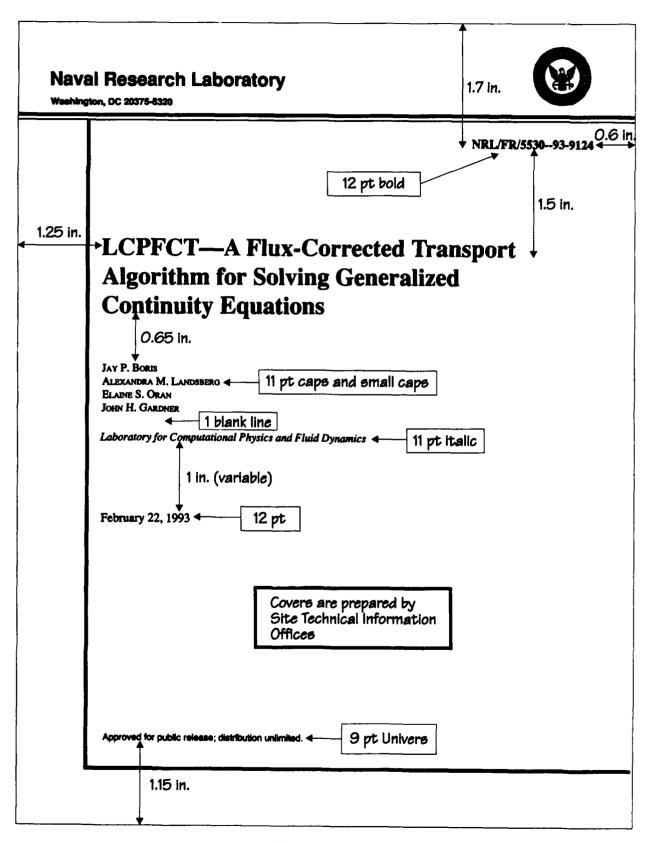


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Fig. 2 — Report Documentation Page, SF 298

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Bottom	0.75	54
Left	1	72
Right	1	72

# Margins-Following Pages

	Inches	Points
Тор	1	72
Bottom	0.75	54
Left	1	72
Right	1	72

#### **Fonts**

Title	CG TIMES BOLD 12 PT FULL CAPS
Text	CG Times 11 pt
Page numbers	CG Times 11 pt

Double space between levels of headings. Limit the number of headings to two levels in the contents pages. (Three may be used in exceptional cases.)

# **Page Numbers**

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Individual text entries indicate the pages on which they are found in the body of the text. The page numbers are placed flush right with dot leaders.

#### Page

The CONTENTS, as part of the front matter, are numbered with lowercase roman numerals beginning with iii.

#### LISTS OF FIGURES AND TABLES

Lists of figures and tables are generally not used. However, if the report contains a large number of figures and/or tables, such a listing might be desirable. These lists are given the centered titles of FIGURES and TABLES. They immediately follow the CONTENTS page(s).

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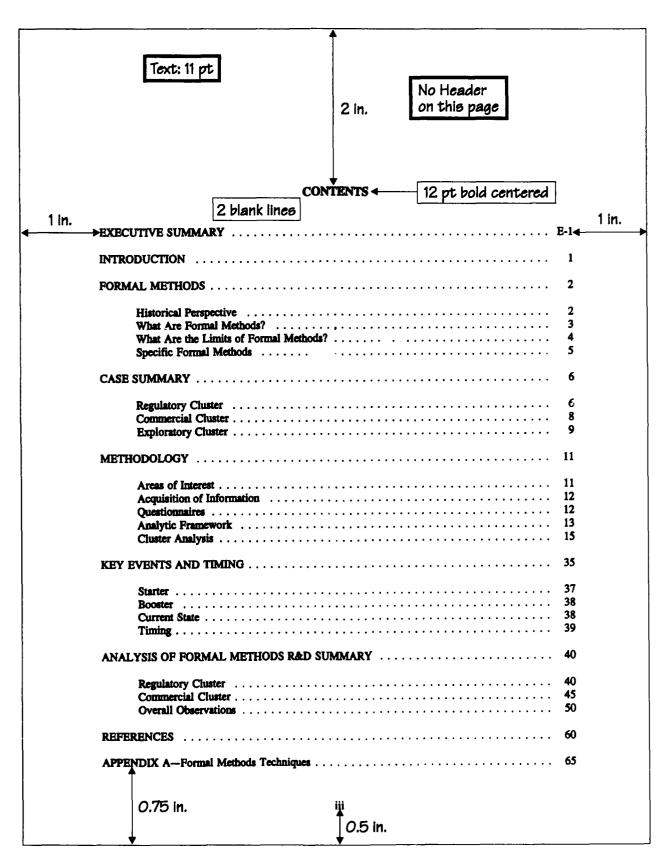


Fig. 3 — Contents

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Тор	1	72
Bottom	0.75	54
Left	1	72
Right	1	72

# **Fonts**

Title	CG TIMES BOLD 12 PT FULL CAPS
Text	CG Times 11 pt
Headings	See Regular Text Page sample (page 10).
Page numbers	CG Times 11 pt

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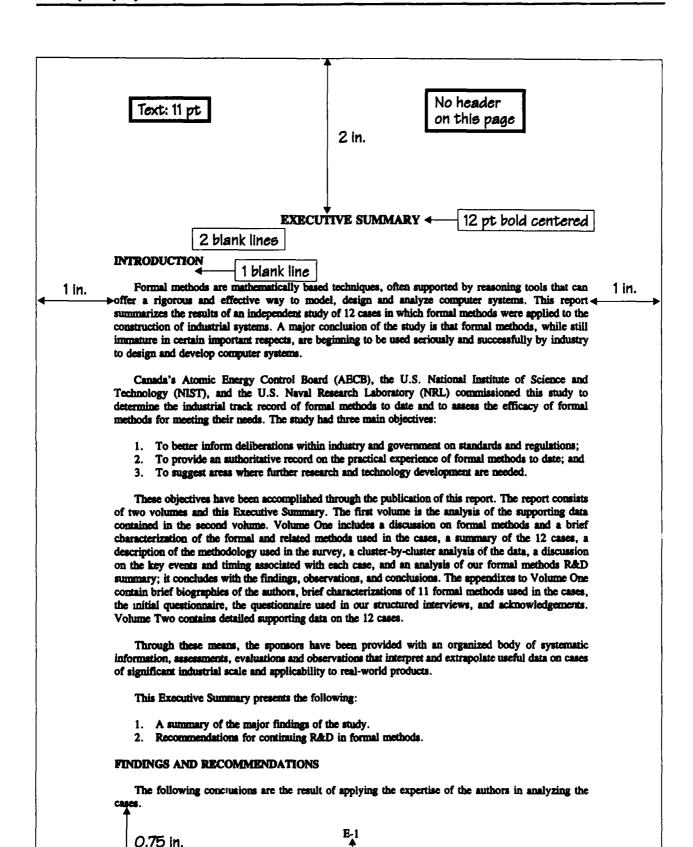


Fig. 4 — Executive Summary

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#### FIRST PAGE OF TEXT

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# Margins-1st Page

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Тор	2	144
Bottom	0.75	54
Left	1	72
Right	1	72

#### **Fonts**

Title	CG TIMES BOLD 12 PT FULL CAPS
Text	CG Times 11 pt
Heading 1	CG TIMES BOLD 11 PT FULL CAPS (FLUSH LEFT)
Heading 2	CG Times Bold 11 pt Initial Caps (Flush Left)
Heading 3	CG Times 11 pt Italic Initial Caps (Flush Left)
Heading 4	CG Times Bold 11 pt Initial Caps Indented
Heading 5	CG Times 11 pt Indented Initial Caps—Run in with paragraph.
Heading 6	CG Times 11 pt Indented initial cap of 1st word—Run in with paragraph.

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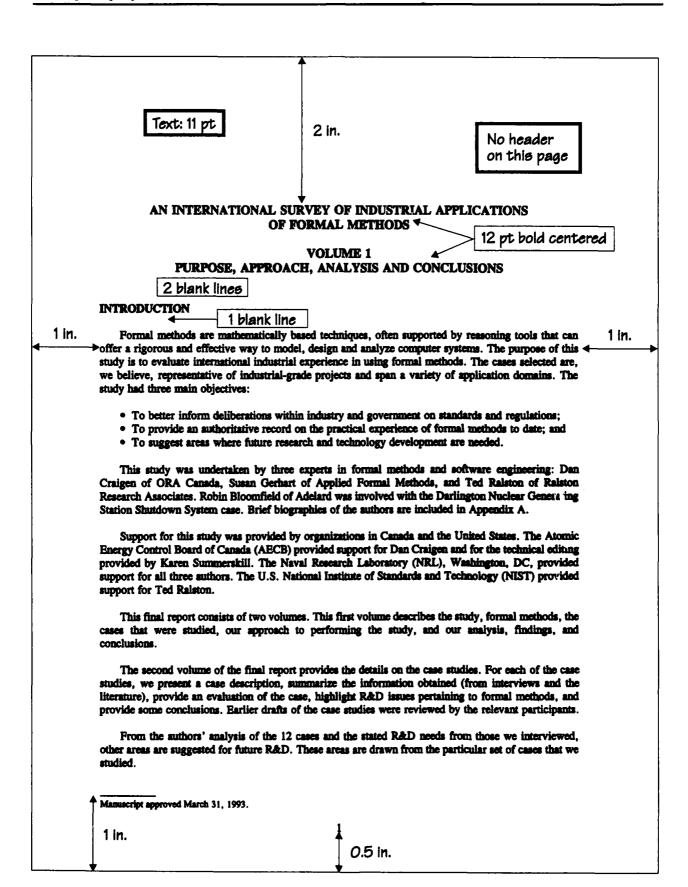


Fig. 5 — First page of text

# REGULAR TEXT PAGE, LEFT-HAND PAGE

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# **Margins**

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Bottom	0.75	54
Left	1	72
Right	1	72

# Header for Left-Hand Pages

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If there is one author, use the author's full name. If two or three authors, use their last names only. If there are more than three authors, use only the first author's name, followed by "et al." (example: Craigen et al.). Note that there is no comma in front of et al.

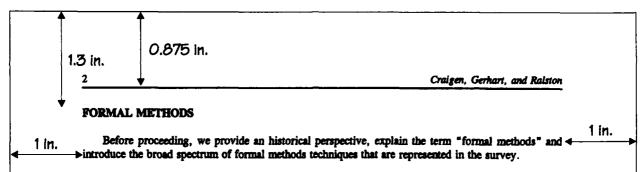
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# **Vertical Spacing**

There are two blank lines between the title and the start of the text. There is one blank line between paragraphs.

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#### Historical Perspective

For over two decades, researchers have explored topics in the mathematics of program synthesis and analysis. The article "Assigning Meaning to Programs" (Floyd 1968) stated the goal of both (1) semantics of programming languages, and (2) specification and reasoning about individual programs. This goal evolved into the key idea of inductive assertions then defining both language semantics and program meaning by relationships among pre-conditions, program statements, and post-conditions. The intriguing possibility of mechanical proof of programs, or alternatively, heuristic generation of programs, yielded many exploratory systems and theoretical insights. Two barriers to practical application arose: (1) it was difficult to capture the full semantic content of programming languages and operating environments, and (2) it was a constant challenge to express the functional and nonfunctional intent for a program in its context of use.

#### Important Concepts

Research led to many important concepts: formal definitions of complex language features and identification of pitfalls of unnecessary and overly complex features; specification languages for abstract data types, concurrent processes, and abstract machines; a theory of abstraction behind hierarchical system structures; mechanizable logics that permitted computational reasoning about program properties; and theories of domains such as security, synchronous clocks, microprocessors, and compiling. Practical applications were found in these domains and small-to-medium scale examples were worked out. Industrialization began in the U.S. about a decade ago through the government mandate of certification of security properties.

Practice went a different route. Verification was achieved (and defined) through case-based reasoning (i.e., testing) with numerous criteria and strategies for good testing practice (primarily functional and structural coverage). Reviews provided the primary means of intellectual control: mental checking of desirable properties of systems under development and the concomitant communication among stakeholders (such as managers, designers, testers, and documenters). Heuristic methodologies for structured requirements analysis and design offered additional guidance toward systems that captured the conventional wisdom of good structure and provided a common means of communication.

#### Verification

Researchers developed a theoretical base for testing and the results, although mostly negative, suggested various heuristics for testing that more closely approximated an ideal where each test case meant something with some chance of revealing errors or demonstrating new evidence of correctness. The following paragraphs elaborate on this information.

Heuristic Methodologies—Heuristic methodologies from practice never gained much research attention although abstract data types gave rise to object-oriented languages and methods to add even more structure and support to heuristic system development. Effort in this area is somewhat limited and should be expanded for additional analysis. A number of important concepts and their interrelationships need to be explored.

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Fig. 6 — Regular text page, left-hand page

# REGULAR TEXT PAGE, RIGHT-HAND PAGE

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Theoretical results—Theoretical results have also played a role in system development (e.g., data compression, error correction, and encryption algorithms for disk and network storage and data structures.

>permit representation and searching of data bases and processing of visual images).

Other complexities—Especially demanding are theories and strategies for managing distributed computation and data on both physically distributed resources and multiprocessor computing systems.

No matter what technical approach is applied in software development, common information processing needs arise: maintaining consistency among, and intelligibility of, an interwoven mass of documents expressing the points of view of many stakeholders, with constant change in content and often change in structure of that mass, while the set of stakeholders also changes over what may be many years of a system's life. Programming environments have evolved to address this need: structured editors, configuration management, data base representations, graphical interfaces, and ways of coordinating work flow among, as well as work products of groups of system stakeholders. Particularly important are those assets that are viewed as worthy of use beyond their project context (e.g., software components, document templates, review guidebooks, error and productivity data). More research will be done in this area in the future.

#### Thread in Practice

Yet another thread in practice has been the greater attention forced onto the process aspects of system development: how an organization manages and improves its infrastructure and specific procedures. While the logic-based form of mathematical approaches to system description was maturing, so was another form: statistical reasoning about errors and growth of reliability over time, with the objective of introducing industrial quality control and assurance practices.

Thus we have the setting for this study and the present report: mathematical techniques have been maturing for 25 years while non-mathematical techniques and general concerns for process have driven the practice. In the past five years, sparse anecdotal evidence indicated that formal methods were beginning to be used in industrial practice, leading to sponsorship of the present study to determine systematically and factually where these applications were occurring, why, and how the methods were being used.

#### What Are Formal Methods?

Definitions of formal methods abound. In the FM89 report (Craigen and Summerskill 1989), formal methods were defined as:

- "Methods that add mathematical rigor to the development, analysis, and operation of computer systems and to applications based thereupon."
- "...are nothing but the application of applied mathematics—in this case, formal logic—to the design and analysis of software-intensive systems."

In more concrete terms, there has been a tendency, on the part of the formal methods community, to define formal methods in terms of a Hilbert-style axiomatization. For example, Robin Bloomfield has defined formal methods as follows:

"A software specification and production method, based on a mathematical system, that comprises the following:

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Fig. 7 — Regular text page, right-hand page

# **FIGURES**

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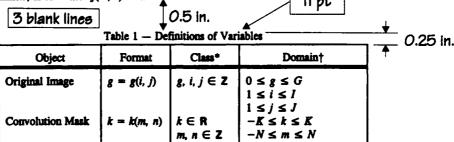
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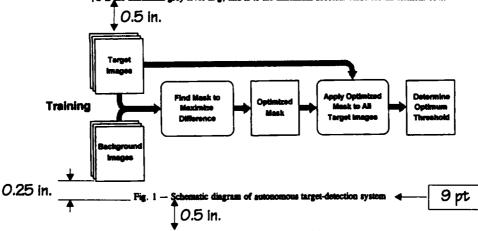
Craigen, Gerhart, and Ralston

#### PATTERN RECOGNITION ALGORITHM

Suppose we have a digitized  $I \times J$  image g and that this is convolved with a mask or kernel k of size  $(2N+1) \times (2N+1)$  to form an unscaled image h. The variables involved are defined by Table 1. The process of optimization, as shown in Fig. 1, comprises a search for the mask  $k_{\text{ext}}$  in a domain, or set of acceptable masks, K for which f(G, k) is maximum.



\*Z represents the set of all integers and R the set of all real numbers  $\dagger G$  is the maximum grey level in g, and K is the maximum absolute value for an element of k.



The convolution operation h = g + k is commonly defined by

$$h(i, j) = \sum_{m=-N}^{N} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} g(i + m, j + n) \cdot k(m, n).$$
 (1)

Where a mask is used as a feature detector (as in the current project), it is normal to apply the zero-sum constraint

$$\sum_{m=0}^{N} \sum_{m=0}^{N} k(m, n) = 0, \qquad (2)$$

to prevent response to a uniformly gray image. In this case, we would expect the mean gray level for the convolved image to be zero so that in optimizing the mask k, we will be able to make use of the energy (or normalized variance)  $\nu$  of the convolved image.

Fig. 8 — Figure and table

# **APPENDIXES**

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#### Title

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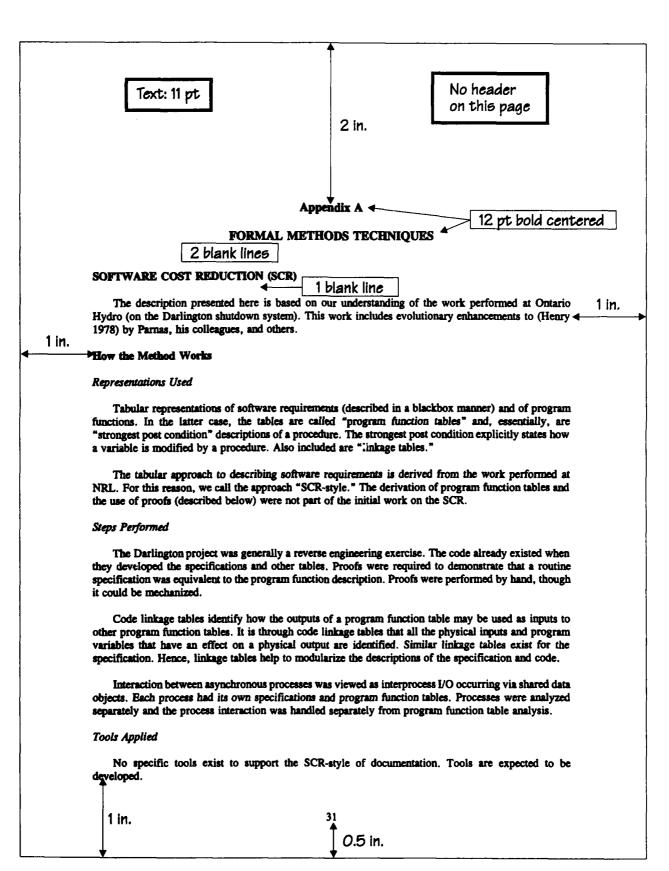


Fig. 9 - Appendix

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#### Text

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#### **Footnotes**

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Example: \*(U) This is a footnote.

Each footnote receives a classification marking.

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# Caption

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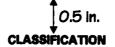
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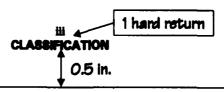


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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (U)**

#### (U) INTRODUCTION

- (U) Formal methods are mathematically based techniques, often supported by reasoning tools that can offer a rigorous and effective way to model, design and analyze computer systems. This report summarizes the results of an independent study of 12 cases in which formal methods were applied to the construction of industrial systems. A major conclusion of the study is that formal methods, while still immature in certain important respects, are beginning to be used seriously and successfully by industry to design and develop computer systems.
- (U) Canada's Atomic Energy Control Board (ABCB), the U.S. National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), and the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) commissioned this study to determine the industrial track record of formal methods to date and to assess the efficacy of formal methods for meeting their needs. The study had three main objectives:
  - 1. (U) To better inform deliberations within industry and government on standards and regulations;
  - 2. (U) To provide an authoritative record on the practical experience of formal methods to date;
  - 3. (U) To suggest areas where further research and technology development are needed.
- (U) These objectives have been accomplished through the publication of this report. The report consists of two volumes and this Executive Summary. The first volume is the analysis of the supporting data contained in the second volume. Volume One includes a discussion on formal methods and a brief characterization of the formal and related methods used in the cases, a summary of the 12 cases, a description of the methodology used in the survey, a cluster-by-cluster analysis of the data, a discussion on the key events and timing associated with each case, and an analysis of our formal methods R&D summary; it concludes with the findings, observations, and conclusions. The appendixes to Volume One contain brief biographies of the authors, brief characterizations of 11 formal methods used in the cases, the initial questionnaire, the questionnaire used in our structured interviews, and acknowledgements. Volume Two contains detailed supporting data on the 12 cases.
- (U) Through these means, the sponsors have been provided with an organized body of systematic information, assessments, evaluations and observations that interpret and extrapolate useful data on cases of significant industrial scale and applicability to real-world products.
  - (U) This Executive Summary presents the following:
  - 1. (U) A summary of the major findings of the study.
  - 2. (U) Recommendations for continuing R&D in formal methods.

# (U) FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(U) The following conclusions are the result of applying the authors' expertise in analyzing the cases.

# AN INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS OF FORMAL METHODS (U)

# Volume 1 PURPOSE, APPROACH, ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS (U)

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  - (U) To better inform deliberations within industry and government on standards and regulations;
  - (U) To provide an authoritative record on the practical experience of formal methods to date; and
  - (U) To suggest areas where future research and technology development are needed.
- (U) This study was undertaken by three experts in formal methods and software engineering: Dan Craigen of ORA Canada, Susan Gerhart of Applied Formal Methods, and Ted Ralston of Ralston Research Associates. Robin Bloomfield of Adelard was involved with the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station Shutdown System case. Brief biographies of the authors are included in Appendix A.
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- (U) This final report consists of two volumes. This first volume describes the study, formal methods, the cases that were studied, our approach to performing the study, and our analysis, findings, and conclusions.
- (U) The second volume of the final report provides the details on the case studies. For each of the case studies, we present a case description, summarize the information obtained (from interviews and the literature), provide an evaluation of the case, highlight R&D issues pertaining to formal methods, and provide some conclusions. Earlier drafts of the case studies were reviewed by the relevant participants.
- (U) From the authors' analysis of the 12 cases and the stated R&D needs from those we interviewed, other areas are suggested for future R&D. These areas are drawn from the particular set of studied cases.

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#### (U) CASE SUMMARY

- (U) Twelve projects were chosen as the object of our study. These projects can be divided into three clusters: regulatory, commercial and exploratory. Regulatory cases exhibit safety- or security-critical attributes and thereby attract the attention of the standards communities and agencies, and the regulators who will license the product for use. Commercial cases are those cases that involve purely profit concerns. Finally, the exploratory cases are those cases where the organizations involved were investigating the potential utility of formal methods in their own settings.
- (U) The cases are international, involving organizations in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, and continental Europe. Available resources did not permit the inclusion of cases from Asia or Australia.
- (U) We believe that the cases collectively uncover many factors that are relevant to evaluating the efficacy, utility, and applicability of formal methods. The cases also demonstrate different uses of formal methods. For example,
  - (U) "modelization," where formal languages (e.g., Z) are used to model systems;
  - (U) demonstrating conformance of code with specifications;
  - (U) demonstrating conformance of design with requirements; and
  - (U) the application of mathematical reasoning to solve difficult conceptual problems.
- (U) Finally, we believe that the cases encompass many of the anecdotal claims, both pro and con, regarding formal methods.
- (U) In the remainder of this section, we present summaries of our 12 cases. The cases are introduced in the context of the clusters. Our analysis of the collection of cases will be based on these clusters. Throughout the report we will make use of abbreviations to identify the cases; these abbreviations are introduced with the name of the case. Figure 2 presents an idea of the size of the applications involved. Of course, "lines of code" is a rather superficial measure and must be viewed with caution.

#### (U) Regulatory Chaster

- (U) Darlington: Trip Computer Software (DNGS)
- (U) Ontario Hydro and AECL developed computer-controlled shutdown systems for the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS). When difficulties arose in obtaining an operating license from the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada (AECB), the Canadian regulator for nuclear generating stations, formal methods were applied to assure AECB that the software met requirements. The process was one of post-development mathematical analysis of requirements and code using Software Cost Reduction.
- (U) The specifications, code and proofs require 25 three-inch binders for each of the two shutdown systems. While there is some discrepancy in the various papers on the amount of code for the two shutdown systems, the definitive word was that one of the shutdown systems (SDS1) has about 2500 lines of code.
- (U) The use of the Software Cost Reduction approach finally convinced the AECB that the shutdown system was no longer a licensing impediment. The cases we investigated used a broad collection of formal

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methods. In Appendix B, we present summaries of the principal formal methods that are mentioned in the report. References for the various methods are included and our readers are directed to those references for in-depth presentations of the methods. Volume 2 of the Vienna Development Methodology symposium proceedings also includes tutorial presentations of a number of formal methods.

#### (U) Specific Formal Methods

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- (U) In Fig. 1, we associate the methods with the cases in which they have been used. Appendix B summarizes the methods. The cases are summarized in Section 3.
  - Software Cost Reduction (SCR): Darlington Nuclear Generating Station (DNGS)
  - B: SACEM
  - Cleanroom Software Methodology: COBOL Structuring Facility (COBOL/SF)
  - Formal Development Methodology (FDM): Token-Based Access Control System (TBACS)
  - Gypsy Verification Environment (GVE): Multinet Gateway System (MGS)
  - Hoere Logic: SACEM
  - Occam and Communicating Sequential Processes (CSP): INMOS Transputer
  - RAISE: Large Correct Systems (LaCoS)
  - Hewlett-Packard Specification Language
  - TCAS Methodology: Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System
  - Z: SSADM Toolset, Tektronix oscilloscopes, INMOS Transputer

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Fig. 1 — (U) Formal methods used in surveyed cases

- (U) Our summaries of the methods are divided into two parts: we discuss how the method works, and present some observations. We subdivide our discussion on how the method works by identifying the:
  - Representations used: What are the underlying notations?
  - Steps performed: How are the representations used?
  - · Tools applied: What tools are generally used?
  - Roles involved: Who does what and what skill do they have?
  - Artifacts produced: What are the major products that are documented?
- (U) For our observations we describe what the method achieves and the limitations of the method. We also identify other techniques that are supported and required and identify the user community. The rest of the report provides detailed information concerning the data collection process and how it was analyzed.

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#### (U) PATTERN RECOGNITION ALGORITHM

(U) Suppose we have a digitized  $I \times J$  image g and that this is convolved with a mask or kernel k of size  $(2N+1) \times (2N+1)$  to form an unscaled image h. The variables involved are defined by Table 1. The process of optimization, as shown in Fig. 1, comprises a search for the mask  $k_{opt}$  in a domain, or set of acceptable masks, K for which f(G, k) is maximum.

Table 1 — (U) Definitions of Variables

Object	Format	Class*	Domain†
Original Image	g = g(i, j)	$g, i, j \in \mathbf{Z}$	$0 \le g \le G$ $1 \le i \le I$
Convolution Mask	k = k(m, n)	k ∈ R m, n ∈ Z	$1 \le j \le J$ $-K \le k \le K$ $-N \le m \le N$

\*Z represents the set of all integers and R the set of all real numbers  $\dagger G$  is the maximum grey level in g, and K is the maximum absolute value for an element of k.

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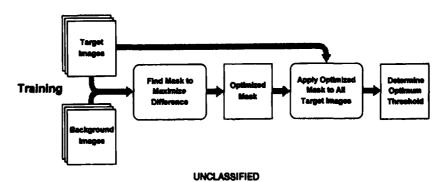


Fig. 1 — (U) Schematic diagram of autonomous target-detection system

(U) The convolution operation h = g + k is commonly defined by

$$h(i, j) = \sum_{m=-N}^{N} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} g(i + m, j + n) \cdot k(m, n).$$
 (1)

Where a mask is used as a feature detector (as in the current project), it is normal to apply the zero-sum constraint

$$\sum_{m=-N}^{N} \sum_{n=-N}^{N} k(m, n) = 0, \qquad (2)$$

Fig. 17 — Classified figure and table

# Appendix A

#### FORMAL METHODS TECHNIQUES (U)

#### (U) SOFTWARE COST REDUCTION (SCR)

(U) The description presented here is based on our understanding of the work performed at Ontario Hydro (on the Darlington shutdown system). This work includes evolutionary enhancements to (Henry 1978) by Parnas, his colleagues, and others.

# (U) How the Method Works

#### (U) Representations Used

- (U) Tabular representations of software requirements (described in a blackbox manner) and of program functions. In the latter case, the tables are called "program function tables" and, essentially, are "strongest post condition" descriptions of a procedure. The strongest post condition explicitly states how a variable is modified by a procedure. Also included are "linkage tables."
- (U) The tabular approach to describing software requirements is derived from the work performed at NRL. For this reason, we call the approach "SCR-style." The derivation of program function tables and the use of proofs (described below) were not part of the initial work on the SCR.

#### (U) Steps Performed

- (U) The Darlington project was generally a reverse engineering exercise. The code already existed when they developed the specifications and other tables. Proofs were required to demonstrate that a routine specification was equivalent to the program function description. Proofs were performed by hand, though it could be mechanized.
- (U) Code linkage tables identify how the outputs of a program function table may be used as inputs to other program function tables. It is through code linkage tables that all the physical inputs and program variables that have an effect on a physical output are identified. Similar linkage tables exist for the specification. Hence, linkage tables help to modularize the descriptions of the specification and code. Interaction between asynchronous processes was viewed as interprocess I/O occurring via shared data objects. Each process had its own specifications and program function tables. Processes were analyzed separately and the process interaction was handled separately from program function table analysis.

#### (U) Tools Applied

(U) No specific tools exist to support the SCR-style of documentation. Tools are expected to be developed.

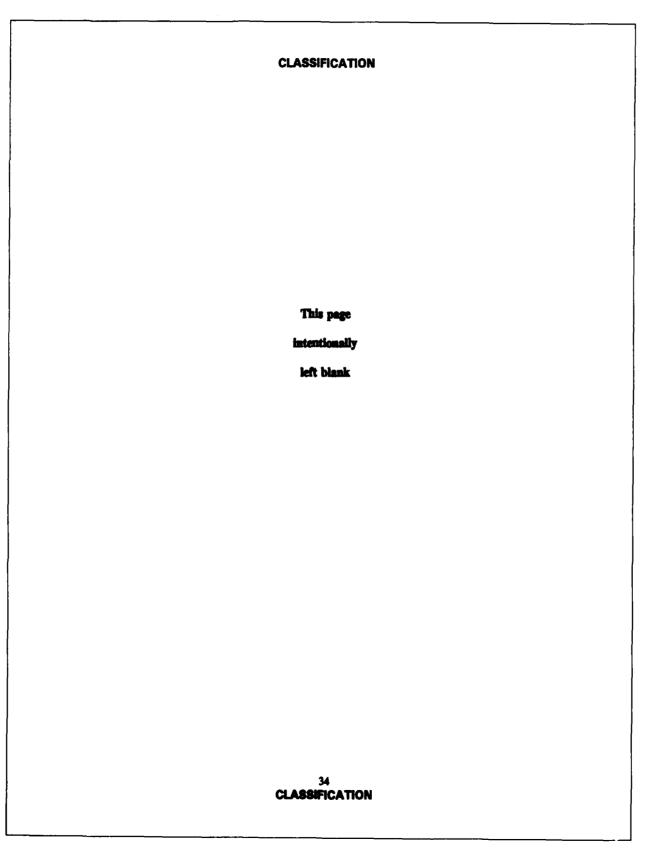


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