

Family of external languages of next-generation computer systems, close to the language of the internal semantic representation of knowledge

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Abstract—In the article, the concepts of external and internal languages of next-generation intelligent computer systems are considered. External languages of knowledge representation within the OSTIS Technology are described, namely SCg-code, SCs-code, SCn-code. For each of the external languages, its syntax and denotational semantics are considered in detail.

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I. INTRODUCTION

At the current stage of information technologies development, the problem of ensuring semantic interoperability of computer systems and their components is the most important and significant. To solve this problem it is necessary to move from traditional computer systems and modern intelligent computer systems to computer systems based on the semantic representation of information (next-generation intelligent computer systems).

Such systems have a high level of learnability, i.e. the ability to rapidly acquire new and improve already immersed knowledge and skills, while having no limitations on the type of knowledge and skills gained, improved, and shared. The components of such systems have a high degree of compatibility, which virtually eliminates the duplication of engineering solutions and makes it possible to significantly accelerate the development of computer systems based on the semantic representation of information through a constantly expanding library of reusable and compatible components.

Next-generation intelligent computer systems require an internal language to represent information in a meaningful way. By internal language is meant the language used by a system to represent the information stored in its memory [1].

For operation of next-generation intelligent computer systems, except for a method of abstract internal representation of knowledge bases, methods of external representation of abstract texts convenient for users and used at registration of initial texts of knowledge bases

of the specified intelligent computer systems and initial texts of fragments of these bases, as well as used for display of various fragments of knowledge bases on user request, are required [2].

All basic external formal languages are variants for the external representation of the texts of the internal language of the system. Such languages are universal and therefore semantically equivalent.

For any language, syntactic rules (rules for constructing information constructions of such a language) and semantic rules (denotational semantics – rules for relating to those entities and configurations of entities that are described (reflected) by the specified sign constructions) must be specified.

A next-generation intelligent system must be able to visualise certain information in different ways. Each visualisation option requires the design and development of visualisation languages and tools to translate these languages from the system internal representation language into an external language. At the moment, the **lack of a universal mechanism for describing** external languages, translators for them, and their “seamless” integration into the system remains problematic.

In the article, a family of external languages of next-generation intelligent computer systems close to the language of internal knowledge representation on the example of ostis-systems is considered. For each of the external languages, its syntax, denotational semantics, and hierarchical family of semantically equivalent sub-languages are described in detail.

II. STATE OF ART

Knowledge representation languages are frequently difficult to understand, particularly for those who is not trained in formal logic. They are in common used to describe domains ranging from biology to finance. These languages are typically used by both computer scientists and domain experts [3].

It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. That is true of sketches, diagrams, and graphs

used in various fields of knowledge. Conceptual maps are widely used in education to represent and clarify complex relations between concepts. Flowcharts serve as graphical representations of procedural knowledge or algorithms. Decision trees are another form of representation used in various fields, particularly in decision-making or expert systems.

All these representation methods are useful at an informal level, as thinking aids and tools for the communication of ideas, but they have limitations. One is the imprecise meaning of the links in the model. Non-typed arrows can mean many things, sometimes within the same graph. Another problem is the ambiguity around the type of entities. Objects, actions on objects, and propositions of properties about them are all mixed-up, which make graph interpretation a fuzzy and risky business.

Another difficulty is to combine more than one representation in the same model. For example, concepts used in procedural flowcharts as entry, intermediate, or terminal objects could be given a more precise meaning by developing them in conceptual maps as sub-models of the procedure. The same is true of procedures represented in conceptual models that could be developed as procedural sub-models described by flowcharts, combined or not with decision trees. In software engineering, many graphic representation formalisms have been or are used such as EntityRelationship models [4], Conceptual Graphs [5], Object modelling technique (OMT) [6], KADS [7], or the Unified Modeling Language (UML) [8]. These representation systems have been built for the analysis and architectural design of complex information systems. The most recent ones require the usage of up to eight different kinds of model so the connections between them become rapidly hard to follow without considerable expertise.

Graphic representation system should be both simple enough to be used by educational specialists who are not computer scientists in general, be general and powerful enough to represent the components of computer-based educational environments and their relations.

Graphic. The benefits of graphical cognitive modelling have been eloquently summarized by Ausubel [9], Dansereau [10], and Jonassen [11]. Graphs illustrate relations among components of complex phenomena. They uncover the complexity of actor interactions. They facilitate the communication about the reality studied. They favour the global comprehension of studied phenomena. They help grasp the structure of related ideas by minimizing the usage of ambiguous natural language texts. As an example, entity-relation graphs reduce ambiguity compared to a natural language description but some remain on the interpretation of the terms written on the connections or nodes. Ambiguity can be reduced further by the usage of standardized typed objects and typed connections.

User-friendliness. Not all graphic modeling languages are user-friendly. A good counter-example is UML. The large number models and symbols require considerable expertise for the interpretation and construction of the model of a system. Furthermore, each type of model captures a different viewpoint on the information, and it is impossible to mix them in the same graph to provide a global view of a subject domain. The representation system must be easy to use without technical or scientific mastery after a short period of initiation. Dansereau and Holley [12] have studied experimentally the usage of different sets of graphic symbols by learners. Their results show that typed connections are preferred by the majority of learner, as long as there are neither too few nor too many types of connections and they are clearly differentiated with well-defined meanings.

General. Generality means that the representation language should have the capacity to represent, with a relatively small number of objects and connection categories, knowledge in very different subject domains, at various levels of granularity and precision. It should be possible to represent simple models such as a multiplication table, up to complex models such as multi-actor workflows, rule-based systems, methods, and theories. It should also be possible to offer equivalent representations to commonly used graphs such as conceptual maps, semantic networks, flowcharts, decision trees, or cause/effect diagrams.

Formalizable. The graphic language should be upward compatible from informal graphs, up to semiformal and totally unambiguous formal models. At the informal level, an integrated representation framework facilitates thought organization and communication between humans about the knowledge as the graphic representation model evolves. Here, the process is more important than the result. At the other hand, the graphic language offers more constrained elements to produced totally unambiguous descriptions that can be exported to set of symbols, such as an XML file, that can be processed by computer agents. Here, the model is more important than the process.

Declarative. Graphic language can be procedural or declarative. Procedural graphic languages have been built in the past, extending flowcharts to promote graphical programming that produces code directly. However, declarative language is, firstly, easier for a human to declare the components of their knowledge than to describe also the way it should be processed. In expert systems, for example, the execution instructions are not wired in the program but externalized and made visible in a knowledge base on which a general inference engine proceeds. Secondly, the same model can be used for many different applications not necessarily the one for which the processing has been planned in a procedural program. This is done by querying the model using an inference engine, in a Prolog-like manner. Thirdly, the processing knowledge itself can be given

declaratively, so that higher order metaknowledge can be also singled-out. This idea is similar to structural analysis [13] and is exactly the way we should see the relation between generic skills and specific domain knowledge in a competency, as meta-knowledge given declaratively, applied to domain knowledge. For example, rules for diagnosing a component-based system applied to models describing a car, a software, or a learning environment provide a good way to represent generic skills and competencies.

Standardized. Standardization is an important property to enlarge knowledge communication and use between humans and/or software agents. At the informal level, each model constructed by a human must be interpretable by another human.

Computable. Computability is a step beyond standardization. The graphic model can not only receive a non-ambiguous formal representation that can be processed by computer agents, but this formal representation is complete (all conclusions are guaranteed to be computable) and decidable (all computations will finish in finite time) [14].

Thus, knowledge representation languages in next-generation intelligent computer systems must comply with the above properties.

III. PROPOSED APPROACH

To solve the problem of integrating new external languages of knowledge representation into the system, it is proposed to describe external languages on the basis of ontologies. As already mentioned, each language is defined by its syntax and denotational semantics, which can be written in an ontological way, which will allow universalising and docking these languages with each other, creating tools for visualising and understanding the languages, making them more universal.

The OSTIS Technology, a next-generation technology for intelligent computer system design, is proposed as a tool to implement the specified approach.

The advantages of the OSTIS Technology:

- at the heart of the OSTIS Technology, there is an *SC-code*, which allows any information to be represented in a unified (same) way, making the proposed approach universal and suitable for any class of intelligent system;
- the OSTIS Technology and the *SC-code* in particular can be easily integrated with any modern technology, allowing the proposed approach to be applied to a large number of already developed intelligent systems;
- the *SC-code* allows storing and describing in the knowledge base of the *ostis-system* any external (foreign) information in relation to the *SC-code* in the form of internal *ostis-system* files. Thus, the knowledge base of the training subsystem can

contain explicitly fragments of already existing documentation for the system, represented in any form;

- the OSTIS Technology has already developed models for *ostis-system* knowledge bases, *ostis-system* problem solvers, and *ostis-system* user interfaces, assuming their complete description in the system knowledge base. Thus, for *ostis-systems*, the proposed approach to training end-users and developers is much easier to implement and provides additional benefits;
- one of the main principles of the OSTIS Technology is to ensure the flexibility (modifiability) of the systems developed on its basis. Thus, the usage of the OSTIS Technology will enable the evolution of the intelligent learning subsystem itself [2].

The systems developed on the basis of the OSTIS Technology are called *ostis-systems*. The universality of the *SC-code* is ensured by the fact that the elements of the *SC-code* texts can be signs of described entities of any kind, including connection signs between the described entities and/or their signs. Accordingly, the texts of the *SC-code* are graph structures of an extended form, in which the characters of the described connections can connect not only the vertices (nodes) of the graph structure but also the characters of other connections.

The *SC-code* is an abstract language, i.e. a language for which the way, in which the characters (syntactically elementary fragments) that make up the texts of this language are represented, is not specified but only the alphabet of these characters, i.e. the family of character classes considered syntactically equivalent to each other, is specified.

Each abstract language can be assigned a whole family of real languages providing isomorphic real representation of texts of the specified abstract language by specifying ways of representation (representation, coding) of symbols included in these texts, as well as by specifying rules for establishing syntactic equivalence of these symbols. Obviously, in all other respects, the syntax and denotational semantics of the mentioned real languages completely coincides with the syntax and denotational semantics of the corresponding abstract language.

Every intelligent system operates with a knowledge base in an internal language, and the dialog takes place as an exchange of messages between the user and the system. For such a dialog to take place, a fragment of the knowledge base must be displayed into an external form. Such a form can be either universal or specialized.

Within the *OSTIS Technology*, three universal external knowledge representation languages are proposed:

- the **SCg-code** – one possible way of visually representing *SC-texts*. The basic principle behind the *SCg-code* is that each *sc-element* is matched with an *sc.g-element* (graphical representation);

- the **SCs-code** – string (linear) representation of the *SC-code*, designed to represent *sc-graphs* (texts of *SC-code*) as sequences of characters;
- the **SCn-code** – string non-linear variant for representation of the *SC-code*. The *SCn-code* is intended to represent *sc-graphs* as formatted sequences of characters according to predefined rules, within which basic hypermedia such as graphical images can be used, as well as means of navigation between parts of *sc.n-texts* [15].

Each of these languages meets the requirements for universal languages of knowledge representation and allows the user to choose the most convenient variant of visual representation of any subject domain. In addition, each of these languages has the unique property of being able to be described **in the same language**, being able to **be translated from one to the other**. Thus, it is proposed to use *SCg-code*, *SCs-code*, and *SCn-code* as knowledge representation languages, whose syntax and denotational semantics will be considered within this article.

IV. INTERNAL LANGUAGE OF THE *ostis-system* – AN SC-CODE

SCg-code, SCs-code, and SCn-code are sub-languages of the *SC-code*, which define the syntactic, semantic, and functional principles of memory organisation in next-generation computers focused on the implementation of next-generation intelligent computer systems.

The *SC-code* texts (*sc-texts*) are unified semantic networks with a basic set-theoretic interpretation. The elements of such semantic networks are called *sc-elements* (*sc-nodes* and *sc-connectors*, which in turn can be *sc-arcs* or *sc-rules*, depending on their orientation). The *Alphabet of the SC-code* consists of five basic elements, on the basis of which SC-code constructions of any complexity are built, including the introduction of more specific types of *sc-elements* (e.g. new concepts). A detailed description of the *SC-code* can be found in the standard [16].

The signs (designations) of all entities described in *sc-texts* (SC-code texts) are represented as syntactically elementary (atomic) fragments of *sc-texts* and therefore have no internal structure, not consisting of simpler text fragments, such as names (terms), which represent signs of described entities in familiar languages and consist of letters.

Names (terms), natural language texts, and other information constructions which are not *sc-texts* can be included in *sc-text* but only as files described (specified) by *sc-texts*. Thus, a knowledge base of an intelligent computer system based on the *SC-code* can include names (terms) denoting some describable entities and represented by corresponding files.

Each *sc-element* will be called an internal designator of some entity, and the name of this entity represented by the corresponding file will be called an external identifier (external designator) of this entity. Each named (identifiable)

sc-element is connected by an arc of membership to the “to be an external identifier*” relation with a node whose content is an identifier file (in particular, a name) denoting the same entity as the above *sc-element*. The external identifier can be a name (term) but also a hieroglyph, a pictogram, a spoken name, a gesture. It should be emphasized that external identifiers of described entities in an intelligent computer system based on the *SC-code* are used only:

- to analyse information coming into this system from various sources and to input (understand and immerse) this information into the knowledge base;
- to synthesise different messages addressed to different subjects (including users).

V. IDENTIFICATION OF SC-ELEMENTS

External *sc-element* identifiers (or, for short, *sc-identifiers*) are necessary for the *ostis-system* to exchange information with other *ostis-systems* or with its users. In order to represent its knowledge base, to solve various problems related to analysis of the current state and evolution of its knowledge base, problems related to analysis of the current state (current situations) of the environment, making appropriate decisions (purposes), and organising appropriate actions to implement the decisions made (to achieve the purposes), the *ostis-system* does not need any external identifiers (in particular names) corresponding to *sc-elements*.

However, in order to understand messages received from other subjects (which for the *ostis-system* means to construct the *sc-text* semantically equivalent to the received message) and to analyze messages transmitted to other subjects (which for the *ostis-system* means synthesizing an external text that is semantically equivalent to a given *sc-text* and meeting some additional requirements, such as an emotional one). The *ostis-system* needs to know how characters that are synonymous with *sc-elements* which are or could be stored in the knowledge base of the *ostis-system* are represented in the message being received or transmitted.

The external identifiers of *sc-elements* are most often the names (terms) of the corresponding (denoted) entities, represented by single words or phrases in various natural languages, however, hieroglyphs, conventions, pictograms can also be used.

In general, an *sc-element* can correspond to several synonymous names in different natural languages. Moreover, an *sc-element* can correspond to several synonymous names in the same natural language. In this case, one of these names is declared as the main external identifier for the corresponding *sc-element* and the corresponding natural language. The main requirement for such external identifiers is that there are no synonyms as well as homonyms within the set of basic external identifiers of *sc-elements* for each natural language.

Each external *sc-element* identifier used by the *ostis-system* can be described (represented) in its memory as an internal *ostis-system* file, i.e. as an electronic image of all possible occurrences of this *external identifier* in all possible external texts of the corresponding external language. In some cases, an explicit representation in memory is not required, e.g. in the case of *non-translatable sc-identifiers*.

Next, let us consider the external universal languages of knowledge representation.

VI. SCG-CODE. ALPHABET OF THE SCG-CODE AND DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS

An *SCg-code* is a way of visualising *sc-texts* (SC-code information constructions) as drawings of these abstract structures. We emphasize that an abstract graph structure and its drawing (graphical representation) are not the same thing even if they are isomorphic to each other.

We consider the *SCg-code* as a combination of the *SCg-code Core*, which provides an isomorphic graphical representation of any *sc-text* and several extensions to this core that provide increased compactness and “readability” of *SCg-code (sc.g-texts)* texts.

The main purpose of the *SCg-code* is to have a clear syntactic graphic representation of *sc.g-elements*, allowing the classes of *sc.g-elements* to be easily identified and distinguished, such as:

- *sc.g-constants* (signs of constant entities) and *sc.g-variables* (images of variables whose values are the corresponding *sc-elements*);
- *sc.g-variables* whose values are *sc-constants* and *sc.g-variables* whose values are *sc-variables*;
- signs of permanent (stable) entities and signs of temporal (unstable, temporary existing, situational) entities;
- *sc.g-connectors* (binary characters) and *sc.g-elements* that are not *sc.g-connectors*;
- *non-oriented sc.g connectors* (*sc.g edges*) and oriented (*sc.g arcs*);
- *sc.g-arcs of membership* and *sc.g-arcs* that are not such;
- *sc.g-arc* of positive membership, negative membership, and fuzzy membership.

Figure 1 is the element list for the Alphabet of the SCg-code.

This list is created in the form of *sc.g-text* and is a representation for examples of all put types of *sc.g-elements* (one example of each type). At the same time, the specified examples of *sc.g-elements* are divided into five groups (SCg-text. Alphabet of the SCg-code). The first group (top row) includes *sc.g-element* for which the constancy and consistency of the entities they denote requires further specification. The remaining four groups of *sc.g-elements* are similar to each other and include, respectively:

- signs of constant permanent entities;

- signs of constant temporal entities;
- images of *sc-variables* whose values or whose value values (in case the values of the variables are variables) are the signs of constant permanent entities;
- images of *sc-variables* whose values or whose value values (in case the values of the variables are variables) are the signs of constant temporal entities.

A special point of the *SCg-code* is the representation of *sc-elements*, which are designations of the membership pair* by explicitly using this semantically distinguishable class of *sc-elements*. This *sc.g-element* is used when we need to represent an *sc-arc* that is known to be a designation of the membership pair*, but it is not known whether it is constant or variable, permanent or temporal, positive, negative, or fuzzy.

In addition to the *sc.g-elements* listed in Figure 1, the Alphabet of the SCg-code also includes the following *sc.g-elements*:

- external *sc-element* identifiers that are identical (attributed) to the corresponding *sc.g-elements*;
- *sc.g-contours*, each of which is a sign of some *sc-text* (a structure consisting of *sc-elements*). Each such *sc-text* can be:
 - either a constant permanent structure;
 - a constant temporal structure (situation);
 - or a variable structure whose values are permanent structures of an isomorphic configuration;
 - or a variable structure whose values are temporal structures (situations) of an isomorphic configuration.
- enlarged *sc.g-frames* that are image limiters for the various files stored in the *ostis-system* memory;
- *sc.g-buses*, which are designations of the same entities as their incident *sc.g-elements*.

Let us note also that, in addition to all the above elements of the Alphabet of the SCg-code, each of which has quite specific denotational semantics, a number of “smaller” syntactic objects need to be introduced to formalise the SCg-code syntax, e.g:

- incidence points of *sc.g-connectors* with *sc.g-nodes*, with other *sc.g-connectors*, with *sc.g-contours*, with *sc.g-frames*;
- *sc.g-bus* incidence points;
- salient points of linear *sc.g-elements* (*sc.g-connectors*, *sc.g-contours*, *sc.g-frames*, *sc.g-buses*).

Within the SCg-code, the SCg-code Core and its extensions are allocated. The Alphabet of SCg-code Core is an alphabet of *sc.g-elements* graphically represented by *sc-elements*. The Alphabet of the SCg-code Core is mutually unambiguous with the Alphabet of the SC-code.

The denotational semantics of the SCg-code Core correspond to the denotational semantics of the SC-code. This is demonstrated in Figure 2.

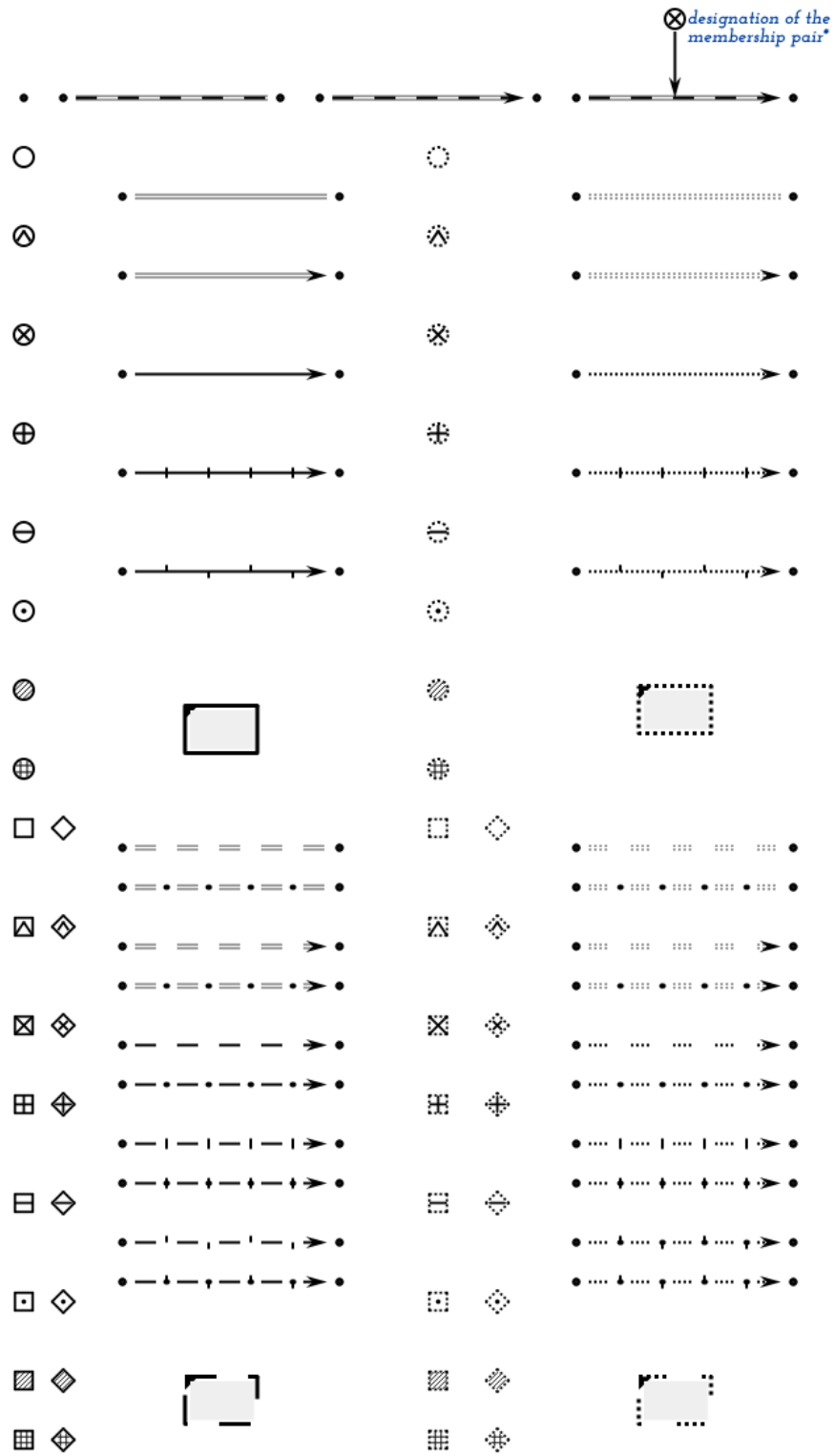


Figure 1. Elements of the Alphabet of the SCg-code

so we will assume that these characters are not included in the *Alphabet of the SCs-code*.

The alphabet of symbols used in *sc.s-separators* consists of: space, semicolon, colon, round marker, and equality sign.

The alphabet of symbols used in *sc.s-separators* displaying the incidence relation of *sc-elements* consists of: “<”, “>”, “|”, “-”.

The basic alphabet of characters used in *sc.s-connectors* consists of: “~”, underscore sign, equality sign, colon, “<”, “>”, “|”, “-”, “/”.

The extended alphabet of symbols used in *sc.s-connectors* consists of “ε”, “∃”, “⊆”, “⊇”, “⊂”, “⊃”, “≤”, “≥”, “←”, “⇒”, “↔”, “→”, “⇔”.

Both in the *Basic* and the *Extended* Alphabets of *sc.s-connectors*, the following common features to characterize the type of *sc-connector* being represented are used:

- an underscore as an image feature of the *sc-connectors* variables (one underscore for *sc-connectors* that are primary *sc-variables*, two underscores for *sc-connectors* that are secondary *sc-variables* (*sc-meta-variables*));
- a vertical line “|” as an image feature of *negative sc-arcs of membership*;
- slash “/” as an image feature of *fuzzy sc-arcs of membership*;
- tilde “~” as an image sign of *temporal sc-arcs of membership*.

To simplify the process of developing knowledge base source texts using the *SCs-code* and creating corresponding tools, two character alphabets are introduced. The basic alphabet of characters used in *sc.s-connectors* includes only the characters included in the portable character set and available on a standard modern keyboard. Thus, to develop the source code of knowledge bases using only the Basic alphabet of symbols used in *sc.s-connector*, a normal text editor is sufficient. The extended alphabet of characters used in *sc.s-connectors* also includes additional characters that make *sc.s-texts* (and *sc.n-texts*) more readable and clear. To visualize and develop *sc.s-texts* using the extended alphabet, specialized tools are required.

The alphabet of symbols used in *sc.s-delimiters* consists of: “(”, “)”, “*”.

The alphabet of symbols used in ambiguous *sc.s-images of sc-nodes* consists of: “{”, “}”, “-”, “!”, “ [”, “] ”.

Important elements of the *SCs-code* are the *sc.s-separator* and the *sc.s-delimiter*.

An *sc.s-separator* is a separator used in *sc.s-texts*. The *sc.s-separator* splits into:

- an *sc.s-separator* used to structure *sc.s-sentences*.
 - it separates the *sc-identifier of a binary relation* and the second component of one of its connectives, in case the specified binary relation and its

connective are connected by a *constant sc-arc of membership*. It is represented as a colon.

- Separates the *sc-identifier of a binary relation* and the second component of one of its connectives, in case the specified binary relation and its connective are connected by a *variable sc-arc of membership*. It is represented as a double colon.

- *sc.s-separator of sc.s-sentences* is represented as a double semicolon.

sc.s-delimiter is represented as: (![(*)!∪![*]!]!)

The parentheses with an asterisk limit attached *sc.s-sentences*, which, in turn, may have other attached *sc.s-sentences* in their structure.

There is also an *sc.s-connector*. The typology of *sc.s-connectors* is fully consistent with that of *sc.g-connectors* and even more so with *sc-connectors*, since it takes into account the well-established tradition of representing the connectives of a number of specific relations. The following *sc.s-connectors* are distinguished:

- an *oriented sc.s-connector*,
- a *non-oriented sc.s-connector*;
- an *sc.s-connector*, corresponding to the *sc.g-arc of membership*,
- an *sc.s-connector* corresponding to a *sc.g-connector* that is not an *sc.g-arc*.

The set of *sc-elements* has a binary oriented *sc-element* incidence relation, as well as a subset of this relation – the incidence relation of incoming *sc-arcs*, each pair of which relates the *sc-arc* to the *sc-element* it is a part of. In the *SC-code*, *sc-connectors* can connect not only an *sc-node* with *sc-nodes* but also an *sc-node* with an *sc-connector* and even an *sc-connector* with an *sc-connector*. In the latter case, specifying the incidence of *sc-connectors*, it is necessary to specify which of them is connecting and which is connectable. Therefore, the incidence relation specified on the set of *sc-elements* is oriented. The first component of the pair of this relation is the connecting *sc-connector* and the second component is the connecting *sc-element*. Obviously, the connecting *sc-element* is always an *sc-connector* and the *sc-node* can only be connectable.

The *sc.s-separator* displaying the incidence relation of *sc-elements* is divided into:

- incidence sign of the “right” *sc-connector* – the incidence sign of the *sc-connector* whose *sc-identifier* is on the right, represented as “+”;
- incidence sign of the “left” *sc-connector* – the incidence sign of the *sc-identifier* whose *sc-identifier* is on the left, represented as “-”;
- incidence sign of the incoming *sc-arc* on the right is the incidence sign of the *sc-arc*, whose *sc-identifier* is on the right, represented as “| <”;
- incidence sign of the incoming *sc-arc* on the left is the incidence sign of the *sc-arc*, whose *sc-identifier* is on the left, represented as “> |”.

Specified *sc.s-separators* are similar to *sc.s-sentences* in terms of their syntactic structure, but in terms of their denotational semantics, unlike *sc.s-connectors*, they are not representations of corresponding *sc-connectors*.

In Figure 3, an image of *sc.s-connectors* of the Basic and Extended alphabet corresponding to *sc.g-connectors*, which are *sc.g-arc of membership*, is shown.

The equality sign is the *sc.s-separator* of two *sc-identifiers* which identify (name) the same entity and, therefore, are *sc-identifiers** (external unique images) of the same *sc-element*. Most often, one of these two *sc-identifiers* is a simple *sc-identifier* and the other is an *sc-expression*. Rarely, both of these *sc-identifiers* are *sc-expressions*. And quite rarely, they are both simple *sc-identifiers*. The latter indicates that both of these *sc-identifiers* are basic *sc-identifiers** of the same *sc-element*. An example:

SC-code = *sc.s-text*;

Here, the first *sc-identifier* is a proper name and the second is a common noun.

When translating *sc.s-text* into the *SC-code*, the equality sign may at some stage be matched with an *sc-edge* which belongs to the synonymy* relation of the *sc-elements* identified by the *sc-identifiers* connected by the equality sign. However, in the next step, the specified *sc-edge* is removed, and the *sc-elements* connected by it are patched together. Thus, the *sc-edge* belonging to the synonymy* relation of *sc-elements* has not only denotational but also operational semantics.

An equality sign with inclusion is an image of an *sc-arc* belonging to an immersion* relation connecting two *sc-nodes* denoting *sc-texts*, the first of which is immersing and the second (in which specified *sc-arc* comes) is immersed, introduced into the first *sc-text*. The *sc-arc* belonging to the immersion* relation is interpreted as a command to immerse one *sc-text* into the composition of another. When this command is executed, (1) all *sc-elements* of the immersing *sc-text* become elements belonging to the immersing *sc-text*, (2) all synonymous *sc-elements* that happen to be part of the immersing *sc-text* are patched together, (3) the *sc-node* denoting the immersing *sc-text*, as well as the specification of this *sc-text* (including the list of all its *sc-elements*), is immersed in the history of the knowledge base evolution together with the specification of the event of immersion of the considered *sc-text* into the knowledge base.

In Figure 4, the *Alphabet of sc.s-connectors* corresponding to *sc.g-connectors* that are not *sc.arcs of membership* is shown.

The minimum semantically coherent fragment of *sc.s-text* is the *sc.s-sentence*; an *sc.s-sentence*, (1) consisting of either two *sc-identifiers* connected by an *sc.s-connector* or three *sc-identifiers* separated by *sc. separators* representing an incidence relation of *sc-elements* and (2) ending with a double semicolon.

It is easy to notice that simple *sc.s-sentences* are essentially the same as RDF triplets, except that a simple *sc.s-sentence* can be “unfolded” using *sc.s-sentence conversion** without changing its meaning, while an RDF-triplet cannot ensure that. This is one of the reasons why, unlike RDF triplets, in simple *sc.s-sentences*, *sc.s-connectors* and *sc.s-separators* displaying the *sc-element* incidence relation cannot be omitted, since they also show the direction of the relation they display between the *sc.s-elements*.

The operations defined on the set of *sc.s-sentences* can be divided into three groups:

- a group of conversion operations of *sc.s-sentences* consisting of a single operation;
- a group of combination operations of *sc.s-sentence*;
- a group of decomposition operations of *sc.s-sentences* and, in particular, decomposition operations of *sc.s-sentences*.

The list of operations defined on the set of *sc.s-sentences* is as follows:

- Conversion operation of the *sc.s-sentence**. Every *sc.s-sentence* (including the simple *sc.s-sentence*) can be transformed into a semantically equivalent *sc.s-sentence* by a conversion (‘reversal’) of the chain of *sc.s-sentence* components. Thus, for example, when converting (“unfolding”) a simple *sc.s-sentence*
 - its first *sc-identifier* (the first component of this *sc.s-sentence*) becomes the third component of the converted *sc.s-sentence*;
 - its second *sc-identifier* (the third component of the original *sc.s-sentence*) becomes the first component of the “converted” one;
 - the second component of the original *sc.s-sentence* (*sc.s-connector* or *sc.s-separator*, representing the *sc-element* incidence relation connecting the above components) remains the second component of the converted *sc.s-sentence*, but it changes direction (“ \ni ” is replaced by “ \in ” and vice versa, “ \supset ” by “ \subset ” and vice versa, “ \Rightarrow ” by “ \Leftarrow ” and vice versa, etc.). We can talk not only about the conversion of *sc.s-sentence* but also about the conversion of *sc.s-connector*, the conversion of *sc.s-separator* displaying the incidence relation of *sc.s-elements*.
- The attachment operation of the *sc. s-sentence** is the operation of attaching two *sc.s-sentence* when the last component of the first sentence matches the first component of the second one*. As a result of performing this operation:
 - the first component of the second *sc.s-sentence* is deleted;
 - the rest of the second sentence is surrounded by the *sc.s-delimiter* of attached sentences “(*” and “*)”. The separator of *sc.s-sentences* “;” also

sc-element class	Image of sc.g-connectors	Image of sc.n-connector in Extended alphabet		Image of sc.n-connector in Base alphabet	
constant permanent positive sc-arc of membership		\exists	ϵ	\rightarrow	\leftarrow
constant permanent negative sc-arc of membership		$\exists\bar{}$	$\epsilon\bar{}$	$\rightarrow\bar{}$	$\leftarrow\bar{}$
constant permanent fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$\exists/\bar{}$	$\epsilon/\bar{}$	$\rightarrow/\bar{}$	$\leftarrow/\bar{}$
constant temporal positive sc-arc of membership		$\sim\exists$	$\epsilon\sim$	$\sim\rightarrow$	$\sim\leftarrow$
constant temporal negative sc-arc of membership		$\sim\exists\bar{}$	$\epsilon\sim\bar{}$	$\sim\rightarrow\bar{}$	$\sim\leftarrow\bar{}$
constant temporal fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$\sim\exists/\bar{}$	$\epsilon/\sim\bar{}$	$\sim\rightarrow/\bar{}$	$\sim\leftarrow/\bar{}$
variable permanent positive sc-arc of membership		$_ \exists$	$_ \epsilon$	$_ \rightarrow$	$_ \leftarrow$
variable permanent negative sc-arc of membership		$_ \exists\bar{}$	$_ \epsilon\bar{}$	$_ \rightarrow\bar{}$	$_ \leftarrow\bar{}$
variable permanent fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$_ \exists/\bar{}$	$_ \epsilon/\bar{}$	$_ \rightarrow/\bar{}$	$_ \leftarrow/\bar{}$
variable temporal positive sc-arc of membership		$_ \sim\exists$	$_ \epsilon\sim$	$_ \sim\rightarrow$	$_ \sim\leftarrow$
variable temporal negative sc-arc of membership		$_ \sim\exists\bar{}$	$_ \epsilon\sim\bar{}$	$_ \sim\rightarrow\bar{}$	$_ \sim\leftarrow\bar{}$
variable temporal fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$_ \sim\exists/\bar{}$	$_ \epsilon/\sim\bar{}$	$_ \sim\rightarrow/\bar{}$	$_ \sim\leftarrow/\bar{}$
metavariable permanent positive sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \exists$	$_ _ \epsilon$	$_ _ \rightarrow$	$_ _ \leftarrow$
metavariable permanent negative sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \exists\bar{}$	$_ _ \epsilon\bar{}$	$_ _ \rightarrow\bar{}$	$_ _ \leftarrow\bar{}$
metavariable permanent fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \exists/\bar{}$	$_ _ \epsilon/\bar{}$	$_ _ \rightarrow/\bar{}$	$_ _ \leftarrow/\bar{}$
metavariable temporal positive sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \sim\exists$	$_ _ \epsilon\sim$	$_ _ \sim\rightarrow$	$_ _ \sim\leftarrow$
metavariable temporal negative sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \sim\exists\bar{}$	$_ _ \epsilon\sim\bar{}$	$_ _ \sim\rightarrow\bar{}$	$_ _ \sim\leftarrow\bar{}$
metavariable temporal fuzzy sc-arc of membership		$_ _ \sim\exists/\bar{}$	$_ _ \epsilon/\sim\bar{}$	$_ _ \sim\rightarrow/\bar{}$	$_ _ \sim\leftarrow/\bar{}$

Figure 3. An image of sc.s-connectors of the Basic and Extended alphabet corresponding to sc.g-connectors, which are sc.g-arc of membership

Image of <i>sc</i> -connector (SCg)	Image of <i>sc.n</i> -connector in Extended alphabet	Image of <i>sc.n</i> -connector in Base alphabet	Image of <i>sc</i> -connector (SCg)	Image of <i>sc.n</i> -connector in Extended alphabet
	\leftrightarrow	\diamond		\vee \leq
	\rightarrow \leftarrow	\ast \ast		\vee \leq
	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow		\vee $<$
	\Rightarrow \Leftarrow	\Rightarrow \Leftarrow		\vee $<$
	\rightsquigarrow	\rightsquigarrow		\equiv
	\rightsquigarrow \Leftarrow	\rightsquigarrow \Leftarrow		$_ =$
	$_ \leftrightarrow$	$_ \leftrightarrow$		$=$
	$_ \rightarrow$ $_ \leftarrow$	$_ \rightarrow$ $_ \leftarrow$		$\supset =$ $= \subset$
	$_ \rightsquigarrow$	$_ \rightsquigarrow$		
	$_ \rightsquigarrow$ $_ \Leftarrow$	$_ \rightsquigarrow$ $_ \Leftarrow$		
	\supset \subset			
	$_ \supset$ $_ \subset$			
	\supset \subset			
	$_ \supset$ $_ \subset$			

Figure 4. The Alphabet of *sc.s*-connectors corresponding to *sc.g*-connectors that are not *sc.arcs* of membership

- falls inside the specified delimiter;
- the resulting construction is placed between the last component of the first sentence and the *sc.s*-sentence separator that ended the first sentence;
- the second sentence thus becomes an attached *sc.s*-sentence.

Similarly, any attached *sc.s*-sentence can be “docked” with other attached *sc.s*-sentences, in general, the level of such nesting is not limited.

- The merge operation of *sc.s*-sentences* is the operation of attaching a simple *sc.s*-sentence to an *sc.s*-sentence where the last *sc.s*-connector is the same as the *sc.s*-connector of the simple *sc.s*-sentence and the *sc*-identifier preceding that *sc.s*-connector is the same as the first *sc*-identifier of the simple *sc.s*-sentence

This operation causes the matching of *sc.s*-identifiers and *sc.s*-connector of the linked *sc.s*-sentences to be “patched” together, and the last *sc.s*-identifiers of the linked *sc.s*-sentence become the last components of

the merged *sc.s*-sentence, separated by semicolons. In the same way, any number of simple *sc.s*-sentence can be attached.

- The decomposition operation* of *sc.s*-sentences into simple *sc.s*-sentences
Every *sc.s*-sentence can be decomposed into a set of simple *sc.s*-sentences, i.e. represented as a sequence of simple *sc.s*-sentences.
- The decomposition operation of *sc.s*-sentences into simple *sc.s*-sentences with the *sc.s*-separator representing the incidence relation of the *sc*-elements*
Each *sc.s*-sentence (including a simple *sc.s*-sentence with an *sc.s*-connector) can be represented as a semantically equivalent sequence of simple *sc.s*-sentences with *sc.s*-separator displaying the incidence relation of *sc*-elements. This operation uniquely generates a set of simple *sc.s*-sentences of the specified kind.

Obviously, the combination operations of *sc.s*-sentences and the decomposition operations of *sc.s*-sentences are

inverse operations to each other.

From the semantic point of view, the *sc.s*-sentence is a description of some route in the corresponding *sc*-text, which is a graph structure of a special kind and whose structure is described (displayed) with *sc.s-sentences*. The specified route is “traversed” by *sc*-connectors and *sc*-element incidence relations, if the route passes through incident *sc*-connectors. The description of the specified route may additionally specify the sets (most often relations) to which the *sc*-connectors included in the described route belong. In addition, the specified route may have branches at the beginning and/or at the end, where any *sc*-element is equally incidental to several *sc*-connectors of the same type, connecting the specified *sc*-element to some other *sc*-elements. Thus, each specified branching consists of an unlimited number of branches, each of which consists of one *sc*-connector and one *sc*-element connected by it.

A sequence of *sc.s-sentences* separated by double dots forms the *sc.s*-text. Accordingly, the *sc.s*-sentence is the minimum *sc.s*-text.

The meaning of the *sc.s*-text (as well as the *sc.s*-text included in the structure) does not depend on the order of *sc.s-sentences* in these *sc*-texts. That is, rearranging *sc.s-sentences* within such *sc.s*-texts does not change the meaning of these *sc.s*-texts (i.e. leads to semantically equivalent *sc.s*-texts), but greatly affects the human perception (the “readability”) of these texts.

Similar to *SCg*-code, the *SCs*-code has a sublanguage – the *SCs*-code Core, which uses a minimal set of syntactic tools but has a semantic power equivalent to the power of *SCs*-code as a whole.

In the *SCs*-code Core:

- only simple *sc-identifiers* are used, including *sc-identifiers* of external *ostis*-files (*sc*-expressions are not used);
- only *sc.s*-separators are used, displaying the incidence relation of *sc*-elements, and *sc.s-connectors* displaying a constant permanent positive pair of membership (“ \in ” and “ \ni ” in the Extended Alphabet and “ \rightarrow or ” and “ \leftarrow ” in the Basic Alphabet). Other *sc.s-connector* are not used;
- *sc.s*-modifiers and, consequently, colons, which are a sign of completion of *sc.s*-modifiers, are not used;
- only simple *sc.s-sentences*, which, as follows from the above properties of the *SCs*-code Core, either consist of two simple *sc-identifiers* connected by a *sc.s-connector* representing a constant permanent positive pair of membership or three simple *sc-identifiers* separated by *sc.s*-separators representing an incidence relation of *sc*-elements are used.

It follows from the above properties of the *SCs*-code Core that in order to represent any *sc*-text by means of the *SCs*-code Core it is necessary for all *sc*-elements of this *sc*-text (except constant permanent positive pairs of

membership) to build simple *sc-identifiers* corresponding to them, i.e. it is necessary to name all the specified *sc*-elements. In turn, the type of each used *sc*-element (except the constant permanent positive pairs of membership) is specified explicitly by indicating the membership of these elements to the corresponding *sc*-element classes, including the classes included in the *SC*-code Core.

As it is possible to notice from the above description, the *SCs*-code Core corresponds to the *SCg*-code Core, except that the *SCg*-code Core does not need to name all represented *sc*-elements, and also in the *SCg*-code, there are graphic images for *sc*-elements that belong to the corresponding classes of the *SC*-code Core, and this membership need not to be explicitly specified.

Obviously, it is inconvenient and inefficient to use the *SCs*-code Core for writing large fragments of knowledge bases in practice. Nevertheless, from a practical point of view, the *SCs*-code Core can be used, for example, to exchange information with third-party graph representation tools designed to represent information in the form of triplets (e.g., *RDF* storages). Syntactic extensions to the *SCs*-code Core are needed to enable wider practical usage with next purposes:

- to minimize the number of identifiable (named) *sc*-elements by using *sc*-expressions and eliminating the need to identify (name) all *sc*-elements;
- reducing text by minimizing the number of repetitions of the same *sc-identifier* by linking *sc.s-sentences*;
- to increase the visibility, “readability” of the *sc.s*-texts.

Next, let us consider the structured knowledge representation language of *ostis*-systems – an *SCn*-code.

VIII. *SCN*-CODE. ALPHABET OF THE *SCN*-CODE AND DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS

An *SCn*-code is a language for the structured external representation of the *SC*-code texts, which is a syntactic extension of the *SCs*-code, aimed at increasing the clarity and compactness of the *SCs*-code texts.

The *SCn*-code allows switching from linear texts of the *SCs*-code to formatted and actually two-dimensional texts in which there appears a decomposition of the original linear text of the *SCs*-code into lines placed “vertically”. In this case, the beginning of all lines of text is fixed and defined by a known and limited set of rules, which makes it possible to use this when formatting *sc.n*-text (text belonging to the *SCn*-code).

An *SCn*-code is a language of two-dimensional texts. Accordingly, each text of such a language is defined by:

- a set of characters included in it;
- a “horizontal” character order (sequence) relation;
- a “vertical” character order (sequence) relation.

A character that is part of a two-dimensional text can generally have four “adjacent” characters:

- a character to its left within the same line;
- a character to its right within the same line;
- a character located strictly above it in the previous line;
- a character located strictly below it in the next line of text.

Due to the fact that *sc.n*-texts can include both *sc.s*-texts and *sc.g*-texts (delimited by the *sc.n*-contour), the *SCn-code* can be considered an integrator of different external knowledge representation languages. This makes it possible to compensate the disadvantages of one of the proposed options for external representation of *sc*-texts (*SCg-code*, *SCs-code*, *SCn-code*) with the advantages of other options when visualizing and developing the knowledge base of the *ostis-system*.

In this case, there is a transition from linearity of *sc.s*-texts to two-dimensionality of *sc.n*-texts.

An important feature of the *SCn-code* is the “two-dimensional” nature of its texts. This is manifested in that for each *SCn-code* fragment of text, the value of the indentation from the left edge of the line is essential.

In the *SCn-code* text, unlike the *SCs-code* text, the important thing for each text fragment is not only how this fragment is connected to other fragments “horizontally” (which fragment is to the left or to the right of the same line) but also how it is related to other fragments “vertically” (which fragment is higher on the previous line and which is lower on the next line), which fragment is below on the next line).

So, for example, if in the text of the *SCn-code* some *sc*-identifier(external *sc*-element identifier) is placed immediately after the vertical tab line and a certain *sc.s*-connector is placed exactly below it, it means that the specified *sc*-element is incident to the *sc*-connector represented by the specified *sc.s*-connector.

In order to provide the exact setting (formulation) of the rules of two-dimensional incidence elements (elementary fragments) of *sc.n*-texts, the concept of *sc.n*-text page is introduced, the concept of a line of *sc.n*-text, and also a special markup is used, which is vertical tab lines, the distance between which is approximately equal to the maximum length of the *sc.s*-connector (usually this distance equals the width of 4-5 characters).

The *sc.n*-text (text of the *SCn-code*) is a sequence of sentences of the *SCn-code*, each of which is not part of any other sentence in the sequence.

If the *sc.n*-text is part of some other file that is paginated, such as the publication of some part of a knowledge base, then the *sc.n*-page is only the part of the page that shows the *sc.n*-text, while the page of the specified file may be larger due to, for example, white fields on the edges of the page needed for subsequent printing.

The maximum number of characters in *sc.n*-text lines for each *sc.n*-text is fixed and is determined by the specific

sc.n-text placement option. At the same time, depending on the indentation within a particular *sc.n*-text sentence, a line of *sc.n*-text may not start from the left edge of the *sc.n*-text (but always from some of the vertical markup lines) and have an arbitrary length limited by the right border of the *sc.n*-page.

A markup line is used to make *sc.n*-texts easier to read. The 1st markup line borders the left edge of the *sc.n*-page, the 2nd markup line is located approximately between the 5th and 6th characters of the line, and so on. The distance between the markup lines may vary depending on the font size but always remains the same within a single *sc.n*-text. The total number of markup lines is limited by the maximum possible width of the *sc.n*-page in the particular *ostis-system* file containing that *sc.n*-text.

The Alphabet of the *SCn-code* is the same as the Alphabet of the *SCs-code*. All components of *sc.s*-texts are also used in *sc.n*-texts:

- *sc*-identifiers;
- *sc.s*-identifiers;
- modifiers of *sc.s*-connectors with the corresponding delimiters (colons);
- separators used in *sc*-expressions denoting *sc*-multiples given by enumeration of elements with corresponding separators (semicolon or round marker);
- round markers in enumerations of *sc*-element identifiers linked by the same-type *sc*-connectors with the same-type modifiers to a given *sc*-element;
- sentence separators (double semicolons) (omitted when converting *sc.s*-sentences to *sc.n*-sentences);
- delimiters of attached *sc.s*-sentences (omitted when converting *sc.s*-sentences to *sc.n*-sentences).

However, unlike *sc.s*-texts in *sc.n*-texts:

- new kinds of *sc*-expressions (namely, *sc*-expressions that have a two-dimensional character) are added;
- a new kind of sentence separators – a blank line – is added;
- the placement of sentences, taking into account the two-dimensional nature of this placement, is changed.

New types of *sc*-expressions are added to the *SCn-code* compared to the *SCs-code*:

- an *sc*-expression, which is a two-dimensional *sc.n*-text delimited by an *sc.n*-contour or an *sc.n*-frame. Each *sc.n*-contour is represented conventionally as an opening curly bracket and a closing curly bracket located strictly below it through several lines. Inside these brackets (starting from the vertical markup line where the brackets are located to the right page edge), *sc.n*-text is placed. The resulting *sc.n*-frame is an image of the structure resulting from the translation of the specified *sc.n*-text into the *SC-code*. Each *sc.n*-frame is represented in the same way, only instead of curly braces it uses square brackets or square

brackets with an exclamation mark (in the case of a sample file);

- an *sc-expression*, which is a two-dimensional *sc.g-text* delimited by an *sc.n-contour* or an *sc.n-frame*;
- an *sc-expression*, which is a two-dimensional graphical representation of an information construct encoded in some *ostis-system* file, delimited by the *sc.n-frame*. Such an information construction can be a table, a picture, a photograph, a diagram, a graph, and more.

It is easy to notice that an *sc.n-contour* is essentially the two-dimensional equivalent of the *sc-expression* structure, and an *sc.n-frame* is the two-dimensional equivalent of the *sc-expression of the inner file* of the *ostis-system* or *sc-expression* denoting the pattern file of the *ostis-system*.

From a formal point of view, an *sc.n-frame* is always a single line of *sc.n-text*. This means that the *sc.n-frame* cannot be syntactically divided into parts within the *sc.n-text* in which it is used and cannot be inserted inside it, for example, with attached *sc.n-sentences* or any other text (unless the *sc.n-frame* contains *sc.n-text*, but in this case specified *sc.n-text* will still be considered as a complete external file and not as a fragment of the surrounding *sc.n-text*).

The *sc.n-sentences* uses a delimiter that is a representation of the structure, which is called an *sc.n-contour*.

The concept of the *sc.n-sentence* is a natural generalization of the concept of the *sc.s-sentence*. Moreover, similarly for *sc.s-sentences*, the concept of concepts are introduced:

- of a simple *sc.n-sentence*;
- of a complex *sc.n-sentence*;
- of an *sc.n-sentence* containing attached *sc.n-sentence*;
- of an *sc.n-sentence* that does not contain any attached *sc.n-sentence*;
- of an attached *sc.n-sentence*;
- of unattached *sc.n-sentence*.

If each unattached *sc.s-sentence* is either the first sentence of the *sc.s-text* or begins after the *sc.s-sentence* separator (double semicolon), then each unattached *sc.n-sentence* starts at the beginning of a new line.

If each attached *sc.s-sentence* starts either after the opening delimiter (opening bracket with an asterisk) or after the separator of the *sc.s-sentence*, then each attached *sc.n-sentence* starts on a new line under the *sc-identifier* that ends that *sc.n-sentence* (and accordingly, *sc.s-sentence*, respectively) in which this attached *sc.n-sentence* is embedded.

The first *sc-identifier* that is part of the *sc.n-sentence* before the *sc.s-connector* is highlighted in bold italics.

In *sc.n-sentences*, the double semicolon is not used as a sign of completion of these sentences and therefore is not used as a separator for *sc.n-sentences*. Such a separator is an empty line.

The two-dimensionality of the *SCn-code* gives more possibilities (degrees of freedom) for a clear and compact layout of the *sc.n-sentences*.

When the *sc.n-sentence* is drawn up, all the *sc.n-sentences* attached to it are clearly tabulated and attached to the original “vertical” one. The vertical tabulation line specifies the left border of the original (maximum) *sc.n-sentence* or the left border of the *sc.n-sentence* attached vertically.

The left border of the *sc.n-sentence* specifies the start of the first *sc.n-sentence* that is part of this *sc.n-sentence* and the start of the *sc.s-connector* that is incident to the specified *sc.s-identifier* and is placed strictly below this *sc-identifier*. The distance between the vertical tab lines is fixed and approximately equal to the maximum length of the *sc.s-connector*.

In contrast to *sc.s-texts*, in *sc.n-texts*, an *sc.s-connector* can be incident to the preceding *sc-identifier* (either simple one or an *sc-expression*) not only “horizontally” but also “vertically”. To do this, the *sc.s-connector* is placed strictly below the *sc-identifier* that precedes it.

Also “vertical” *sc-identifier* can be incident to not one but several *sc.s-connectors*, which are consecutively “vertically” placed under the specified *sc-identifier*. This allows within one *sc.n-sentence* representing an arbitrary number of “branches” from each *sc-identifier*, i.e. an arbitrary number of *sc.s-connectors* incident to that *sc-identifier*.

Each *sc-identifier*, including the *sc-expression* delimited by curly or square brackets, must be placed immediately to the right of the vertical marking line if an *sc.s-connector* is placed below it.

Each *sc.s-connector* is highlighted in bold, non-cursive font and, if it is below an incident *sc-identifier*, is placed strictly between the two vertical marking lines, nestled to the left of these two marking lines.

Since in relation to the *SCn-code*, the *SCs-code* is the syntactic core of the language*, the *SCn-code* can be considered as the result of integrating several extensions of the *SCs-code* based on the syntactic transformation rules of *sc.s-texts* and *sc.n-texts*, oriented towards making better usage of those possibilities of visibility and compactness of *sc.n-texts* which are opened by the transition from linearity of *sc.s-texts* to two-dimensional *sc.g-texts*.

The list of operations defined on the set of *sc.n-sentences* is as follows:

- Transformation operation of *sc.s-sentence* to the *sc.n-sentence**

Every *sc.s-sentence* written linearly (“horizontally”) can be transformed into the corresponding two-dimensional *sc.n-sentence*. Let us list the basic rules for transforming *sc.s-sentences* into *sc.n-sentences*

- The *sc.s-connector* can be placed on the next line below the preceding *sc-identifier*, starting from

the same character of the next line as the specified *sc-identifier*;

- If the *sc-identifier* is moved to the next line, it is continued on the next line with the same indentation from the beginning of the line as the specified *sc-identifier* starts;
- A semicolon-delimited listing of *sc-identifiers* can be carried out not “line by line” but “column by column” by placing each following *sc-identifier* strictly below the preceding one. In this case, the semicolon separator can be replaced by a circle marker placed in front of each *sc-identifier* to be enumerated;
- a closing curly or square bracket may be placed strictly below the corresponding opening bracket;
- The *sc-identifier* in the *sc.n-sentence* can be connected to other *sc-identifiers* via several different *sc.s-connectors*. In this case, each of these *sc.s-connector* is placed strictly below the preceding one but only after the recording of the entire, generally branched, chain of *sc.s-connector* and *sc-identifier* that starts with the preceding *sc.s-connector* is completed. In the *SCs-code*, there is no analogue to such sentences with the unrestricted possibility of describing “branched” connections of *sc-identifiers*. Consequently, if in *sc.s-text*, the *sc-identifier* can be incident to no more than two *sc.s-connectors* (to its left and right), then in *sc.n-text*, *sc-identifier* can additionally be incident to an unlimited number (not necessarily identical) of *sc.s-connectors* that are placed “vertically” strictly below it.

• Attachment operation of the *sc.n-sentence**

Some *sc.n-sentence* can be attached to another *sc.n-sentence* if this other *sc.n-sentence* has an *sc-identifier* (but not an *sc.s-modifier*) that begins the first (attachable) *sc.n-sentence*. Joining is done as follows:

- The initial *sc-identifier* of the attached sentence is omitted;
- The remainder of the *sc.n-sentence*, starting from the *sc.s-connector*, is written under the same *sc.s-identifier* but forming part of the *sc.n-sentence* to which this *sc.n-sentence* is attached. All indents in the attached *sc.n-sentence* are shifted accordingly. An arbitrary number of any number of branches can be formed in this way.

In essence, the semantics of the *sc.n-sentence* is the set of routes in *sc-text*, possibly intersecting and originating from a given *sc-element*.

IX. EXAMPLE OF THE TEXT REPRESENTED IN THE SCG-CODE, SCs-CODE, AND SCn-CODE

Let us consider the fragment of the *sc.g-text* shown in Figure 5. This fragment represents a class of material

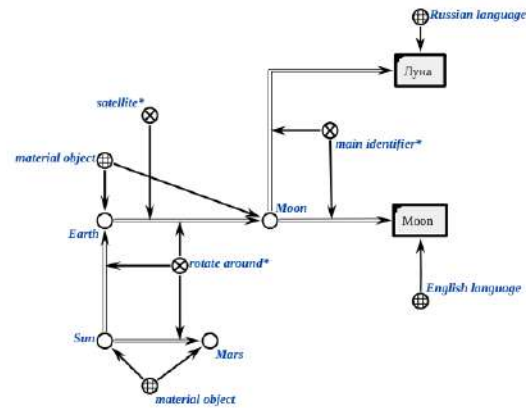


Figure 5. A fragment of the *sc.g-text*

```
material object -> Moon; Sun; Mars; Earth;;
Sun => rotate around*: Earth; Mars;;
Earth => rotate around*: Moon;;
Earth => satellite*: Moon;;
Moon
=> main identifier:
  [Луна]
  (* <- Russian language;; *);
  [Moon]
  (* <- English language;; *);;
```

Figure 6. A fragment of the *sc.s-text*

objects including: Earth, Moon, Sun, Mars. The material object “Moon” has two main identifiers, in Russian and English. “Earth” and “Mars” are related to “Sun” by a “revolve around*” relation. “Moon” is related to “Earth” using the “satellite*” relation.

Any *sc.g-text* can easily be represented by the *sc.s-text*. Accordingly, the fragment of *sc.g-text* described above is represented in *sc.s-text* in Figure 6:

In Figure 7, a fragment of the above text in the *SCn code* is shown.

X. CONCLUSION

In this article, the concepts of internal and external languages of a next-generation intelligent computer system, the family of external languages of *ostis-systems* are considered. The syntax and denotational semantics of the *SCg-code*, *SCs-code*, *SCn-code* are clarified.

Examples of information constructions described with the *SCg-code*, *SCs-code*, *SCn-code* are given.

The results obtained will improve the future development of next-generation intelligent computer systems, as well as the compatibility and interoperability of the components of such systems.



Figure 7. A fragment of the sc.n-text

Семейство внешних языков интеллектуальных компьютерных систем нового поколения, близких языку внутреннего смыслового представления знаний

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В работе рассматриваются понятия внешних и внутренних языков интеллектуальных компьютерных систем нового поколения. Описываются внешние языки представления знаний в рамках *Технологии OSTIS*, а именно *SCg-код*, *SCs-код*, *SCn-код*. Для каждого из внешних языков уточнены и детально рассмотрены синтаксис и денотационная семантика.

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