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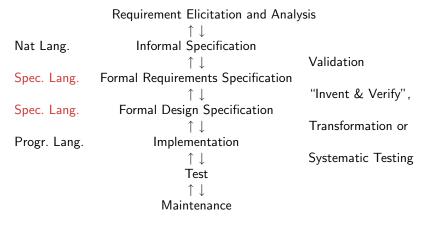
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Waterfall Model (slide by M. Roggenbach)



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- $is_ordered(L) \Leftrightarrow \forall L1, L2 : List; x, y : Elem$.

$$L = L1 + +[x, y] + +L2 \Rightarrow x \leq y$$

- permutation(L, sorter(L))
- $permutation(L1, L2) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\forall x : Elem . count(x, L1) = count(x, L2)$$

Sorting (cont'd)

We want to show insert sort to enjoy these properties.

Formal design specification:

- insert(x, []) = [x]
 insert(x, y :: L) =
 x :: y :: L) when x ≤ y
 - else y :: insert(x, L)
- insert_sort([]) = []
- $insert_sort(x :: L) = insert(x, insert_sort(L))$

Implementation (in Haskell)

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CASL on the web

• CASL in general: http://www.cofi.info

• CASL tools: http://www.tzi.de/hets

CASL libraries: http://www.cofi.info/Libraries

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Structured specifications translation, reduction, union, and extension of specifications; generic (parametrized) and named specifications

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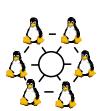


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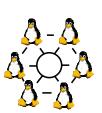


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