

An Event-B Specification of SquareRoot

This Event-B system is based on a model that appeared in the book: System Modelling & Design Using Event-B by Ken Robinson.

This project implements an integer square root algorithm. The algorithm performs a binary search of a value x such that $x*x = \text{input}$, ie x will become the square root.

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This is the mathematical definition of the function Sqrt.

EXTENDS Theories

CONSTANTS

1.1

Sqrt

AXIOMS

axm1: $\text{Sqrt} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

axm2: $\forall m, n. m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (m = \text{Sqrt}(n) \Leftrightarrow m * m \leq n \wedge (m + 1) * (m + 1) > n)$

theorem thm1:

$\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \text{Sqrt}(n) * \text{Sqrt}(n) \leq n \wedge (\text{Sqrt}(n) + 1) * (\text{Sqrt}(n) + 1) > n$

theorem thm2:

$\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n = \text{Sqrt}(n * n)$

END

Helpful theorems when proving the square root algorithm.

AXIOMS

axm1: $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (\exists m \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge (n = 2 * m \vee n = 2 * m + 1))$

Every natural number is either even or odd.

theorem thm2:

$\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n < (n + 1) * (n + 1)$

Every natural number is less than the square of its successor.

theorem thm3:

$\forall m, n \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n > m \Rightarrow (m + n) \div 2 < n$

The mean of any pair of unequal natural numbers is less than the larger of the pair.

theorem thm4:

$\forall m, n \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n > m \Rightarrow (m + n) \div 2 \geq m$

The mean of any pair of natural numbers is greater than or equal to the smaller of the pair.

END

We first define the sequence: setInput, SquareRoot, getResult. The value calculated is entirely described using the mathematical description.

SEES SquareRootDefinition

VARIABLES

3.1

input The value to calculate the square root for.
input_valid True when a number has been supplied
result This is the calculated result
result_valid True when $result = \text{sqrt}(num)$

INVARIANTS

inv_1: $input \in \mathbb{N}$
inv_2: $input_valid \in \text{BOOL}$
inv_3: $result \in \mathbb{N}$
inv_4: $result_valid \in \text{BOOL}$
inv_5: $input_valid = \text{TRUE} \wedge result_valid = \text{TRUE} \Rightarrow result = \text{SQRT}(input)$

EVENT INITIALISATION

THEN

act_1: $input := 0$
act_2: $input_valid := \text{FALSE}$
act_3: $result := 0$
act_4: $result_valid := \text{FALSE}$

END

EVENT setInput

3.2

ANY

v

WHERE

grd_1: $v \in \mathbb{N}$
grd_2: $input_valid = \text{FALSE}$
grd_3: $result_valid = \text{FALSE}$

THEN

act_1: $input := v$
act_2: $input_valid := \text{TRUE}$

END

EVENT SquareRoot

3.3

WHERE

grd_1: $input_valid = \text{TRUE}$
grd_2: $result_valid = \text{FALSE}$

THEN

act_1: $result := \text{SQRT}(input)$

An alternative is to specify a non-deterministic assignment:

$\text{sqrt} :| (\text{sqrt}' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \text{sqrt}' * \text{sqrt}' \leq num \wedge num < (\text{sqrt}' + 1) * (\text{sqrt}' + 1))$

act_2: $result_valid := \text{TRUE}$

END

EVENT getResult

3.4

ANY

out_result

WHERE

grd_1: *result_valid* = TRUE

grd_2: *out_result* = *result*

END

Add a lower and upper bound of the correct answer. Each improvement will narrow the bounds until, eventually, we have a single number as the answer.

REFINES `SquareRoot`

SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

low When improving we have a lower bound of the correct answer.
high And an upper bound of the correct answer.

INVARIANTS

`inv1_1:` $low \in \mathbb{N}$
`inv1_2:` $high \in \mathbb{N}$
`inv1_3:` $low + 1 \leq high$ The span is 1 or more.
`inv1_4:` $low * low \leq input$
`inv1_5:` $input < high * high$
`inv1_6:` $low < high$
`theorem thm1_1:`
 $low + 1 \neq high \Rightarrow low < (low + high) \div 2$
`theorem thm1_2:`
 $(low + high) \div 2 < high$
`theorem thm1_3:`
 $high - low > 0$
`theorem thm1_4:`
 $high - low \in \mathbb{N}$

VARIANTS

$high - low$ The variant guarantees that the span must decrease in each step. Eventually the span will be exactly one and low is the sought number .

EVENT `INITIALISATION`

EXTENDS `INITIALISATION`

THEN

`init1_1:` $low := 0$
`init1_2:` $high := 1$

END

EVENT `setInput`

When num is set, we specify that a lower and upper bound is magically selected in some way, that enables the improvement step to work. We do not yet know, how this magical selection is performed. Here we merely state that low and high are selected so that the predicates become true.

EXTENDS `setInput`

THEN

`act1_1:` $low :| low' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge low' * low' \leq v$
`act1_2:` $high :| high' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge v < high' * high'$

END

EVENT `SquareRoot`

We detect the terminating case, when $low+1=high$, then $low = \sqrt{num}$

REFINES `SquareRoot`

4.2

4.3

WHERE

grd1_1: $input_valid = \text{TRUE}$
grd1_2: $result_valid = \text{FALSE}$
grd1_3: $low + 1 = high$ We have found the best value.
thm1_1: $low * low \leq input$
thm1_2: $input < high * high$

THEN

act1_1: $result := low$
act1_2: $result_valid := \text{TRUE}$

END

CONVERGENT EVENT **Improve**

4.4

The improve event magically selects an l and h , that are an improvement on the existing bounds. We do not know how this is done, but we specify the result here.

ANY

l
 h

WHERE

grd1_1: $l \in \mathbb{N}$
grd1_2: $h \in \mathbb{N}$
grd1_3: $low + 1 \neq high$ We can still improve.
grd1_4: $low \leq l$ The new lower bound is higher.
grd1_5: $l * l \leq input$ But still not above the input.
grd1_6: $h \leq high$ The new higher bound is lower.
grd1_7: $input < h * h$ But still above the input.
grd1_8: $l + 1 \leq h$ The new span is 1 or more.
grd1_9: $h - l < high - low$ The new bound is an improvement.

THEN

act1_1: $low := l$
act1_2: $high := h$

END

We now split the improve event into `improveLowerBound` and `improveUpperBound`.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R1_AddIncrementalImprovements`

SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

5.1

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`

5.2

REFINES `Improve`

ANY

m

WHERE

`grd2_1`: $low + 1 \neq high$

`grd2_2`: $m \in \mathbb{N}$

`grd2_3`: $low < m \wedge m < high$

`grd2_4`: $m * m \leq input$ The new m is a better lower bound.

WITH

`l`: $l = m$ Therefore we pick the new m as the lower bound.

`h`: $h = high$ The high bound stays the same.

THEN

`act2_1`: $low := m$

END

EVENT `ImproveUpperBound`

5.3

REFINES `Improve`

ANY

m

WHERE

`grd2_1`: $low + 1 \neq high$

`grd2_2`: $m \in \mathbb{N}$

`grd2_3`: $low < m \wedge m < high$

`grd2_4`: $m * m > input$ The new m is a better upper bound.

WITH

`l`: $l = low$ The low bound stays the same.

`h`: $h = m$ Therefore we pick the new m as the higher bound.

THEN

`act2_1`: $high := m$

END

We now pick a suitable middle value by dividing by 2.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R2_WithImproveLowerOrUpper`
 SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

6.1

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`
 REFINES `ImproveLowerBound`
 ANY

6.2

m

WHERE

`grd3_1:` $low + 1 \neq high$
`grd3_2:` $m = (low + high) \div 2$
`grd3_3:` $m * m \leq input$ m is a better lower bound!

THEN

`act3_1:` $low := m$

END

EVENT `ImproveUpperBound`
 REFINES `ImproveUpperBound`
 ANY

6.3

m

WHERE

`grd3_1:` $low + 1 \neq high$
`grd3_2:` $m = (low + high) \div 2$
`grd3_3:` $m * m > input$

THEN

`act3_1:` $high := m$ m is a better upper bound!

END

We now store the middle value in a variable.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R3_AddDivisionToFindM`
 SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

7.1

mid Track each middle value to find next bound.,

INVARIANTS

inv1: $mid = (low + high) \div 2$
inv2: $mid \in \mathbb{N}$

EVENT `INITIALISATION`

THEN

init4_1: $input := 0$
init4_2: $input_valid := \text{FALSE}$
init4_3: $low := 0$
init4_4: $mid := 0$
init4_5: $high := 1$
init4_6: $result := 0$
init4_7: $result_valid := \text{FALSE}$

END

EVENT `setInput`

7.2

REFINES `setInput`

ANY

v

WHERE

grd4_1: $v \in \mathbb{N}$
grd4_2: $input_valid = \text{FALSE}$
grd4_3: $result_valid = \text{FALSE}$

THEN

init4_0: $input := v$
init4_1: $low := 0$
init4_2: $high := v + 1$
init4_3: $mid := (v + 1) \div 2$
init4_4: $input_valid := \text{TRUE}$

END

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`

7.3

REFINES `ImproveLowerBound`

WHERE

grd4_1: $low + 1 \neq high$
grd4_2: $mid * mid \leq input$

WITH

m: $m = mid$ *mid* is a better value for *low*

THEN

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act4_1:  low := mid
act4_2:  mid := (mid + high) ÷ 2

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END

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EVENT ImproveUpperBound
REFINES ImproveUpperBound
WHERE

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7.4

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grd4_1:  low + 1 ≠ high
grd4_2:  mid * mid > input

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WITH

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m:  m = mid    mid is a better value for high

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THEN

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act4_1:  high := mid
act4_2:  mid := (low + mid) ÷ 2

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END