

Annotated Z bibliography

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Introduction

This annotated Z bibliography contains a selected list of some pertinent publications for Z users. Most of those included are readily available, either as books or in journals. A few unpublished items have been included, where they are particularly relevant and can be obtained reasonably easily.

Some references are accompanied by an annotation. This may include a contents list (of a book), a list of the titles of Z related papers (in a collection) with cross-references to the full details, or a summary of the work.

Cross-references

The bibliography in the last section lists all references in alphabetical order by author. In this section papers are arranged by subject (with authors and brief details of the subject matter), together with cross-references to the full details in the bibliography.

Management, style, and method

For justifications for using formality, and quick introductions to Z, see:

Cohen/McDermid. Justification of formal methods and notations^{63,199}.

Meyer. On formalism in specifications²⁰⁴.

Spivey. Introduction to Z²⁶⁹.

Wing. General introduction to formal methods including Z^{305,306}.

Woodcock. Structuring specifications³¹¹.

For discussion about using formal methods in practice, see:

Barden *et al.* Z in practice²⁰.

Barroca/McDermid, Bowen/Stavridou and Gerhart *et al.* Formal methods and safety-critical systems^{22,45,46,118,201}.

Gerhart. Applications of formal methods¹¹⁶.

Hall and Bowen/Hinchey. Myths and guidance about formal methods^{124,40,41,42}.

Worden. Fermenting and distilling ideas³¹⁹.

Educational issues are presented and discussed in:

Cooper. Educating management⁶⁸.

Garlan. Effective integration of formal methods into a professional master of software engineering course¹¹³.

Saiedian. The mathematics of computing²⁵².

Swatman. Educating information systems professionals²⁹⁰.

Various papers describing good specification style are:

Ainsworth *et al.* The use of viewpoint specifications, a technique which concentrates on making large specifications more understandable⁶.

Duke. Enhancing structure⁹².

Gravell. Minimization in specification/design and what makes a good specification^{122,123}.

Macdonald. Usage and abuse¹⁸⁹.

Much work has been done on attempting to integrate Z with traditional structured analysis methods. Some of this is described in:

Aujla *et al.* A rigorous review technique¹⁴.

Bryant *et al.* Structured methodologies and formal notations⁵⁵.

Draper. Z and SSADM⁹⁰.

Giovanni and Iachini. HOOD and Z⁸³.

Polack *et al.* SAZ Method—Structured analysis and Z^{238–240}.

Josephs and Redmond-Pyle. Entity-relationship models, structured methods, and Z^{165,166}.

Randell. Data flow diagrams and Z^{245,246}.

Semmens and Allen. Yourdon and Z²⁵⁶.

Semmens *et al.* Integrated structured analysis and formal specification techniques²⁵⁷.

van Hee *et al.* Petri nets and Z²⁹⁹.

Other work towards the development of a 'method' for Z itself include:

Barden *et al.* Z in practice²⁰.

Hall and McDermid. Towards a Z method using axiomatic specification in Z (using order sorted algebra and OBJ3 in particular)¹²⁷.

Neilson. A rigorous development method from Z to C²¹⁹.

Wood. A practical approach using Z and the refinement calculus³⁰⁸.

Wordsworth. Software development with Z³²¹.

The application of metrics to formal specifications has been studied:

Whitty and Bainbridge *et al.* Structural metrics for Z specifications^{302,17}.

A formal specification in Z can be useful for deciding test cases, etc. Work on testing is reported in:

Ammann and Offutt. Functional and test specifications based on the category-partition method^{8,9}.

Carrington and Stocks. Formal methods and software testing⁶⁰.

Cusack and Wezeman. Deriving tests for objects specified in Z⁷⁷.

Hall. Testing with respect to formal specification¹²⁸.

Hayes. Specification directed module testing¹³³.

Stocks. Applying formal methods to software testing²⁸¹.

Stocks and Carrington. Deriving software test cases from formal specifications²⁸².

Stocks and Carrington. Test templates: a specification-based testing framework and case study^{283,284}.

Application areas

Surveys of formal methods, including Z users, are reported in:

Austin and Parkin. Formal methods: a survey¹⁵.

Barden *et al.* Use of Z (in the UK)¹⁹.

Craigen *et al.* An international survey of major industrial formal methods applications, including a number using Z^{71-73,117,118}.

One of the high profile users of Z is IBM UK Laboratories at Hursley for specification and development of the CICS transaction processing system. General descriptions of the CICS project include:

Collins *et al.* Introducing formal methods: the CICS experience with Z⁶⁴.

Houston and King. CICS project report¹⁴⁷.

Nix and Collins. Use of software engineering and Z in the development of CICS²²⁸.

Phillips. CICS experience throughout the lifecycle²³⁵.

Wordsworth. The CICS application programming interface (API) definition³²⁰.

Specifying secure systems is discussed in:

Jones. Verification of critical properties¹⁶⁰.

Smith and Keighley. A secure transaction mechanism (SWORD secure DBMS)²⁶⁷.

Not all Z specifications are of software systems. Much interesting and important work has been done on formally specifying hardware, including microprocessors. The Inmos T800 transputer Floating Point Unit microcode development is a major real example where formal methods have saved time by reducing the amount of testing needed.

May. Shepherd *et al.* T800 transputer FPU development^{196-198,260,261}.

More technical papers on hardware applications (including embedded software) are:

Barrett. A floating-point number system (IEEE standard)²¹.

Bowen. Microprocessor instruction sets (Motorola M6800 and transputer)^{29,30,33}.

Delisle/Garlan and Hayes. Oscilloscopes, including reuse of specifications^{81,82,114,135}.

Kemp. Viper microprocessor^{167,168}.

Smith and Duke. Cache coherence protocol (in Object-Z)²⁶⁶.

Spivey. Real-time kernel²⁷¹.

Communications systems and protocols are specified in:

Bowen *et al.* Network services via remote procedure calls (RPC)²⁹.

Butler. Service extension (PABX)⁵⁷.

Duke *et al.* Protocol specification and verification using Z⁹⁵.

Duke *et al.* Object-oriented protocol specification (mobile phone system, in Object-Z)⁹⁸.

Gotzhein. Open distributed systems¹²¹.

Haughton. Safety and liveness properties of communication protocols¹³².

Mataga and Zave. Formal specification of telephone features¹⁹⁴.

Pilling *et al.* Inheritance protocols for real-time scheduling²³⁶.

Till and Potter. Gateway functions within a communications network²⁹³.

Zave and Jackson. Specification of switching systems (PBX)³²³.

The following papers describe the use of Z for various graphics applications, standards (especially GKS), and human computer interfaces:

Abowd *et al.* A survey of user interface languages including Z².

Arnold *et al.* Configurable models of graphics systems (GKS)^{10,11}.

Bowen. Formal specification of window systems (X in particular)^{31,34}.

Brown and Bowen. An extensible input system for Unix⁵³.

Dix *et al.* Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)⁸⁸.

Duce *et al.* Formal specification of *Presentation Environments for Multimedia Objects* (PREMO)⁹¹.

Harrison. Engineering human-error tolerant software¹³⁰.

Johnson. Specification and prototyping of concurrent multi-user interfaces¹⁵⁶.

Johnson and Harrison. Declarative graphics and dynamic interaction¹⁵⁷.

Narayana and Dharap. Formal specification of a look manager and a dialog system^{214,215}.

Nehlig and Duce. Formal specification of the GKS design primitive²¹⁷.

Sufrin. Formal specification of a display-oriented editor²⁸⁷.

Sufrin and He. Effective user interfaces and interactive processes^{286,289}.

Took. A formal design for an autonomous display manager²⁹⁴.

An important application area for formal methods is safety-critical systems where human lives may depend on correctness of the system.

Barroca/McDermid, Bowen/Stavridou and Gerhart *et al.* Surveys covering formal methods and safety-critical systems^{22,45,46,118,201}.

Bowen *et al.* Safety-critical systems and standards^{35,39,46}.
Knight and Littlewood. Special issue of *IEEE Software on Safety-Critical Systems*¹⁷³.

Place and Kang. Safety-critical software: status report and annotated bibliography²³⁷.

Some examples of the application of Z to safety-critical systems are in:

Jacky. Formal specifications for a clinical cyclotron¹⁵²⁻¹⁵⁴.
Knight and Kienzle. Using Z to specify a safety-critical system in the medical sector¹⁷².

Ruddle. Specification of real-time safety-critical control systems²⁵⁰.

Other papers describing a variety of applications using Z include:

Abowd *et al.* Software architectures¹.

Bowen. A text formatting tool³².

Bowen, Lano and Breuer. Reverse engineering^{36,178}.

Brownbridge. CASE toolset (for SSADM)⁵⁴.

Butcher. A behavioural semantics for Linda-2⁵⁶.

Craig. Specification of advanced AI architectures⁷⁰.

de Barros and Harper. Formal specification and derivation of relational database applications^{78,79}.

Fenton and Mole. Flowgraph transformation¹⁰⁴.

Morgan and Sufrin. Specification of the Unix filing system²⁰⁹.

Nash. Large systems²¹⁶.

Reizer *et al.* Requirements specification of a proposed POSIX standard²⁴⁸.

Stepney. High integrity compilation²⁷⁶.

Sufrin. A Z model of the Unix *make* utility²⁸⁸.

Woodcock *et al.* Formal specification of the UK Defence Standard 00-56³¹⁵.

Zhang and Hitchcock. Designing knowledge-based systems and information systems³²⁵.

Textbooks on Z

Diller. Z: an introduction to formal methods (2nd edn)⁸⁶.

Hayes *et al.* Specification case studies (the first book on Z, now in its 2nd edition, containing an excellent selection of example Z specifications)¹³⁹.

Imperato. An introduction to Z¹⁴⁹.

Ince. An introduction to discrete mathematics and formal system specification (2nd edn)¹⁵⁰.

Lightfoot. Formal specification using Z¹⁸³.

McMorran and Powell. Z guide for beginners²⁰².

Norcliffe and Slater. Mathematics of software construction²²⁹.

Potter, Sinclair and Till. An introduction to formal specification and Z (a popular first textbook on Z)²⁴¹.

Ratcliff. Introducing specification using Z²⁴⁷.

Woodcock and Loomes. Software engineering mathematics³¹⁷.

Wordsworth. Software development with Z³²¹.

A video course is also available^{230,231}.

Language details

Z's syntax, semantics and mathematical toolkit are being internationally standardized under ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22. A draft version of the standard is available:

Brien and Nicholls. Z Base Standard, version 1.0⁵².

The definition of the Z syntax and mathematical toolkit used by many practitioners are in:

Spivey. Z reference manual (2nd edn)²⁷³.

More technical works describing Z's formal semantics are in:

Gardiner *et al.* A simpler semantics¹¹².

Spivey. Understanding Z²⁶⁸.

Spivey and Sufrin. Type inference²⁷⁴.

van Diepen and van Hee. The link between Z and the relational algebra²⁹⁸.

Z is often compared and contrasted with VDM (Vienna Development Method). The following papers show the cross-fertilization and comparisons between the two:

Bera. Structuring for the VDM specification language, in response to the Z schema notation²⁶.

Gilmore. Correctness-oriented approaches to software development in which the Z, VDM and algebraic styles are compared¹¹⁹.

Hayes. A comparative case study of VDM and Z¹³⁸.

Hayes *et al.* Understanding the differences between VDM and Z¹⁴¹.

Lindsay. A VDM perspective on reasoning about Z specifications and transferring VDM verification techniques to Z^{184,185}.

Lindsay and van Keulen. Case studies in the verification of specifications in VDM and Z¹⁸⁶.

Monahan and Shaw. Model-based specifications, including a discussion of the respective trade-offs in specification between Z and VDM²⁰⁶.

Reasoning about Z specifications is addressed in:

Morgan and Sanders. Laws of the Logical Calculi²⁰⁸.

Woodcock. Calculating properties (preconditions)³⁰⁹.

Woodcock/Brien and Martin. \mathbb{W} , a logic for Z^{193,314}.

Work on refining Z-like specifications towards an implementation (see also 'Conference proceedings' section later) includes:

Barrett. Refinement from Z to microcode via Occam²¹.

Bailes and Duke. Class refinement¹⁶.

Baumann. Z and natural semantics programming language theory for algorithm refinement²³.

Diller. Hoare logic⁸⁵ and Part II: *Methods of Reasoning* in⁸⁶.

Fidge. Real-time refinement and program development¹⁰⁷⁻¹⁰⁹.

Gilmore. Correctness-oriented approaches to software development (Z, VDM and algebraic styles are compared)¹¹⁹.

He *et al.* Foundations for data refinement¹⁴⁴.

Jacob. Varieties of refinement¹⁵⁵.

Josephs. Data refinement calculation for Z specifications¹⁶³.
King and Sørensen. Specification and design of a library system¹⁷¹.
Lano and Haughton. Reasoning and refinement in object-oriented specification languages^{177,180}.
Mahoney/Hayes *et al.* Timed refinement¹⁹⁰⁻¹⁹².
Neilson. Hierarchical refinement of Z specifications and a rigorous development method from Z to C^{218,219}.
Sennett. Using refinement to convince (pattern matching in ML)²⁵⁸.
Sennett. Demonstrating the compliance of Ada programs with Z specifications²⁵⁹.
Sufrin and He. Specification, analysis and refinement of interactive processes²⁸⁹.
Whysall and McDermid. Object-oriented specification and refinement³⁰⁴.
Wood. Software refinery³⁰⁷.
Woodcock. Implementing promoted operations in Z³¹².
Woodcock and Morgan. Refinement of state-based concurrent systems³¹⁸.
Wordsworth. Software development with Z³²¹.

The 'refinement calculus' approach to refinement is espoused in:

King. Z and the refinement calculus¹⁷⁰.
Morgan. A standard student textbook (2nd edn)²⁰⁷.
Morgan and Vickers. Collected research papers²¹⁰.
Wood. A practical approach using Z and the refinement calculus³⁰⁸.

The related B-Method, with associated B-Tool, B-Toolkit and Abstract Machine Notation (AMN), have been developed by Abrial *et al.*, also the progenitor of Z:

Abrial. The B-Tool, B-Method and forthcoming B-Book³⁻⁵.
Dehbonei and Mejia. Use of B in the railways signalling industry⁸⁰.
Diller and Docherty. A comparison of Z and Abstract Machine Notation⁸⁷.
Neilson and Prasad. zedB (a prototype B-based proof tool)^{220,221}.
Ritchie *et al.* Experiences in using the Abstract Machine Notation in a GKS graphics standard case study²⁴⁹.
Storey and Haughton. A strategy for the production of verifiable code using the B-Method²⁸⁵.

Execution of formal specifications is a subject of perennial debate. See:

Hayes and Jones. Specifications are not (necessarily) executable¹⁴⁰.

A retort may be found in:

Fuchs. Specifications are (preferably) executable¹¹¹.

Animating Z specifications is discussed in:

Breuer and Bowen. Correct executable semantics for Z using abstract interpretation, including an informal taxonomy of approaches⁵¹.
Dick *et al.* Computer aided transformation of Z into Prolog⁸⁴.
Diller. Part IV: *Specification Animation* (using Miranda)⁸⁶.

Doma and Nicholl. EZ: automatic prototyping⁸⁹.
Goodman. Animating Z specifications in Haskell using a monad¹²⁰.
Hasselbring. Animation of Object-Z specifications with a set-oriented prototyping language¹³¹.
Johnson and Sanders. Functional implementations (Z to Miranda)¹⁵⁸.
Love. Animating Z specifications in SQL¹⁸⁷.
Stepney and Lord. An access control system (Z to Prolog)²⁸⁰.
Valentine. Z--, an executable subset of Z²⁹⁶.
West and Eaglestone. Two approaches to animation (Z to Prolog)³⁰⁰.

Specific language features are addressed in:

Arthan and Smith. Free types in Z (including recursion)^{13,263}.
Hayes. A generalization of bags¹³⁴.
Hayes. Interpretations of schema operators¹³⁶.
Hayes. Multi-relations in Z (a cross between multi-sets and binary relations)¹³⁷.
Lupton. Promotion and forward simulation¹⁸⁸.
Morgan and Sufrin. Schema framing²⁰⁹.
Woodcock. Proof rules for promotion and implementing promoted operations^{310,312}.

Some research has been undertaken in using and adapting Z to model concurrent systems:

Coombes and McDermid. Specifying distributed real-time systems⁶⁶.
Evans. Visualizing, specifying and verifying concurrent systems using Z^{101,102}.
Johnson. Applying temporal logic to support the specification and prototyping of concurrent multi-user interfaces¹⁵⁶.
Lamport. TLZ: Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA) and Z¹⁷⁵.
Narayana and Dharap. Invariant properties in a dialog system²¹⁵.
Schuman *et al.* Object-oriented process specification²⁵⁵.

In particular, there has been some work on combining Z and CSP (Communicating Sequential Processes), a formal process model with associated algebra for concurrent systems:

Benjamin. A message passing system: an example of combining CSP and Z²⁴.
Josephs. Theoretical work on a state-based approach to communicating processes¹⁶⁴.
Woodcock and Morgan. Refinement of state-based concurrent systems³¹⁸.

Researchers have also considered modelling and reasoning about real-time systems, for example, by combining temporal logic with Z:

Coombes and McDermid. Specifying temporal requirements for distributed real-time systems⁶⁶.
Duke and Smith. Temporal logic and Z specifications⁹⁹.
Engel. Specifying real-time systems with Z and the duration calculus¹⁰⁰.
Fergus and Ince. Model logic and Z specifications item¹⁰⁵.
Fidge. Specification and verification of real-time behaviour using Z and RTL¹⁰⁶.
Fidge. Real-time refinement and program development¹⁰⁷⁻¹⁰⁹.

He Jifeng *et al.* Provably correct systems, including the use of Duration Calculus with schemas for structuring¹⁴³.
 Johnson. Applying temporal logic to support the specification and prototyping of concurrent multi-user interfaces¹⁵⁶.
 Lamport. TLZ: Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA) and Z¹⁷⁵.
 Mahoney/Hayes *et al.* Timed refinement^{190–192}.
 Narayana and Dharap. Invariant properties in a dialog system using Z and temporal logic²¹⁵.
 Pilling *et al.* Inheritance protocols for real-time scheduling²³⁶.
 Ruddle. Specification of real-time safety-critical control systems²⁵⁰.
 Smith. An object-oriented approach including a formalization of temporal logic history invariants²⁶⁴.

Conference proceedings

Regular Z User Meetings are organized by the Z User Group and have had published proceedings since the 4th meeting:

Nicholls. 4th Z User Meeting, Oxford, 1989²²².
 Nicholls. 5th Z User Meeting, Oxford, 1990²²⁴.
 Nicholls. 6th Z User Meeting, York, 1991²²⁶.
 Bowen and Nicholls. 7th Z User Meeting, London, 1992⁴⁴.
 Bowen and Hall. 8th Z User Meeting, Cambridge, 1994³⁸.
 Bowen and Hinchey. 9th Z User Meeting, Limerick, 1995⁴³.

The regular Refinement Workshop is organized by BCS-FACS. Papers cover a variety of refinement techniques from specification to code, and include some Z examples:

McDermid. 1st Refinement Workshop, York, 1988²⁰⁰.
 Morgan and Woodcock. 3rd Refinement Workshop, Hursley, 1990²¹¹.
 Morris and Shaw. 4th Refinement Workshop, Cambridge, 1991²¹².
 Jones *et al.* 5th Refinement Workshop, London, 1992¹⁶⁰.
 Till. 6th Refinement Workshop, London, 1994²⁹².

FME Symposia are held every 18 months, organized by Formal Methods Europe. These grew out of the later VDM-Europe conferences which included papers on Z:

Bloomfield *et al.* VDM'88, Dublin²⁸.
 Bjørner *et al.* VDM'90, Kiel²⁷.
 Prehn and Toetenel. VDM'91, Noordwijkerhout^{242,243}.
 Woodcock and Larsen. FME'93, Odense³¹⁶.
 Naftalin *et al.* FME'94, Barcelona²¹³.

Tools

The ZIP Project tools catalogue lists some tools that support formatting, checking and proof of Z specifications:

Parker. Z tools catalogue²³⁴.

Details of individual tools may be found in:

Arthan. A proof tool based on HOL which grew into ProofPower (see below)¹².
 Bowen and Gordon. Z and HOL (a tool based on higher order logic)³⁷.
 Flynn *et al.* Formalizer (editor and type-checker)¹¹⁰.
 Jones. ICL ProofPower (a commercial tool based on HOL)¹⁶¹.

Jordan *et al.* CADiZ (formatter and type-checker)^{162,295}.
 Neilson and Prasad zedB (a prototype B-based schema expansion and precondition calculator tool)^{220,221}.
 Saaltink. Z and EVES (a tool based on ZF set theory)²⁵¹.
 Spivey. fUZZ (a commercial L^AT_EX formatter and type-checker, 2nd edn)²⁷².
 Xiaoping Jia. ZTC (a freely available type-checker)³²².

Object-oriented approaches

There has been much work recently to enhance Z with some of the structuring ideas from object-orientation. Overviews and comparisons can be found in:

Carrington. ZOOM workshop report⁵⁸.
 Lano and Haughton. Object-oriented specification case studies, many using extensions to Z¹⁸¹.
 Stepney *et al.* Collected papers and a survey on object-orientation in Z^{278,279}.

Object-Z is the best-documented and probably most widely used object-oriented extension to Z. The definitive description of the language is:

Duke *et al.* Version 1 of Object-Z⁹⁷.

Other Object-Z papers include:

Carrington *et al.* Object-Z: an object-oriented extension to Z⁵⁹.
 Duce *et al.* Formal specification of *Presentation Environments for Multimedia Objects* (PREMO)⁹¹.
 Duke and Duke. Towards a semantics⁹³.
 Duke and Duke. Aspects of object-oriented specification (card game example)⁹⁴.
 Duke *et al.* Object-oriented protocol specification (mobile phone system)⁹⁸.
 Hasselbring. Animation with a set-oriented prototyping language¹³¹.
 Rafsanjani and Colwill. From Object-Z to C++²⁴⁴.
 Smith and Duke. Cache coherence protocol²⁶⁶.

Descriptions of other object-oriented approaches in conjunction with Z may be found in:

Alencar and Goguen. OOZE: an object-oriented Z environment⁷.
 Chan and Trinder. An object-oriented data model supporting multi-methods, multiple inheritance, and static type-checking⁶².
 Cusack. Inheritance in object-oriented Z⁷⁵.
 Hall. A specification calculus for object-oriented systems and class hierarchies in Z^{125,126}.
 Hammond. Producing Z specifications from object-oriented analysis¹²⁹.
 Lano/Haughton *et al.* Z⁺⁺: an object-oriented extension to Z^{36,176,179}.
 Maung and Howse. Hyper-Z: a new approach to object-orientation¹⁹⁵.
 Meira and Cavalcanti. MooZ: Modular object-oriented Z specifications³⁰³.
 Schuman, Pitt *et al.* Object-oriented subsystem and process specification^{254,255}.
 Wezeman and Judge. Z for managed objects³⁰¹.
 Whysall and McDermid. Object-oriented specification and refinement^{303,304}.

On-line information

The BibTEX source for this bibliography and related information is available on-line via the World Wide Web under the following URL (Uniform Resource Locator):

<http://www.comlab.ox.ac.uk/archive/z/bib.html>

The bibliography is searchable. The user may provide a regular expression or select from a number of predefined keywords. Hyperlinks are included to documents that can be accessed on-line.

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- 4 Abrial, J-R 'The B method for large software, specification, design and coding (abstract)', in Prehn and Toetenel²⁴³ pp 398–405
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Contents: Mathematical reasoning; Set notation; Mathematical objects; Introduction to abstract machines; Formal definition of abstract machines; Theory of abstract machines; Constructing large abstract machines; Example of abstract machines; Sequencing and loop; Programming examples; Refinement; Constructing large software systems; Example of refinement; Appendices; Summary of the most current notations; Syntax; Definitions; Visibility rules; Rules and axioms; Proof obligations.
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The paper describes a general framework for the formal specification of modular graphics systems, illustrated by an example taken from the Graphical Kernel System (GKS) standard.
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- 20 Barden, R, Stepney, S and Cooper, D *Z in Practice* BCS Practitioner Series, Prentice-Hall (1994)
- 21 Barrett, G 'Formal methods applied to a floating-point number system' *IEEE Transactions of Software Engineering* Vol 15 No 5 pp 611–621 (May 1989)
This paper presents a formalization of the IEEE standard for binary floating-point arithmetic in Z. The formal specification is refined into four components. The procedures presented form the basis for the floating-point unit of the Inmos IMS T800 transputer. This work resulted in a joint UK Queen's Award for Technological Achievement for Inmos Ltd and the Oxford University Computing Laboratory in 1990. It was estimated that the approach saved a year in development time compared to traditional methods.
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