

Behavior Modeling with Interaction Diagrams in a UML and OCL Tool

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Aim of USE: support development by reasoning about model through

- (a) **validation**, i.e., checking informal expectations against formally given properties, for example, by stating OCL queries against a reached system state
 - (b) **verification**, i.e., checking formal properties of the model, for example by considering model consistency or independence of invariants; USE supports making deductions from stated model on the basis of finite search space of possible system states
- USE supports the development of **tests** (scenarios)
 - OCL operations **contracts**, i.e., pre- and postconditions, are general OCL formulas
 - in **postconditions**, one can refer with @pre to attribute and association end values at precondition time; postconditions formulate general requirements; not restricted to changes to attribute and association end values; postconditions need not to determine a unique post-state
 - **actual changes** by the SOIL operations that are checked against the contract

Tasks for OCL within USE

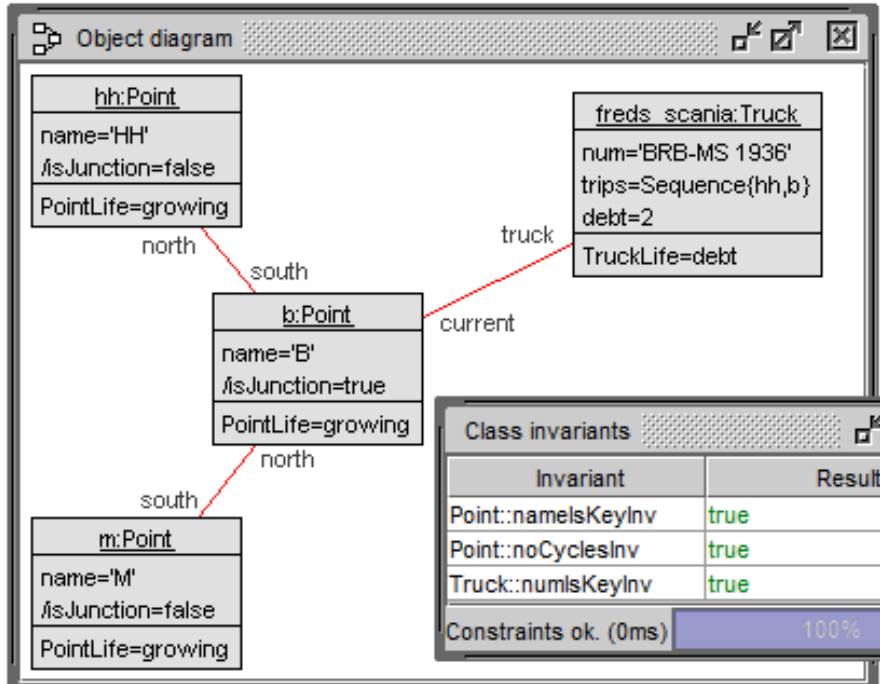
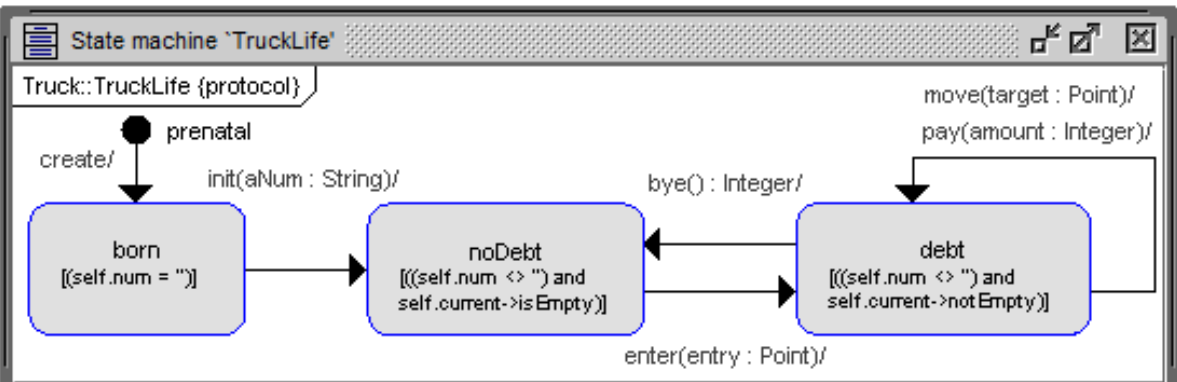
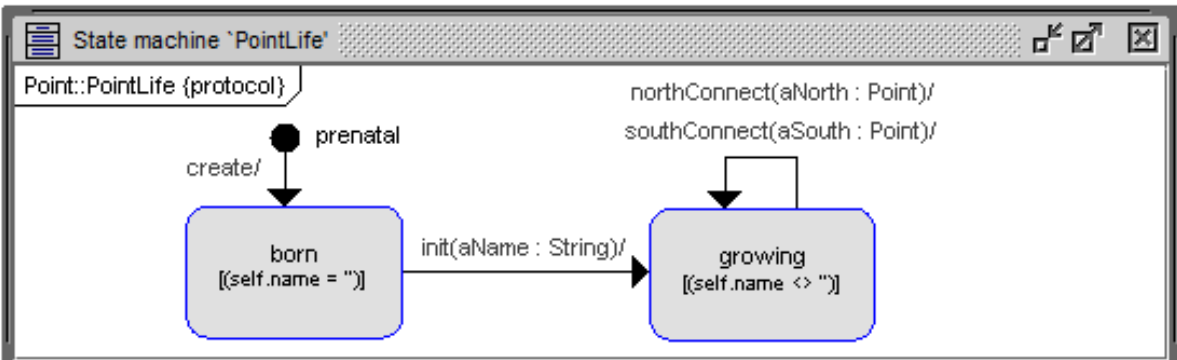
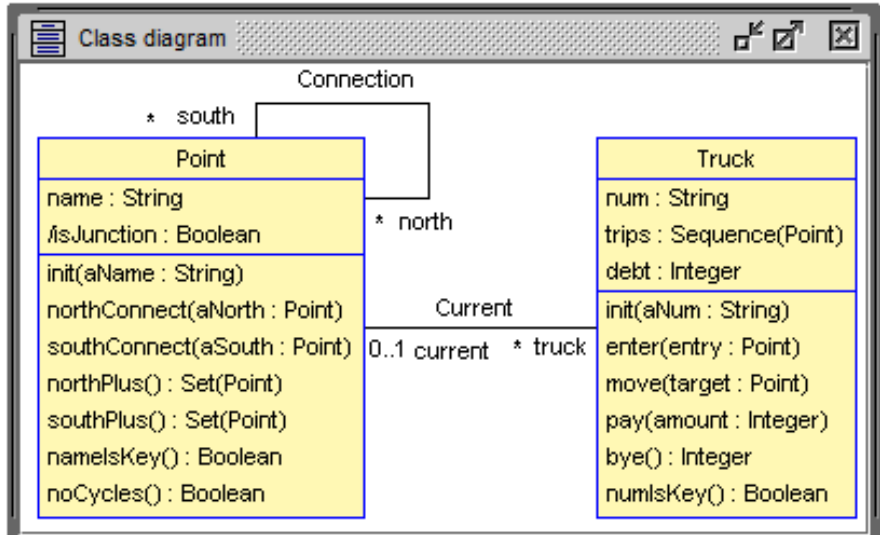
- in class diagrams for
 - (a) class invariants
 - (b) operation contracts (pre- and postconditions)
 - (c) attribute and association derivation rules
 - (d) attribute initializations

- in protocol state machines for
 - (e) state invariants
 - (f) transition pre- and postconditions

- furthermore for
 - (g) ad-hoc OCL queries in object diagrams
 - (h) expressions within SOIL

Class diagrams and protocol machines enriched by invariants, operation contracts, statechart constraints and SOIL operation implementations **determine system structure and behavior**

Sequence and communication diagrams in USE for visualizing and analyzing specified test cases in form of scenarios; interaction diagrams do not **restrict system behavior**, but document, analyze, and help to understand the interactions



Class invariants

Invariant	Result
Point::namelsKeyInv	true
Point::noCyclesInv	true
Truck::numIsKeyInv	true

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Truck.allInstances->forAll(t |
t.trips->excludes(p)))
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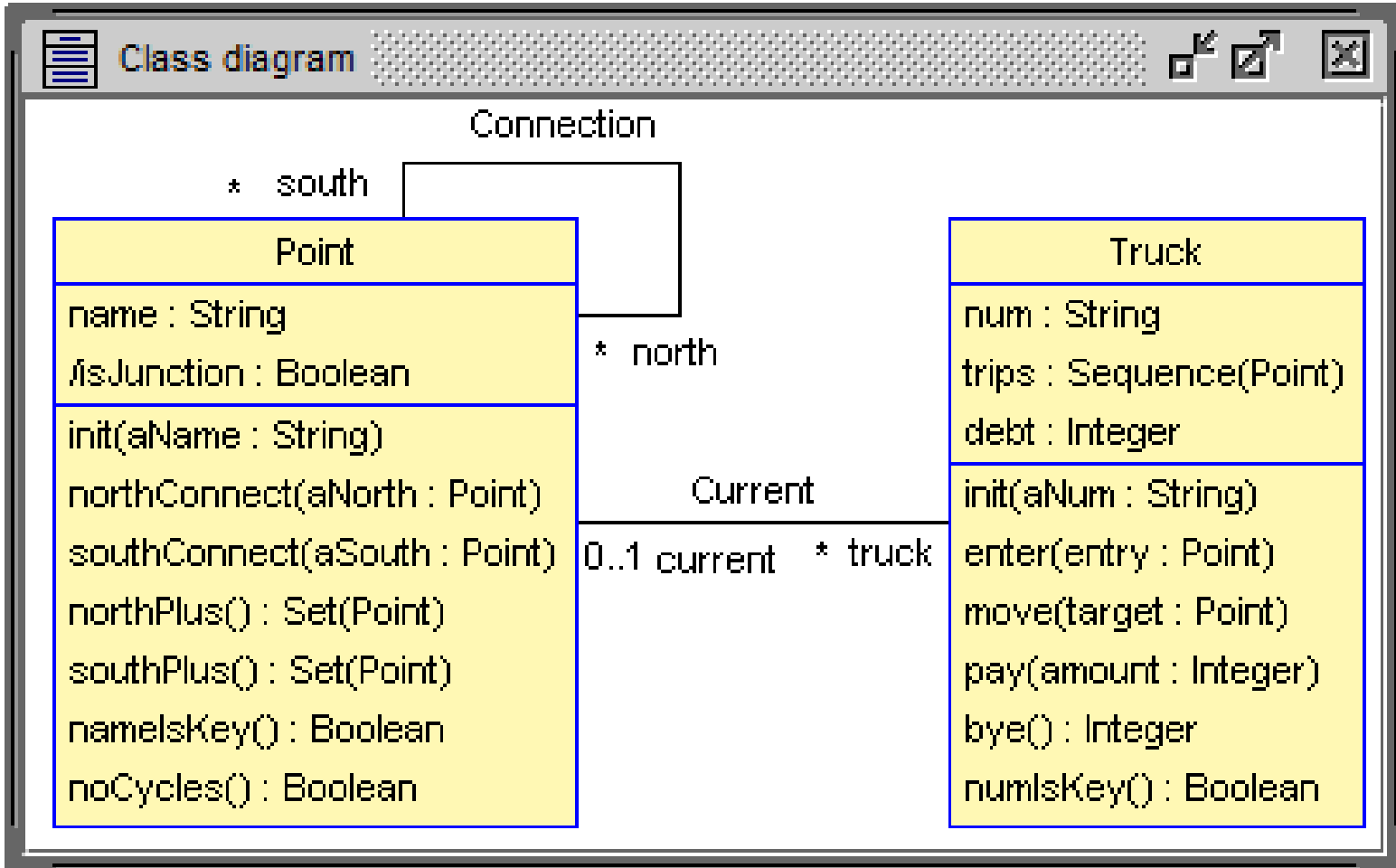
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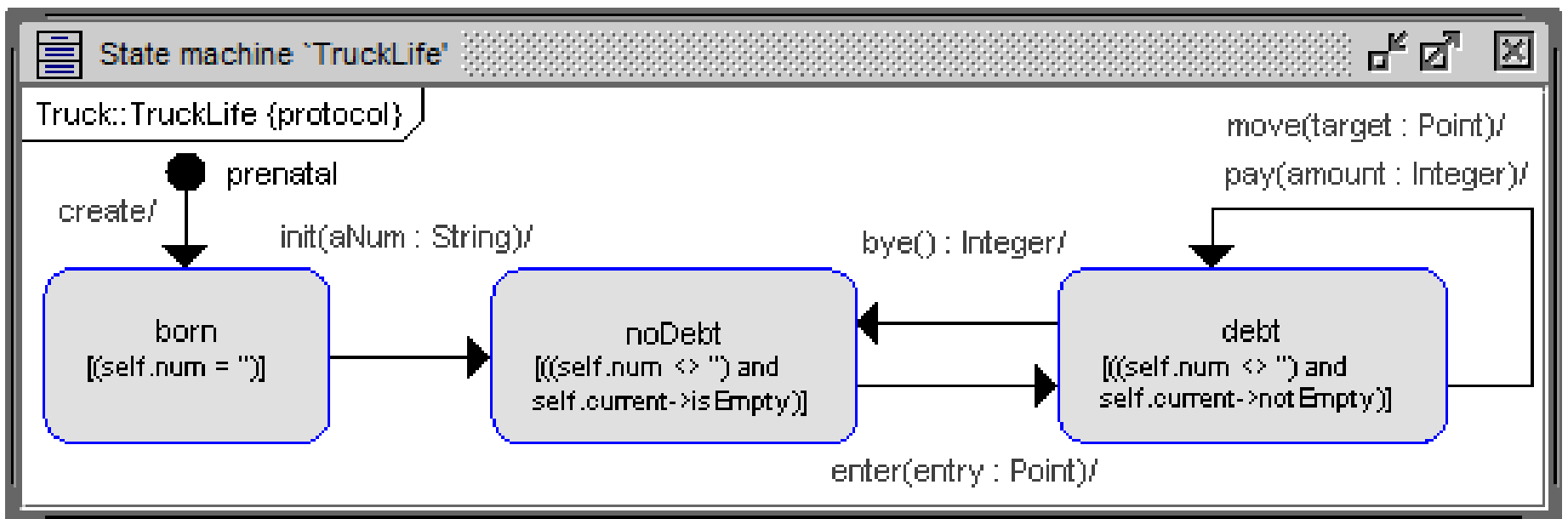
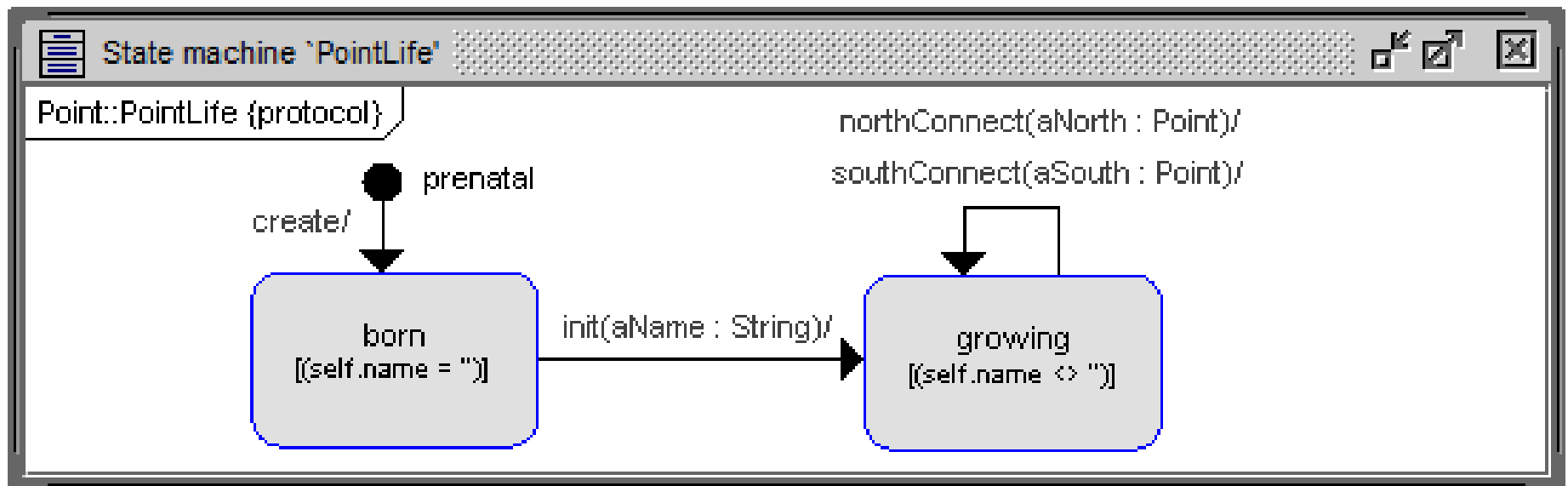
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Set{m} : Set(Point)
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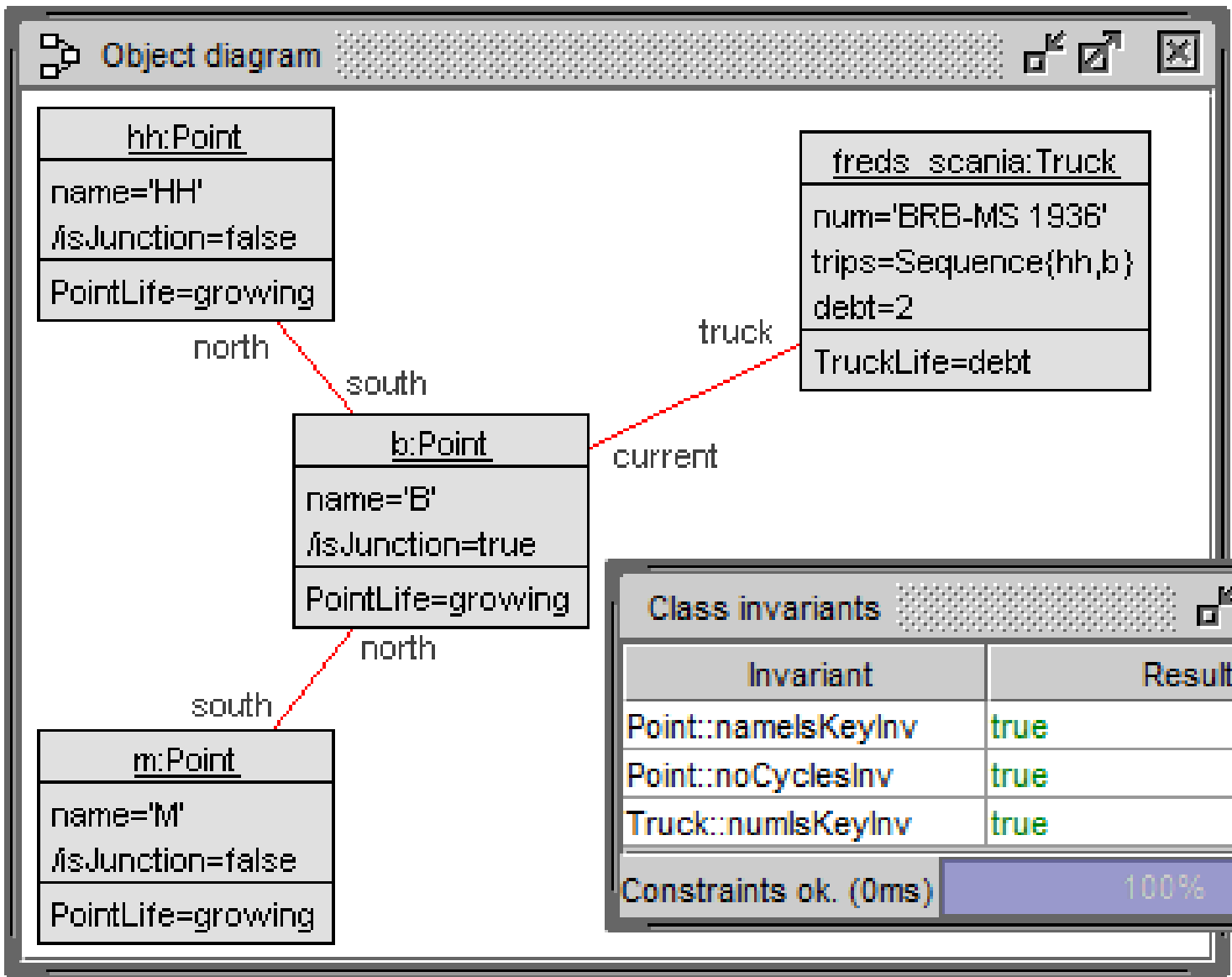
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Point.allIn

Truck.all

t.trips:-

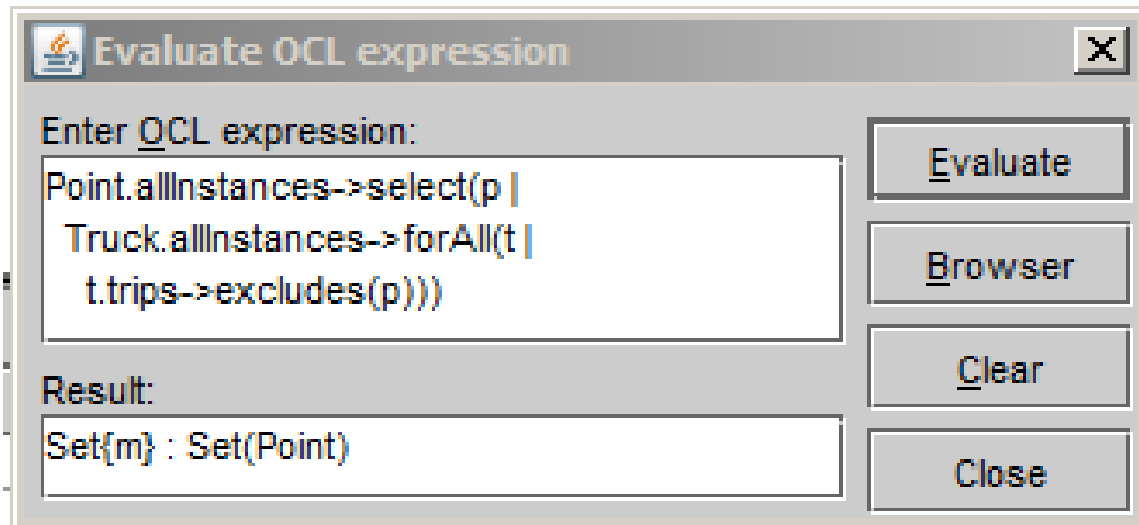
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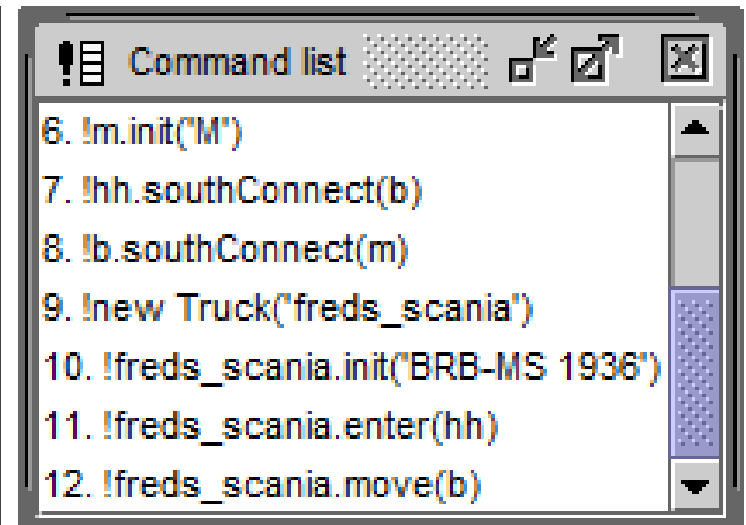
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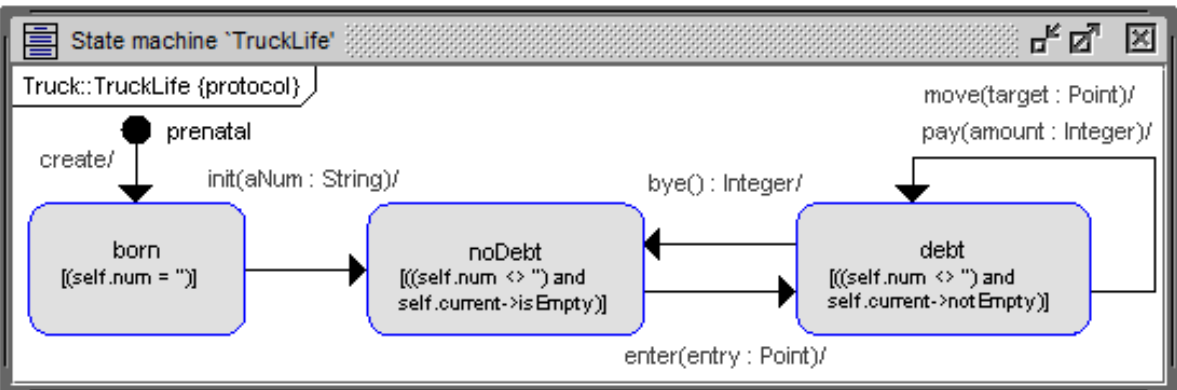
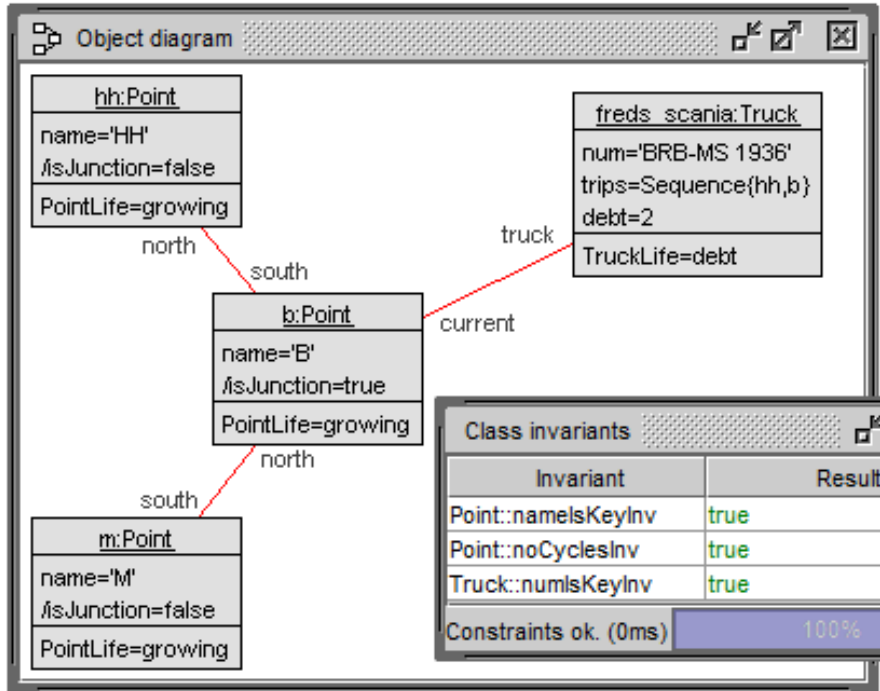
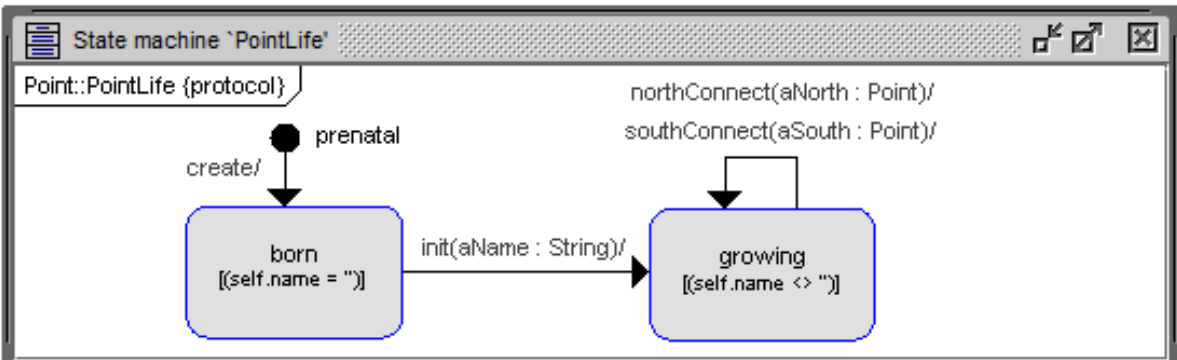
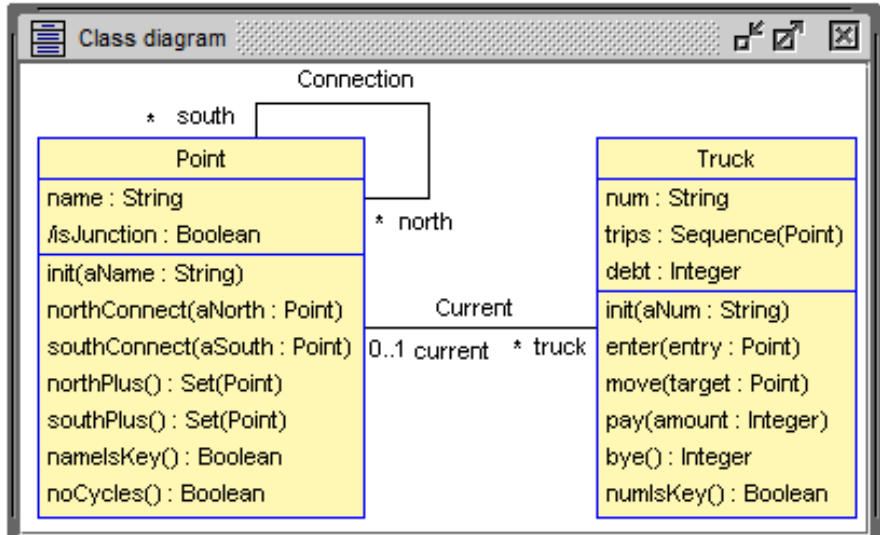
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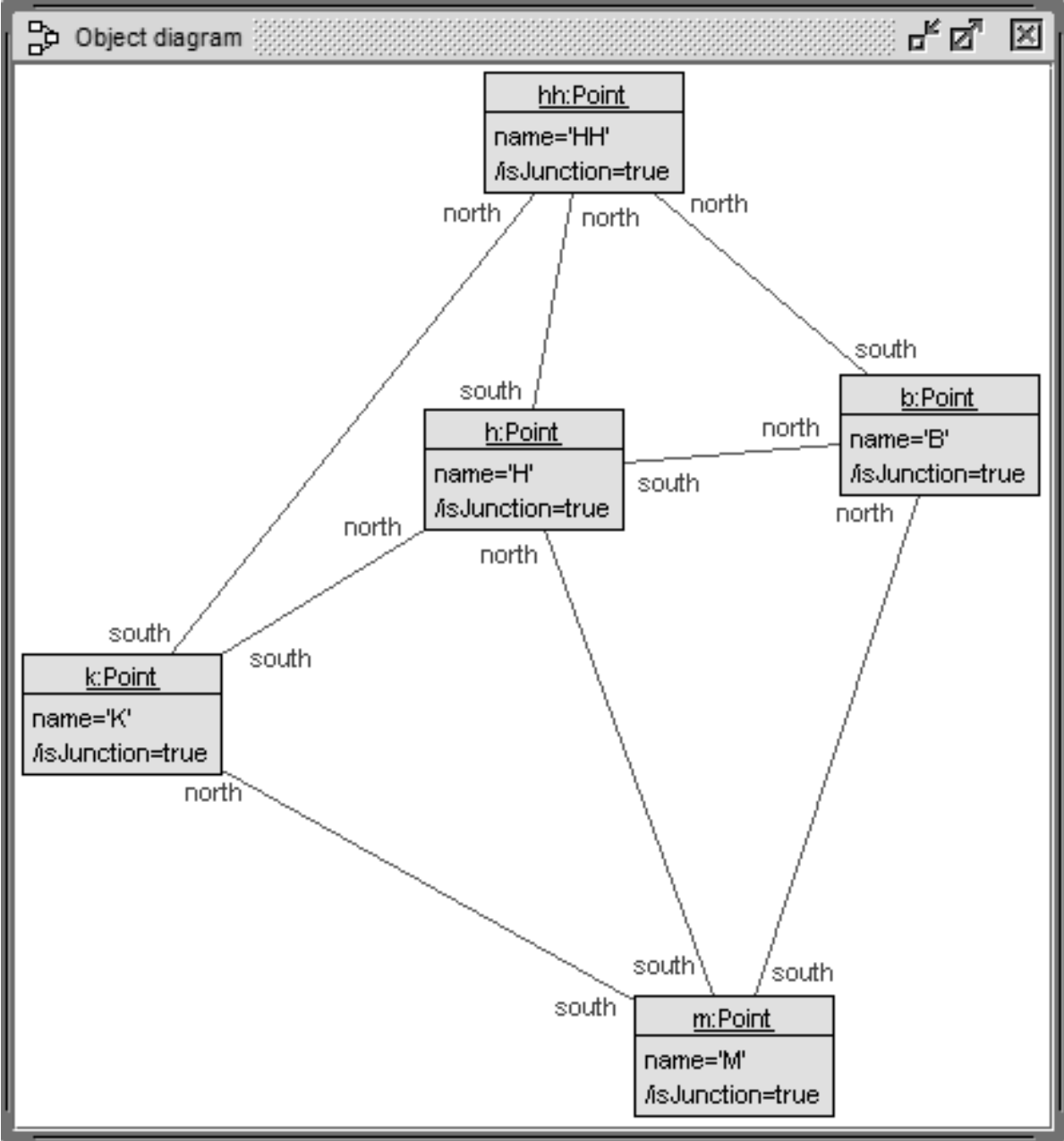
Example of operation implementation and pre- and postconditions

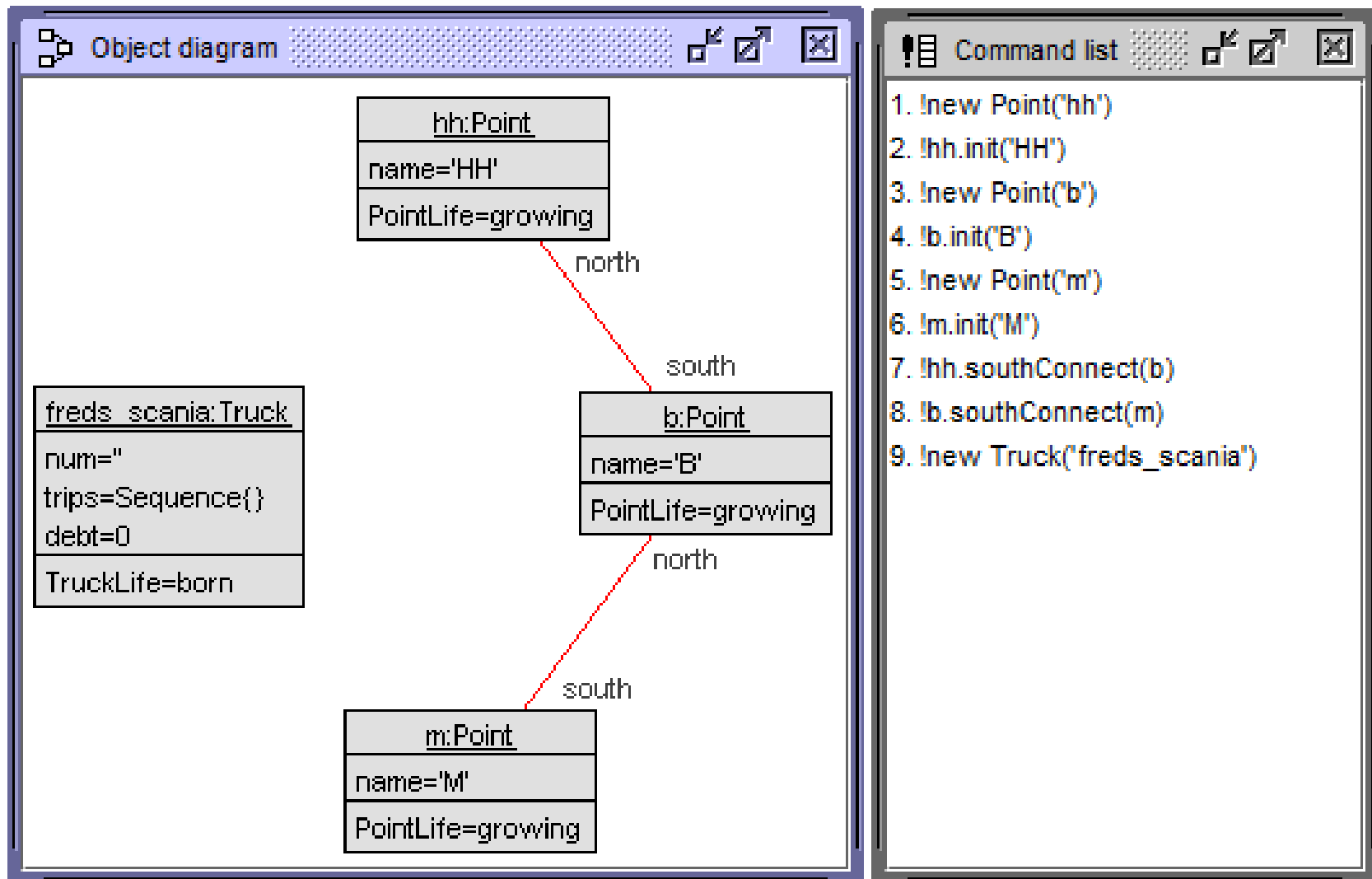
```
Truck::move(target:Point)
  begin
    self.trips:=self.trips->including(target);
    self.debt:=self.debt+1;
    delete (self,self.current) from Current;
    insert (self,target) into Current;
  end

pre currentExists:
  self.current->notEmpty
pre targetReachable:
  self.current.north->union(self.current.south)
  ->includes(target)

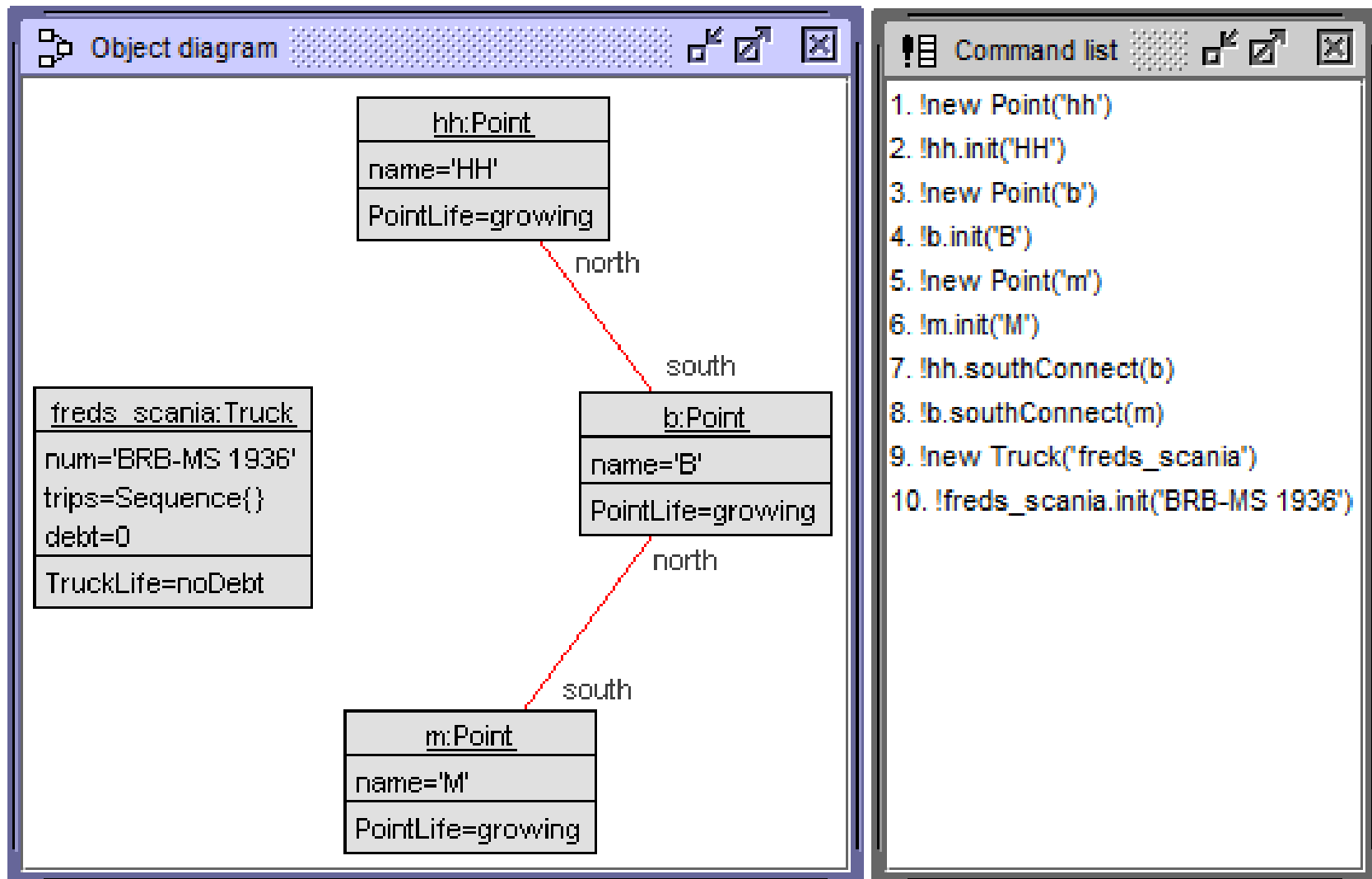
post debtIncreased:
  self.debt@pre+1=self.debt
post tripsUpdated:
  self.trips@pre->including(target)=self.trips
post currentAssigned:
  target=self.current
post allTruckInvs:
  numIsKey()
```

Example for motorway with west/east connections

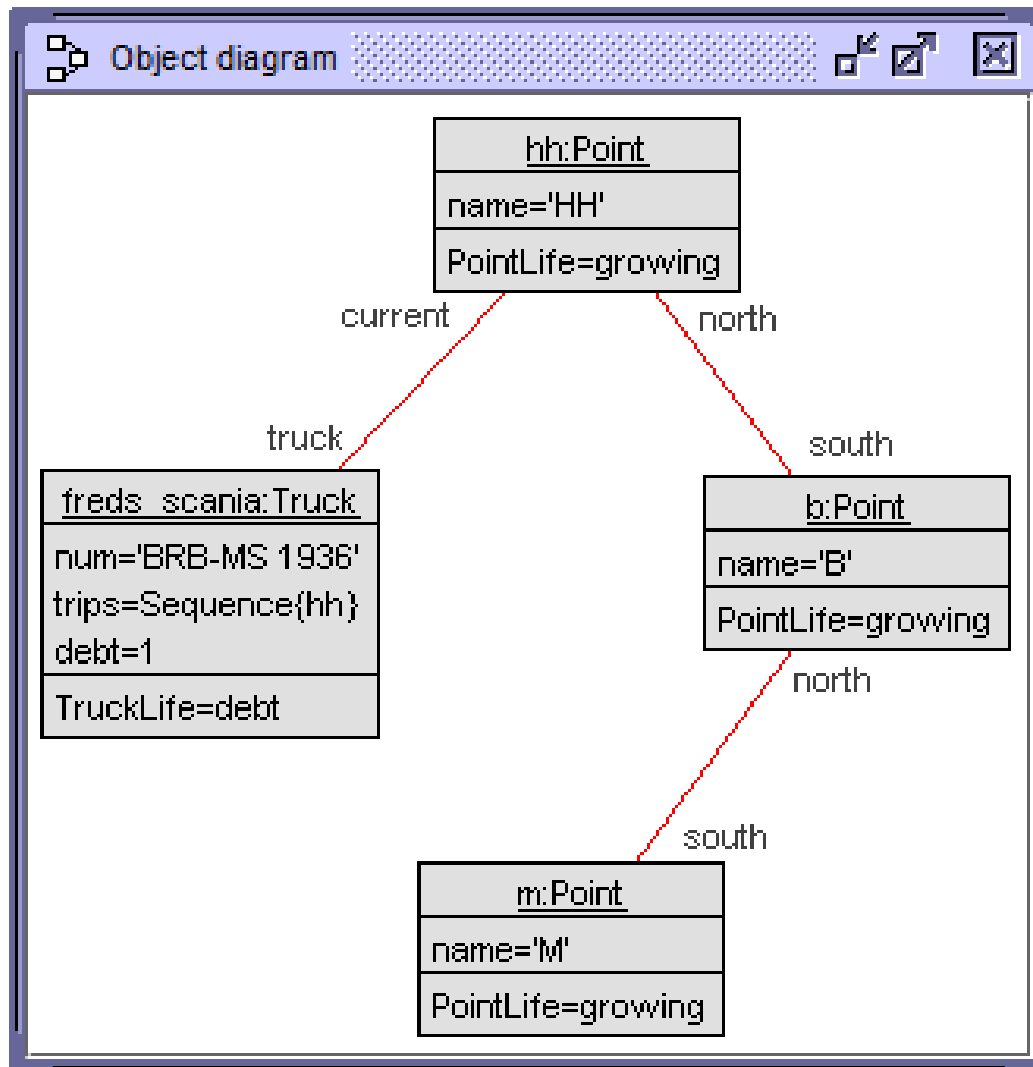




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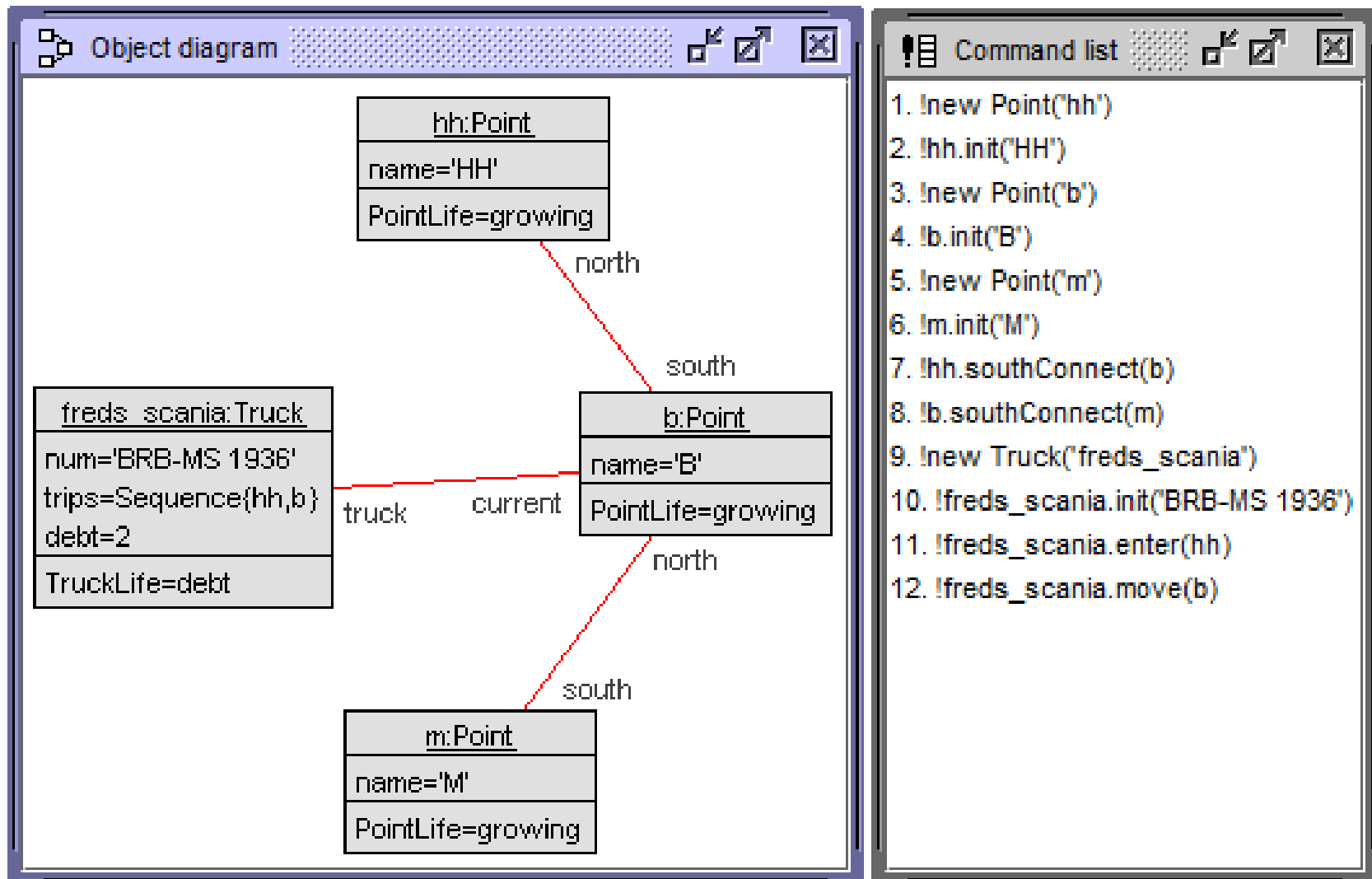
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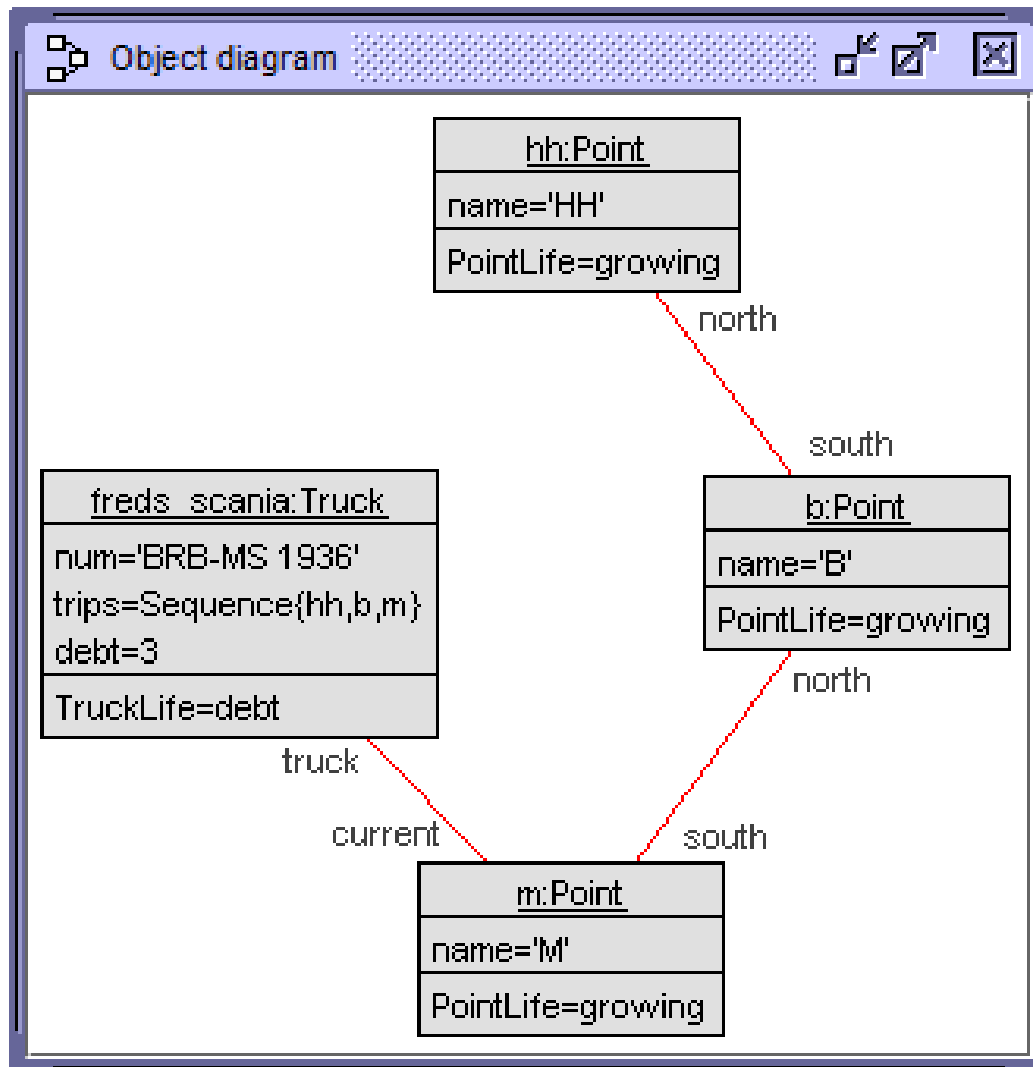
Command list

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2. !hh.init('HH')
3. !new Point('b')
4. !b.init('B')
5. !new Point('m')
6. !m.init('M')
7. !hh.southConnect(b)
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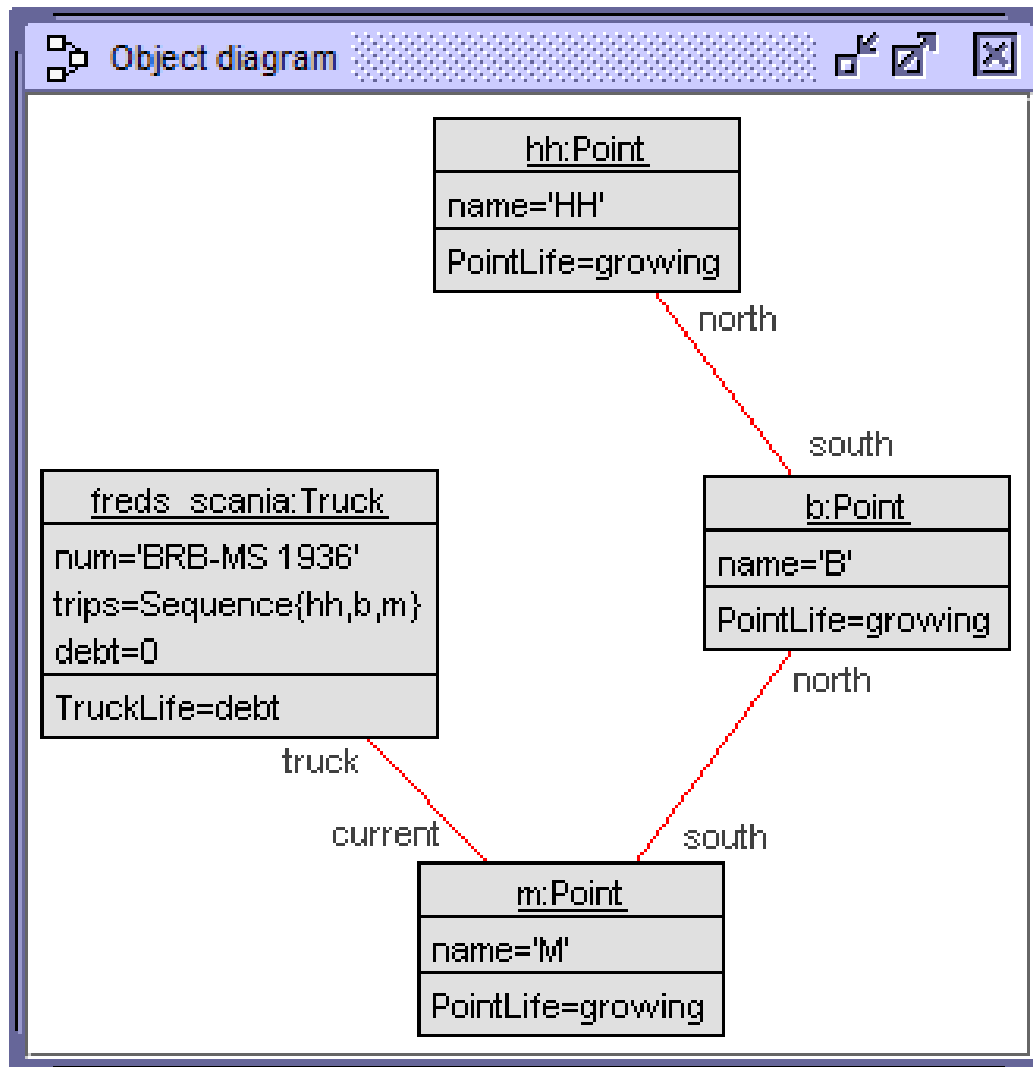


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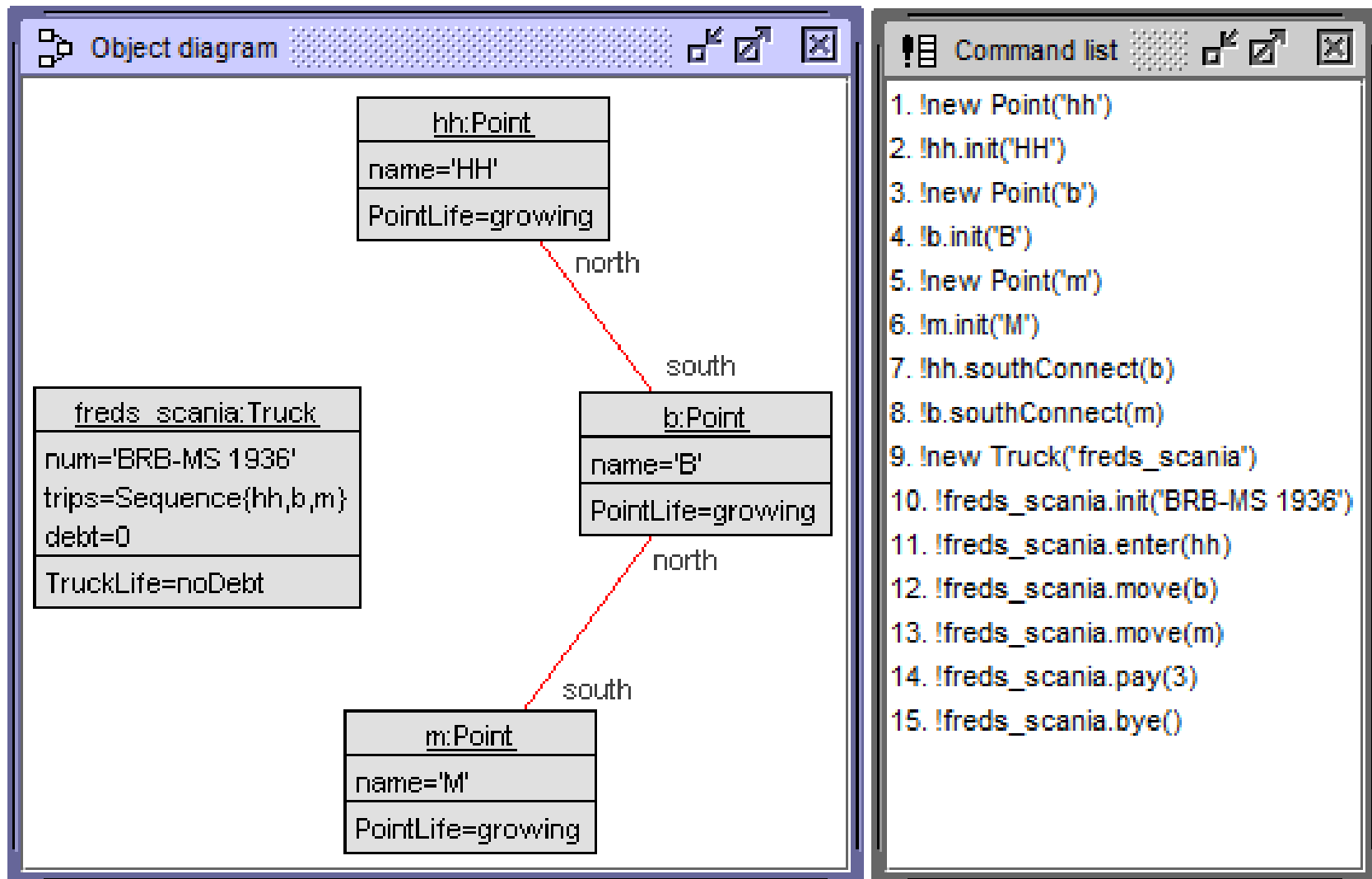
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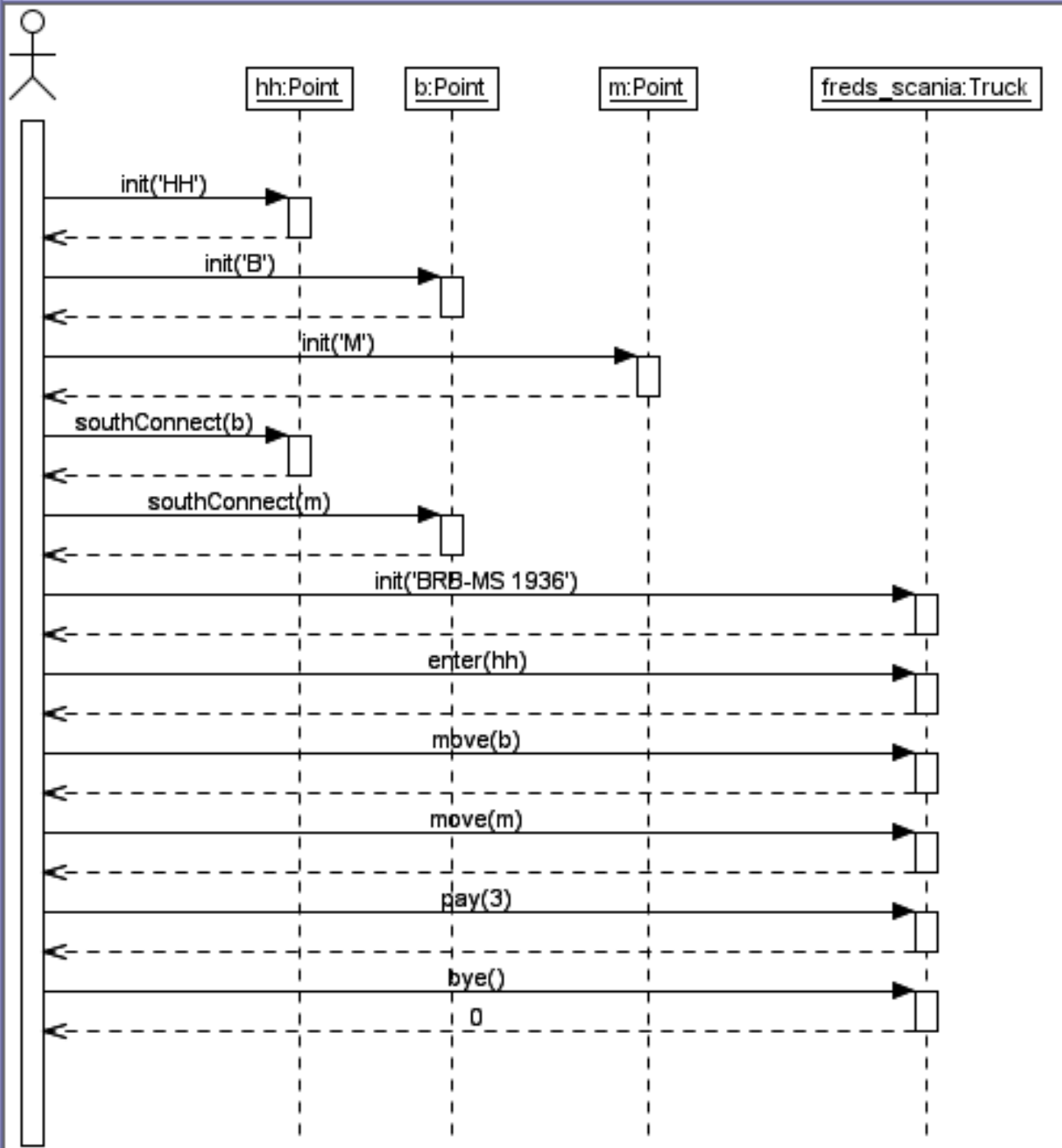


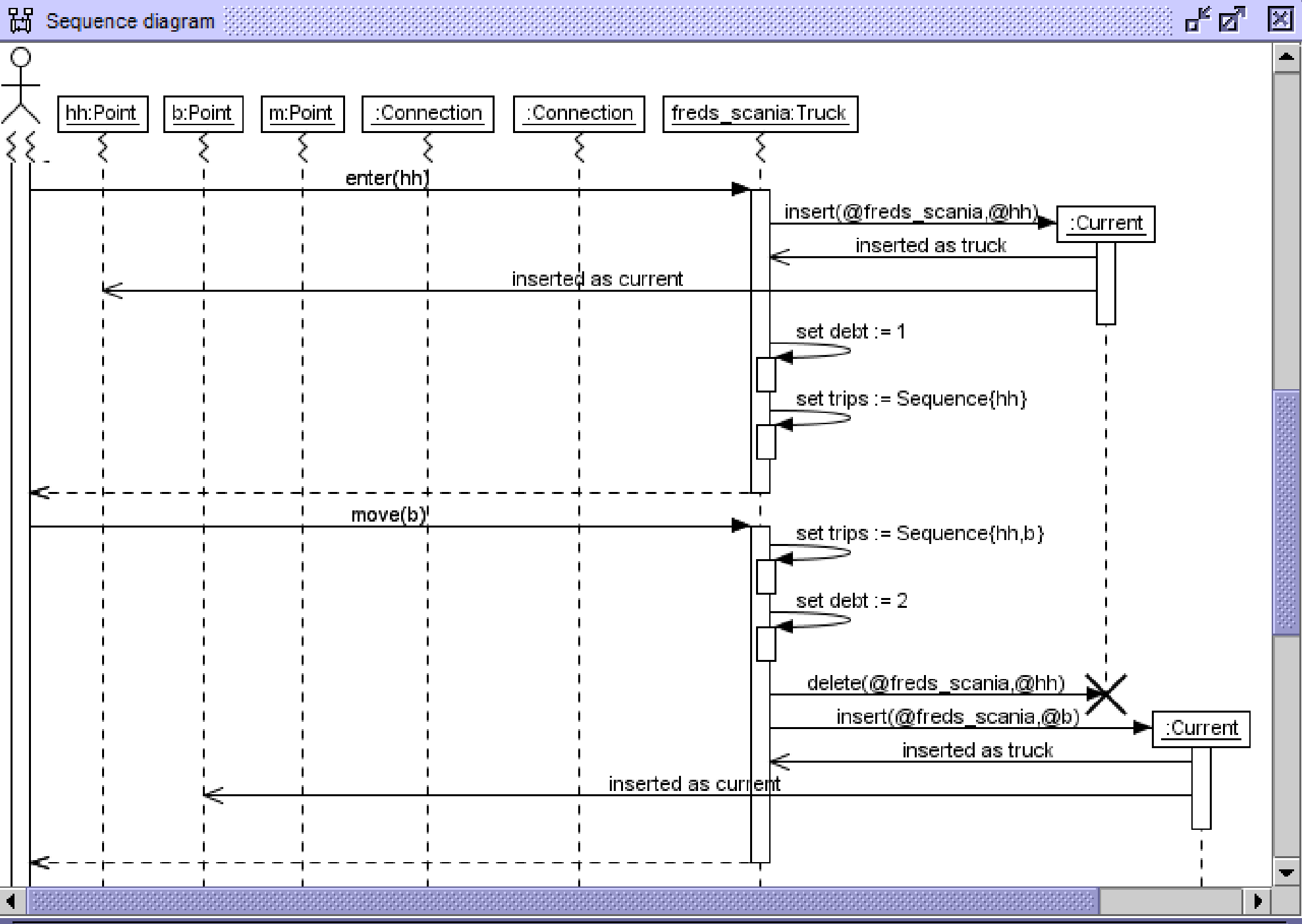
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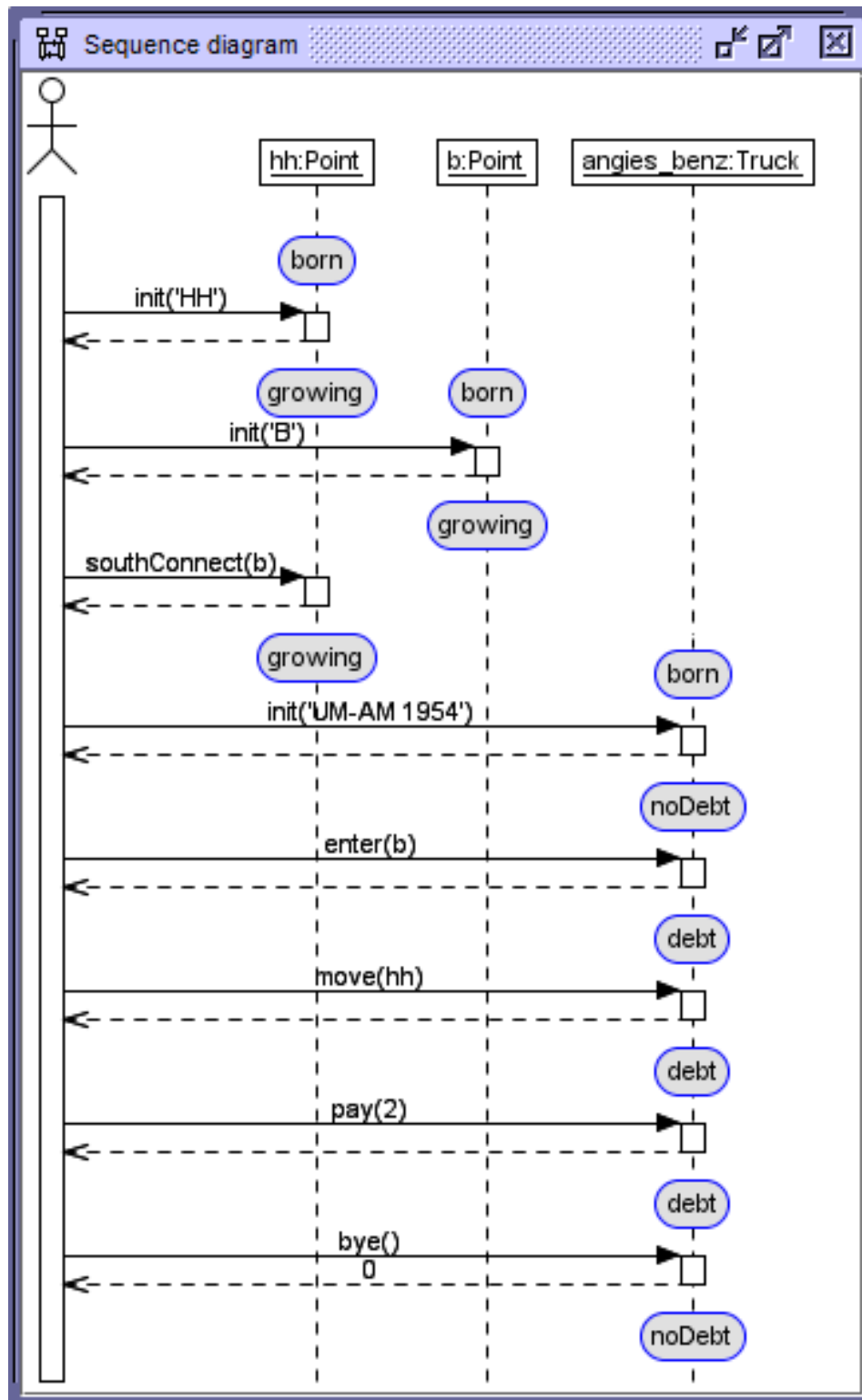
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11. !fred_s_scania.enter(hh)
12. !fred_s_scania.move(b)
13. !fred_s_scania.move(m)
14. !fred_s_scania.pay(3)

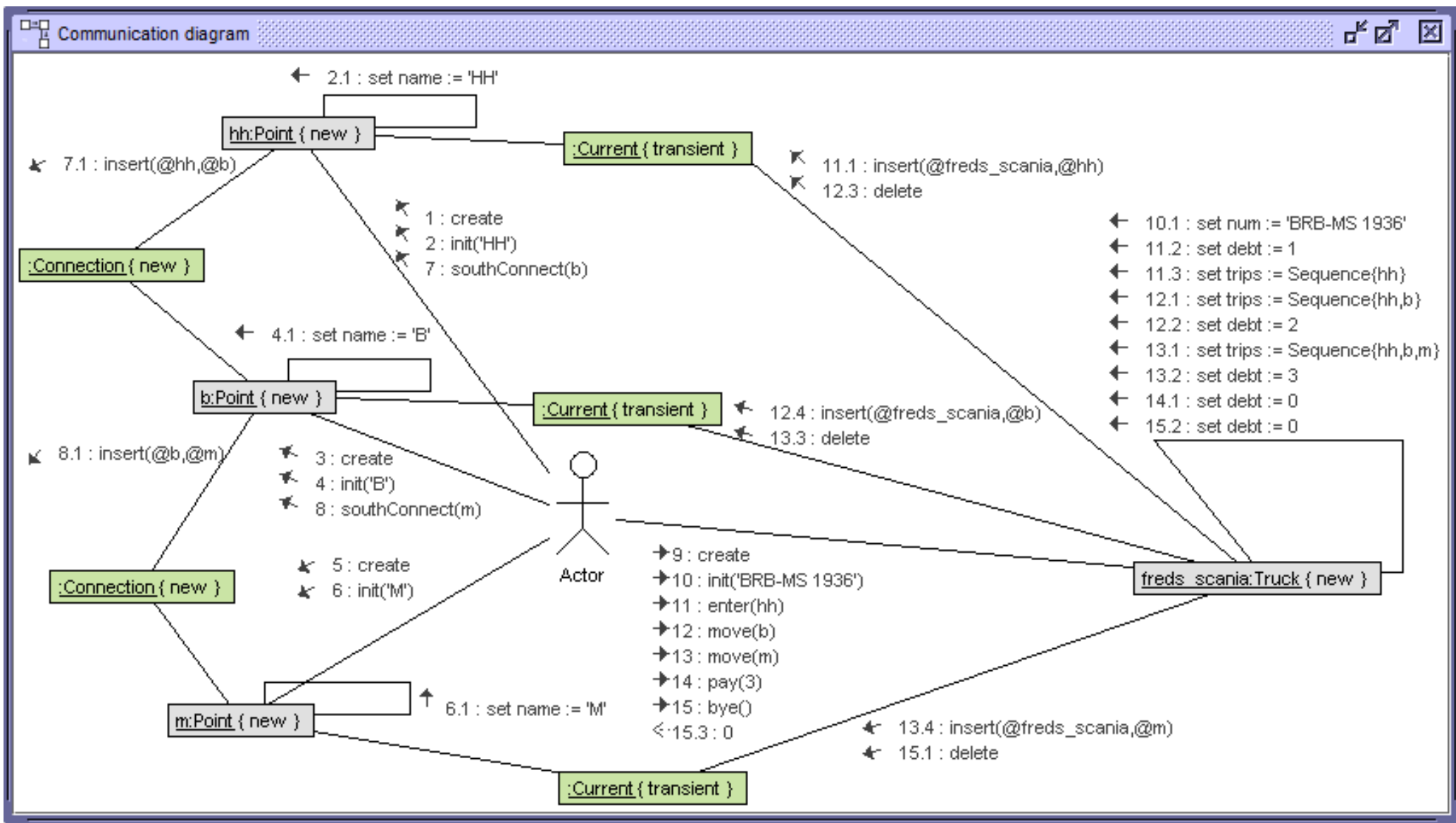


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Messages 1..21 appearing in following communication diagrams

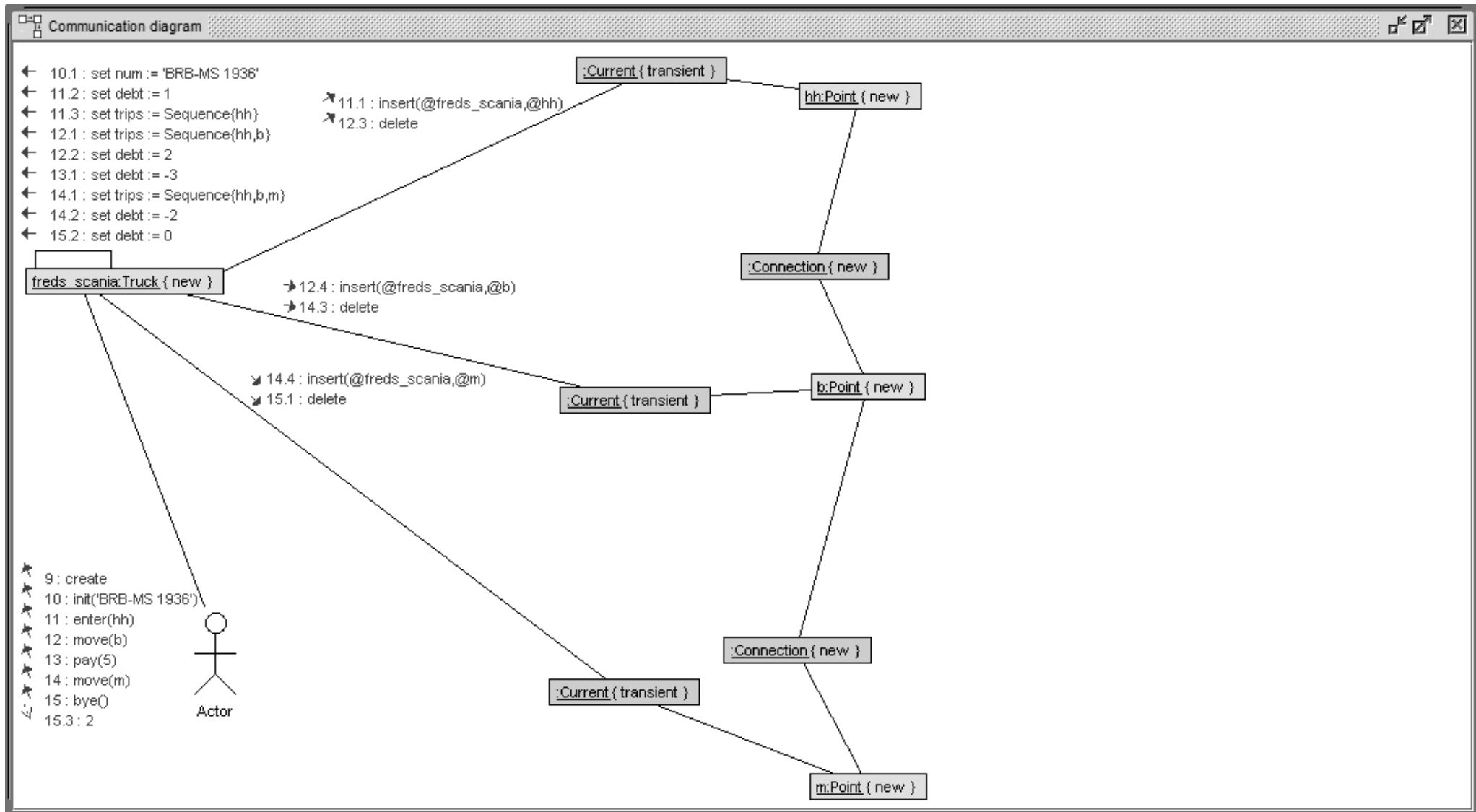
```
create hh:Point
hh.init('HH')
create b:Point
b.init('B')
create m:Point
m.init('M')
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hh.southConnect(b)
b.southConnect(m)
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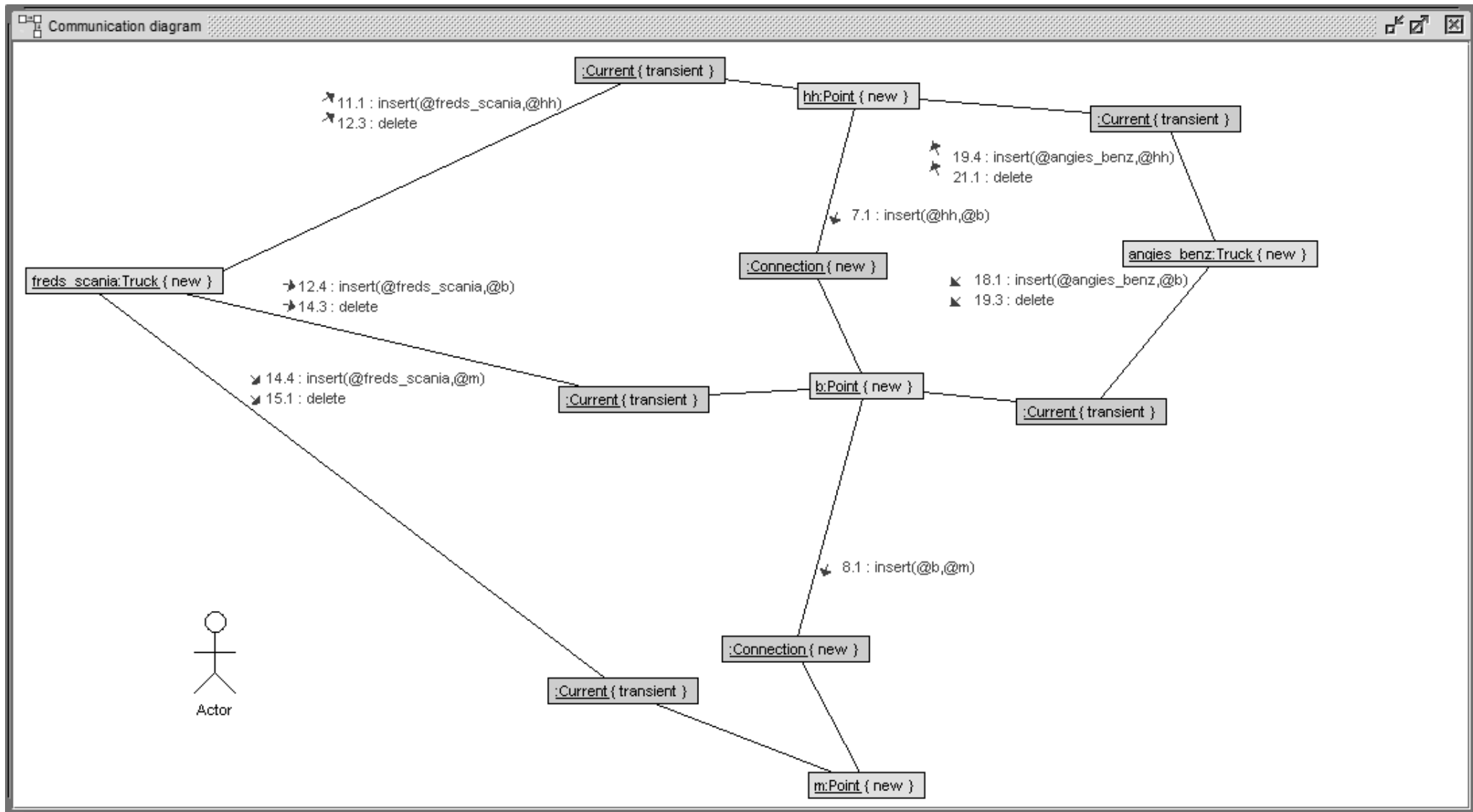
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create freds_scania:Truck
freds_scania.init('BRB-MS 1936')
freds_scania.enter(hh)
freds_scania.move(b)
freds_scania.pay(5)
freds_scania.move(m)
freds_scania.bye()
```

```
create angies_benz:Truck
angies_benz.init('UM-AM 1954')
angies_benz.enter(b)
angies_benz.move(hh)
angies_benz.pay(2)
angies_benz.bye()
```

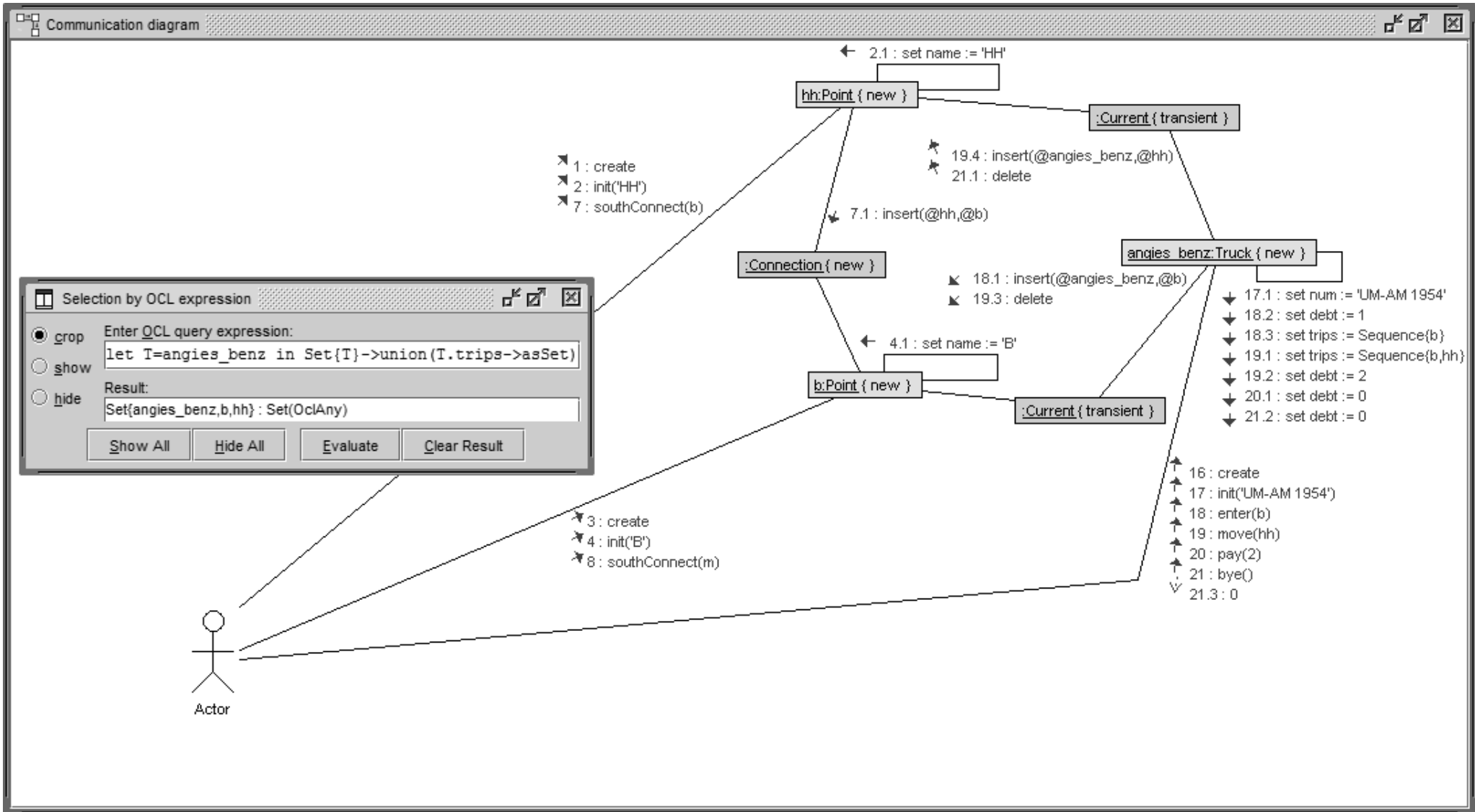

Messages 1..21 - only messages 9..15 displayed



Messages 1..21 - only link insertion and deletion displayed



Messages 1..21 - OCL select for truck object identity



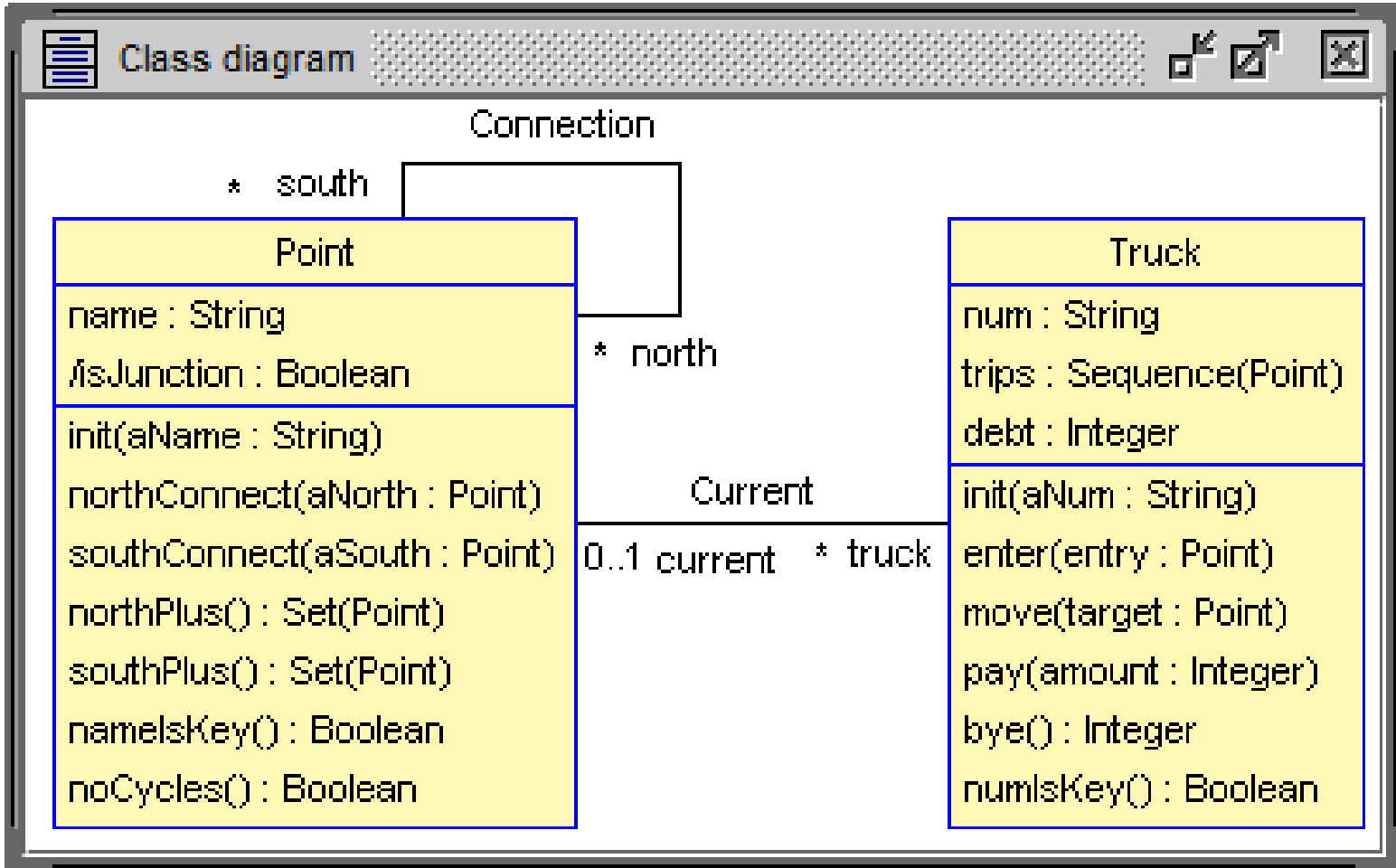
Realized UML/OCL concepts in USE [concepts in brackets not in example]

- class, attribute, datatype, operation, operation signature
- class invariant
- query operation definition with OCL;
non-query operation with state changes through definition in SOIL
- attribute initialization, derived attribute, [derived association]
- operation contract, i.e., pre- and postconditions
- association, role names, multiplicities,
[aggregation, composition, qualified association]
- [generalization]
[subsets constraint, redefines constraint, union constraint]
- protocol state machines with states and transitions
state invariants, [transition pre- and postcondition]

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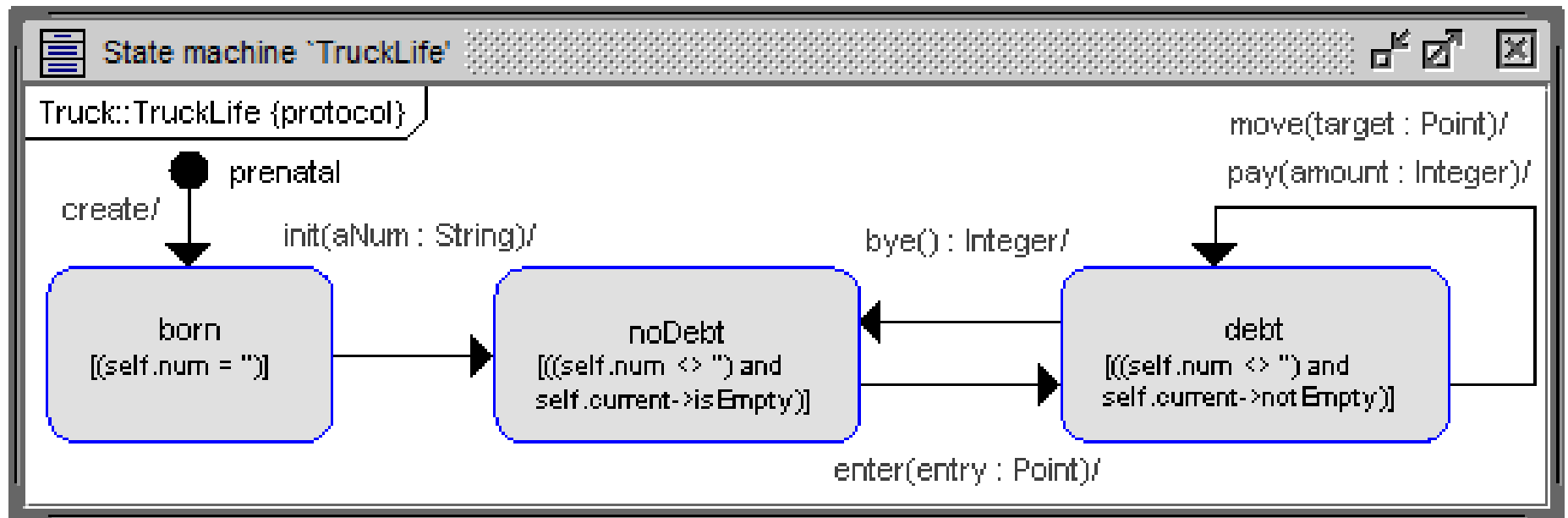
----- model TollCollect
model TollCollect
----- class Truck
class Truck
attributes
  num:String          init: ''
  trips:Sequence(Point) init: Sequence{}
  debt:Integer        init: 0
operations
  init(aNum:String)
    begin self.num:=aNum end
  enter(entry:Point)
    begin insert (self,entry) into Current; self.debt:=1;
    self.trips:=self.trips->including(self.current) end
  move(target:Point)
    begin self.trips:=self.trips->including(target);
    self.debt:=self.debt+1; delete (self,self.current) from Current;
    insert (self,target) into Current end
  pay(amount:Integer)
    begin self.debt:=self.debt-amount end
  bye():Integer
    begin delete (self,self.current) from Current;
    result:=self.debt.abs(); self.debt:=0 end
-----

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```
-----  
numIsKey(): Boolean=  
  Truck.allInstances->forall(self, self2 |  
    self<>self2 implies self.num<>self2.num)  
-----
```

```
statemachines  
  psm TruckLife  
  states  
    prenatal: initial  
    born    [num='']  
    noDebt  [num<>''] and current->isEmpty]  
    debt    [num<>''] and current->notEmpty]  
  transitions  
    prenatal -> born    { create }  
    born     -> noDebt { init() }  
    noDebt   -> debt    { enter() }  
    debt     -> debt    { move() }  
    debt     -> debt    { pay() }  
    debt     -> noDebt { bye() }  
  end  
end
```




```

----- class Point
class Point
attributes
  name:String init: ''
  isJunction:Boolean derived: north->union(south)->size()>=2
  --northSize:Integer derived: self.northPlus()->size()
  --southSize:Integer derived: self.southPlus()->size()
operations
  init(aName:String)
    begin self.name:=aName end
  northConnect(aNorth:Point)
    begin insert (aNorth,self) into Connection end
  southConnect(aSouth:Point)
    begin insert (self,aSouth) into Connection end
-----
northPlus():Set(Point)=self.north->closure(p|p.north)
southPlus():Set(Point)=self.south->closure(p|p.south)
-----
nameIsKey():Boolean=
  Point.allInstances->forall(self,self2|
    self<>self2 implies self.name<>self2.name)
noCycles():Boolean=
  Point.allInstances->forall(self|
    not(self.northPlus()->includes(self)))
-----

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statemachines
  psm PointLife
  states
    prenatal:initial
    born      [name='']
    growing  [name<>'']
  transitions
    prenatal -> born      { create }
    born     -> growing { init() }
    growing  -> growing { northConnect() }
    growing  -> growing { southConnect() }
  end
end

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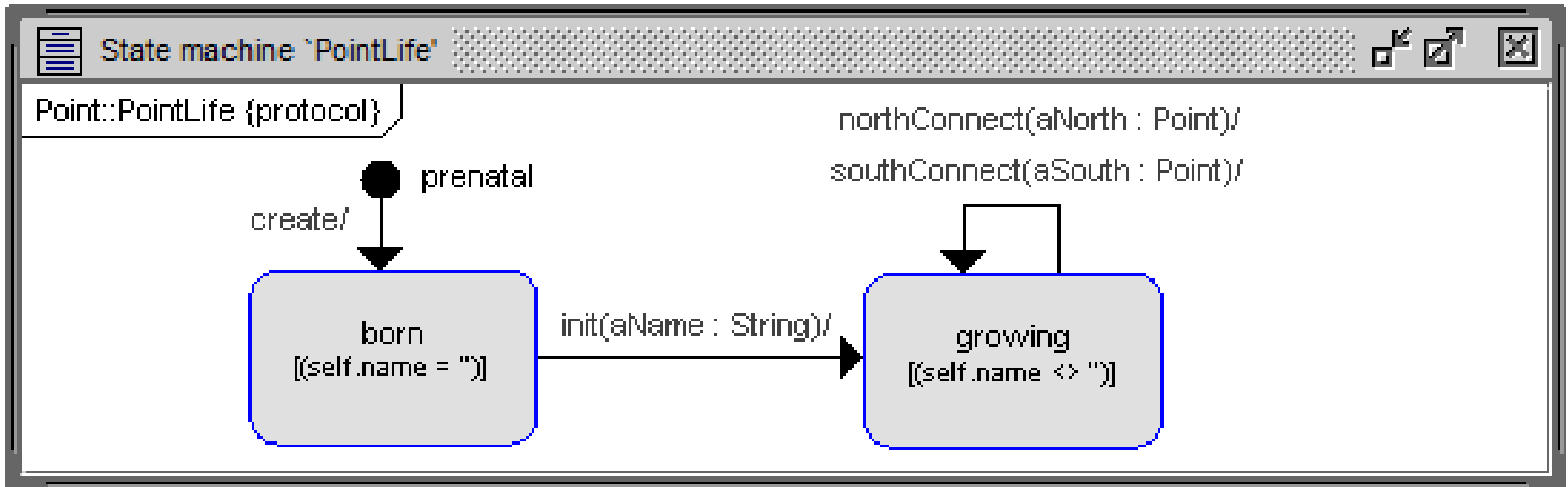
----- association Current
association Current between
  Truck[0..*] role truck
  Point[0..1] role current
end

```

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----- association Connection
association Connection between
  Point[0..*] role north
  Point[0..*] role south
end

```



```

----- constraints
constraints
----- invariants
context Truck inv numIsKeyInv:
  numIsKey()
context Point inv nameIsKeyInv:
  nameIsKey()
context Point inv noCyclesInv:
  noCycles()
----- Point::init
context Point::init(aName:String)
pre freshPoint:
  self.name='' and self.north->isEmpty and self.south->isEmpty
pre aNameOk:
  aName<>' ' and aName<>null
post nameAssigned:
  aName=self.name
post allPointInvs:
  nameIsKey() and noCycles()

```

```

----- Point::northConnect
context Point::northConnect(aNorth:Point)
pre aNorthDefined:
  aNorth.isDefined
pre freshConnection:
  self.north->excludes(aNorth) and self.south->excludes(aNorth)
pre notSelfLink:
  self<>aNorth
pre noCycleIntroduced:
  aNorth.northPlus()->excludes(self)
post connectionAssigned:
  self.north->includes(aNorth)
post allPointInvs:
  nameIsKey() and noCycles()
----- Truck::init
context Point::southConnect(aSouth:Point)
pre aSouthDefined:
  aSouth.isDefined
pre freshConnection:
  self.south->excludes(aSouth) and self.south->excludes(aSouth)
pre notSelfLink:
  self<>aSouth
pre noCycleIntroduced:
  aSouth.southPlus()->excludes(self)
post connectionAssigned:
  self.south->includes(aSouth)
post allPointInvs:
  nameIsKey() and noCycles()

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----- Truck::init
context Truck::init(aNum:String)
pre freshTruck:
  self.num='' and self.trips=Sequence{} and self.debt=0 and
  self.current->isEmpty
pre aNumOk:
  aNum<>' ' and aNum<>null
post numAssigned:
  aNum=self.num
post allTruckInvs:
  numIsKey()
----- Truck::enter
context Truck::enter(entry:Point)
pre noDebt:
  0=self.debt
pre currentEmpty:
  self.current->isEmpty
pre entryOk:
  entry<>null
post debtAssigned:
  1=self.debt
post tripsUpdated:
  self.trips@pre->including(entry)=self.trips
post currentAssigned:
  entry=self.current
post allTruckInvs:
  numIsKey()

```

```

----- Truck::move
context Truck::move(target:Point)
pre currentExists:
  self.current->notEmpty
pre targetReachable:
  self.current.north->union(self.current.south)->includes(target)
post debtIncreased:
  self.debt@pre+1=self.debt
post tripsUpdated:
  self.trips@pre->including(target)=self.trips
post currentAssigned:
  target=self.current
post allTruckInvs:
  numIsKey()
----- Truck::pay
context Truck::pay(amount:Integer)
pre amountPositive:
  amount>0
pre currentExists:
  self.current->notEmpty
post debtReduced:
  (self.debt@pre-amount)=(self.debt)
post allTruckInvs:
  numIsKey()

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post currentAssigned: target=self.current
post allTruckInvs: numIsKey()

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context Truck::pay(amount:Integer)
pre amountPositive: amount>0
pre currentExists: self.current->notEmpty
post debtReduced: (self.debt@pre-amount)=(self.debt)
post allTruckInvs: numIsKey()

----- Truck::bye
context Truck::bye():Integer
pre currentExists: self.current->notEmpty
pre noDebt: self.debt<=0
post resultEqualsOverPayment: self.debt@pre.abs()==result
post zeroDebt: self.debt=0
post currentEmpty: self.current->isEmpty
post allTruckInvs: numIsKey()

```


Thanks for your attention!

Motivation and context

- system modeling with UML behavior diagrams
- statecharts and both kinds of interaction diagrams:
sequence and communication diagrams
- **new** implementation features in a UML and OCL modeling tool:
USE (Uml-based Specification Environment)
- sequence diagram lifelines are extended with
states from statecharts
- **communication diagrams** introduced as an alternative to
sequence diagrams
- assess introduced features and propose systematic **set of features**
that should be available in both interaction diagrams
- emphasize the role that OCL plays for such a feature set

Common selection criteria for sequence and communications diagrams

Selection focusing on objects: Objects could be selected through

- Interactive hide or show for objects
- Objects satisfying resp. violating an OCL invariant during interaction
- Objects satisfying resp. violating an ad-hoc OCL formula during interaction

Common selection criteria for sequence and communications diagrams

Selection focusing on messages: Messages could be selected through

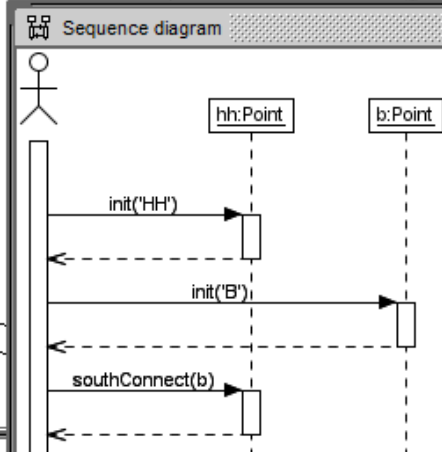
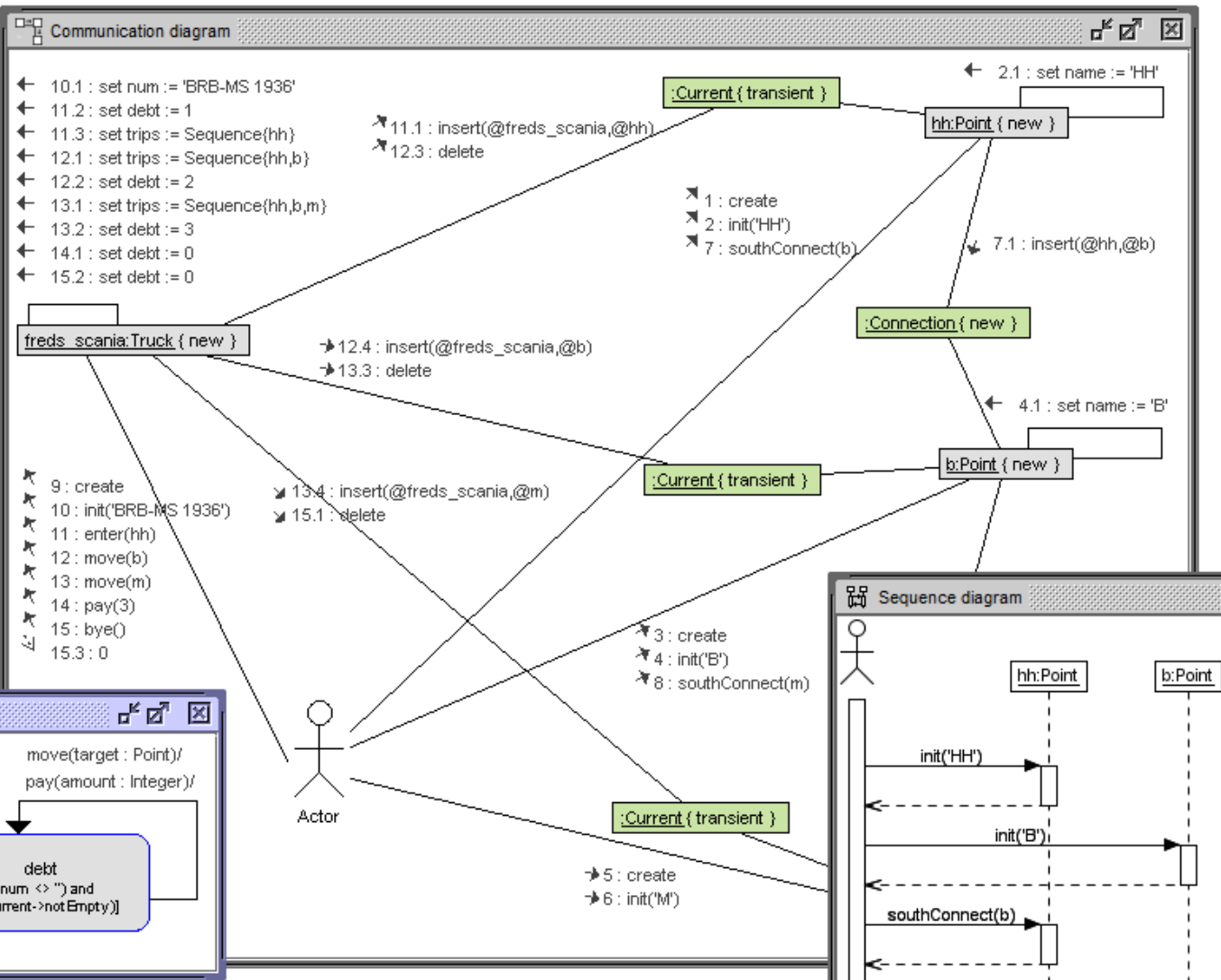
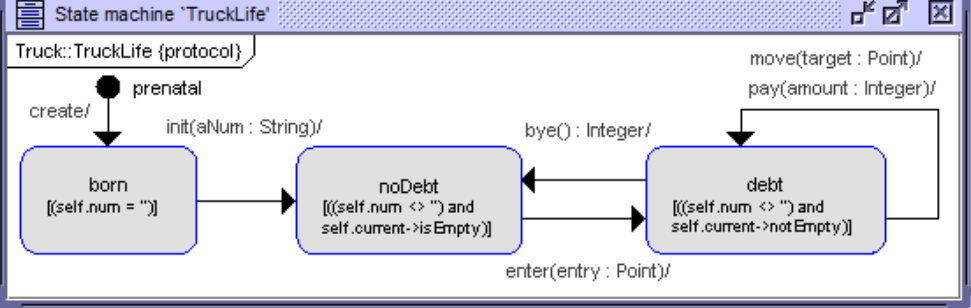
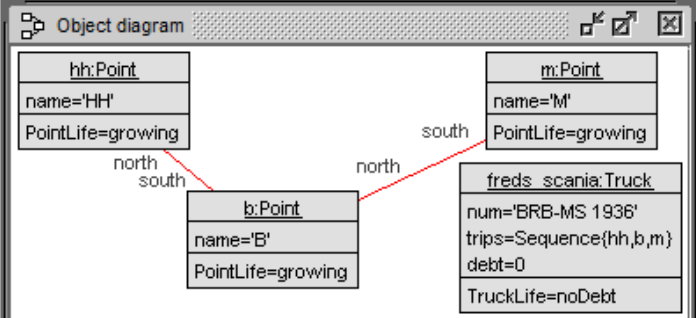
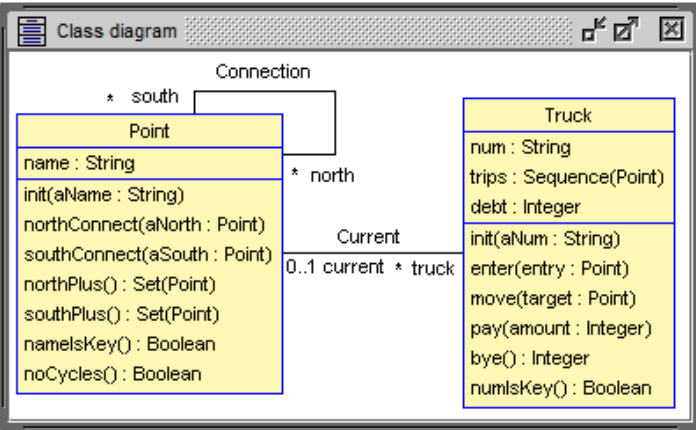
- Interactive hide or show for messages
- Selection through an OCL object query identifying the sending object
- Selection through a satisfied resp. violated OCL pre- or postcondition
- Selection through a satisfied resp. violated ad-hoc OCL formula at pre- or postcondition time during an operation call
- Selection by message kind: object creation, object destruction, link insertion, link deletion, attribute assignment, operation call
- Selection by message number depth
- Determination of a message interval defined by
 - interactively fixed start message and end message
 - start OCL formula and end OCL formula
 - a statechart start state and a statechart end state for a fixed object

Contribution discussed

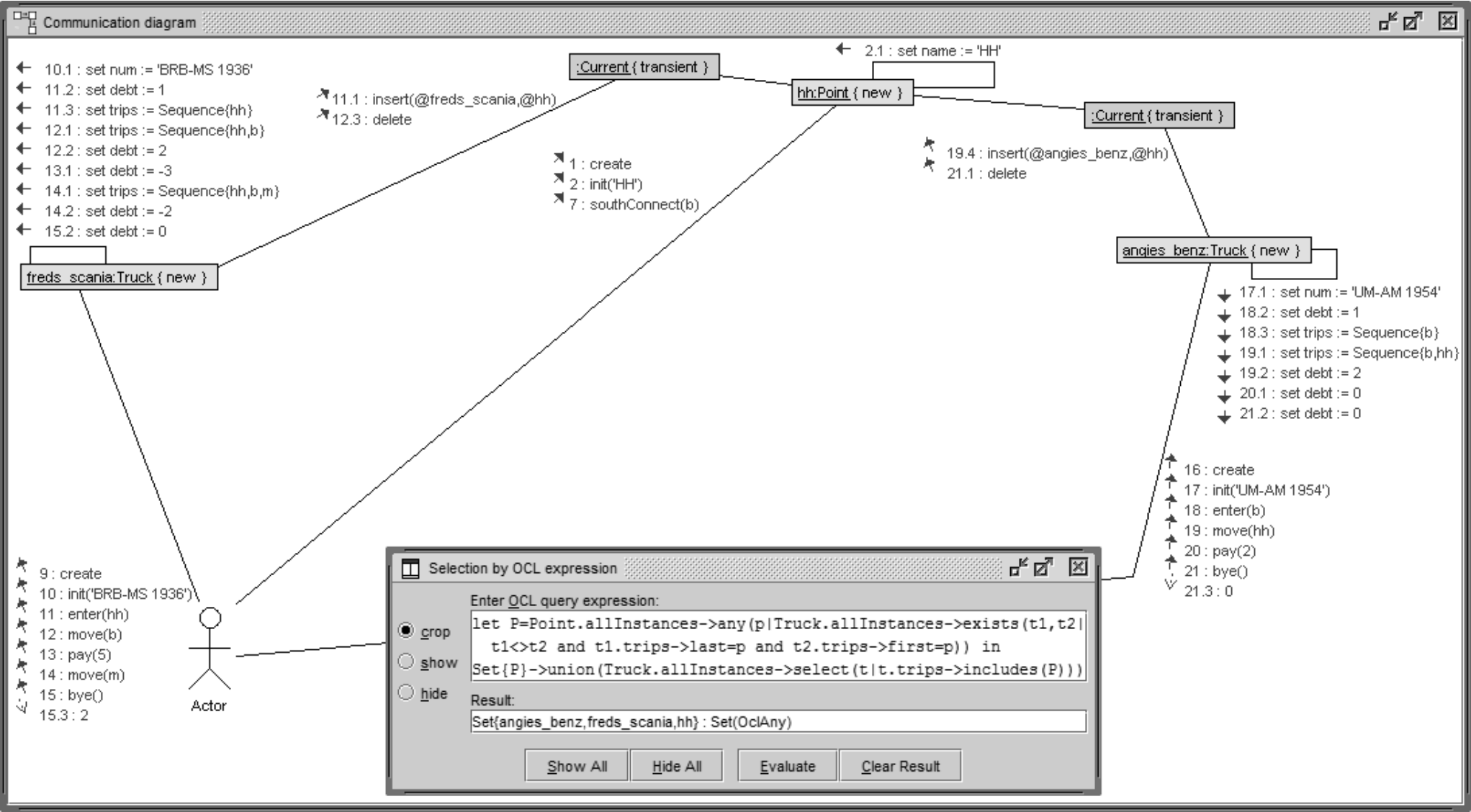
- how to handle UML interaction diagrams in a model validation tool
- pointed to the link between protocol machine and interaction diagrams
- developed a desirable feature set for both kinds of UML interaction diagrams, namely sequence and communication diagrams

Future work

- complete our current implementation with the missing features in both interaction diagrams
- message selection and message interval selection could offer promising analysis options
- extend the options for interaction analysis with temporal OCL query features
- larger examples and case studies need to validate already existing and planned features for better support of interaction diagrams



Messages 1..21 - OCL select for trucks with coinciding last&first point on trip



Messages 1..21 - OCL select for point connection used twice

