

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

thm2:  $\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n = \text{Sqrt}(n * n)$

END

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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.

**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.

**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

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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* = **TRUE**  $\wedge$  *result\_valid* = **TRUE**  $\Rightarrow$  *result* = **SQRT**(*input*)

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## EVENT INITIALISATION

## THEN

*act\_1:*    *input* := 0  
*act\_2:*    *input\_valid* := **FALSE**  
*act\_3:*    *result* := 0  
*act\_4:*    *result\_valid* := **FALSE**

## END

## EVENT setInput

3.2

## ANY

*v*

## WHERE

*grd\_1:*    *v*  $\in \mathbb{N}$   
*grd\_2:*    *input\_valid* = **FALSE**  
*grd\_3:*    *result\_valid* = **FALSE**

## THEN

*act\_1:*    *input* := *v*  
*act\_2:*    *input\_valid* := **TRUE**

## END

## EVENT SquareRoot

3.3

## WHERE

*grd\_1:*    *input\_valid* = **TRUE**  
*grd\_2:*    *result\_valid* = **FALSE**

## THEN

*act\_1:*    *result* := **SQRT**(*input*)  
             An alternative is to specify a non-deterministic assignment:  
              $\text{sqrt} :| (\text{sqrt}' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \text{sqrt}' * \text{sqrt}' \leq \text{num} \wedge \text{num} < (\text{sqrt}' + 1) * (\text{sqrt}' + 1))$   
*act\_2:*    *result\_valid* := **TRUE**

## END

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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:*  $low + 1 \leq high$   
*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 zero and a number has been found.

#### 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 performed.

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
WHERE
  grd1_1:  input_valid = TRUE
  grd1_2:  result_valid = FALSE
  grd1_3:  low + 1 = high
  thm1_1:  low * low ≤ input
  thm1_2:  input < high * high
THEN
  act1_1:  result := low
  act1_2:  result_valid := 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:  low + 1 ≠ high
  grd1_2:   $l \in \mathbb{N} \wedge low \leq l \wedge l * l \leq input$ 
  grd1_3:   $h \in \mathbb{N} \wedge h \leq high \wedge input < h * h$ 
  grd1_4:   $l + 1 \leq h$ 
  grd1_5:   $h - 1 < high - low$ 
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:`  $m * m \leq input$   $m$  is a better lower bound!

WITH

`l:`  $l = m$

`h:`  $h = high$

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:`  $m * m > input$   $m$  is a better upper bound!

WITH

`l:`  $l = low$

`h:`  $h = m$

THEN

`act2_1:`  $high := m$

END



REFINEMENT SquareRoot\_R3\_AddDivisionToFindM

6

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

```

act4_1:   $low := mid$ 
act4_2:   $mid := (mid + high) \div 2$ 
END

```

```

EVENT ImproveUpperBound
REFINES ImproveUpperBound
WHERE

```

7.4

```

grd4_1:   $low + 1 \neq high$ 
grd4_2:   $mid * mid > input$ 
WITH
m:   $m = mid$    $mid$  is a better value for high
THEN
act4_1:   $high := mid$ 
act4_2:   $mid := (low + mid) \div 2$ 
END

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