

Comments

```
// one line
/* multiple
   lines */
```

Basic types

bool – Booleans
int – signed big integers
str – string literals
type Name = otherType
type alias, starts with
upper-case

Literals

false true

123 123_000 0x12abcd

"Quint": str, a string

Int: Set[int] – all integers

Nat: Set[int] – all non-
negative integers

Bool = Set(false, true)

Records

{ name: str, age: int }
record type

{ name: "TLA+", age: 33 }
new record of two fields

R.name the field value

R.with("name", "Quint")
copy of R but with the field
set to the new value

{ f1: e1, fN: eN, ...R }
copy of R but with the fields
f1 to fN set to the e1 to eN

fieldNames(R): Set[str]
the set of field names

Sets - core data structure!

Set[T] – type: set with
elements of type T

Set(1, 2, 3) – new set,
contains its arguments

1.to(4) – new set:
Set(1, 2, 3, 4)

1.in(S) – true, if the
argument is in S

S.contains(1) – the same

S.subseteq(T) – true, if
all elements of S are in T

S.union(T) – new set:
elements in S or in T

S.intersect(T) – new set:
elements both in S and in T

S.exclude(T) – new set:
elements in S but not in T

S.map(x => 2 * x) – new
set: elements of S are
transformed by expression

S.filter(x => x > 0) –
new set: leaves the elements
of S that satisfy condition

S.exists(x => x > 10) –
true, if some element of S
satisfies condition

S.forall(x => x <= 10) –
true, if all elements of S
satisfy condition

size(S) – the number of elements in
S, unless S is infinite (Int or Nat)

isFinite(S) – true, if S is finite

Set(1, 2).powerset() all subsets:
Set(Set(), Set(1), Set(2), Set(1, 2))

flatten(S) – union of all sets in S

chooseSome(S) – an element of S via a fixed rule

S.fold(i, (s, x) => s + x) go over elements of
S in some order, apply the expression, continue
with the result; i is the initial value of s

Maps - key/value bindings

a -> b – type: binds keys of
type a to values of type b

Map(1 -> 2, 3 -> 6) – binds
keys 1, 3 to values 2, 6

S.mapBy(x => 2 * x) – binds
keys in S to expressions

M.keys() – the set of keys

M.get(key) – get the value
bound to key

M.set(k, v) – copy of M: but
binds k to v, if k has a value

M.put(key, v) – copy of M:
but (re-)binds k to v

M.setBy(k, (old => old + 1))
as M.set(k, v) but v is computed
via anonymous operator with old
== M.get(k)

S.setOfMaps(T) – new set:
contains **all maps** that bind
elements of S to elements of T

Set((1, 2), (3, 6)).setToMap()
new map: bind the first elements of
tuples to the second elements

Tuples

(str, int, bool)

tuple type

("Quint", 2023, true)

new tuple

T._1 T._2 T._3

get tuple elements

tuples(S1, S2, S3)

the set of all tuples with
elements in S1, S2, S3

Lists - use Set, if you can

List[T] – type: list with
elements of type T

[1, 2, 3] – new list, contains
its arguments in order

List(1, 2, 3) – the same

range(start, end) – new list
[start, start + 1, ..., end - 1]

length(L) – the number of
elements in the list L

L[i] – ith element,
if 0 <= i < length(L)

L.concat(K) – new list:
start with elements of L,
continue with elements of K

L.append(x) – new list:
just L.concat([x])

L.replaceAt(i, x) – L's copy
but the ith element is set to x

L.slice(s, e) – new list:
[L[s], ..., L[e - 1]]

L.select(x > 5) – new list:
leaves the elements of L that
satisfy condition

L.foldl(i, (s, x) => x + s)
go over elements of L in order,
apply expression, continue with
the result; i is the initial
value of s

head(L) – the element L[0]

tail(L) – new list:
all elements of L but the head

indices(L) – new set:
0.to(length(L) - 1)

Basic algebraic data types

under construction



Boolean expressions

$p == q$ – p equals q
 $\text{not}(b)$ – Boolean “not”
 $p != q$ – $\text{not}(p == q)$
 $p \text{ and } q$ – Boolean “and”
 $p \text{ or } q$ – Boolean “or”
 $p \text{ implies } q$ – $\text{not}(p)$ or q
 $p \text{ iff } q$ – $p == q$
 $\text{and } \{ p_1, \dots, p_k \}$
 $p_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } p_k$
 $\text{or } \{ p_1, \dots, p_k \}$
 $p_1 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } p_k$

Integer expressions

no overflows, priority top-to-bottom

i^j – i to the power of j
 $-i$ – negation
 $i * j$ i / j $i \% j$
 $i + j$ $i - j$
 $i < j$ $i \leq j$ $i > j$ $i \geq j$

Control flow

$\text{if } (p) \text{ } e_1 \text{ else } e_2$ – e_1 if p is true, and e_2 otherwise

Pure definitions

may be nested

$\text{pure val } N = 3 + 4$ – bind a constant expression to N

$\text{pure def } \text{max}(i, j) = \{$
 $\text{if } (i > j) \text{ } i \text{ else } j$
 $\}$ – bind the operator over constants to max

$(x, y) \Rightarrow \text{max}(i, j)$ – an anonymous operator (lambda).
Pass to other operators.

States and definitions

$\text{const } \text{Nodes}: \text{Set}[\text{str}]$ – declare a specification parameter, bind later with instance

$\text{var } \text{active}: \text{Set}[\text{str}]$ – declare a state variable, uninitialized

$\text{val } \text{allActive} =$
 $\text{active} == \text{Nodes}$ – define a constant in the current state

$\text{def } \text{isActive}(n) = \{$
 $n.\text{in}(\text{active})$
 $\}$ – define an operator of n and of the current state

Actions – to make state transitions

$\text{active}' = \text{Nodes}$ – record that active must be set to Nodes in a next machine state. Return true.

$\text{nondet } n = \text{oneOf}(\text{Nodes})$

A – pick an arbitrary element of Nodes , bind to n , call action A

$\text{assert}(\text{active} != \text{Set}())$ – report error if condition is false

$\text{action } \text{activate}(n) = \{$
 $\text{active}' = \text{active}.\text{union}(\text{Set}(n))$
 $\}$ – define an action

$\text{all } \{$
 $\text{isActive}("a"),$
 $\text{activate}("b"),$
 $\}$ – execute all actions in arbitrary order. Only if all actions return true, record the updates to the next state and return true. Otherwise, return false.

$\text{any } \{$
 $\text{activate}("a"),$
 $\text{activate}("b"),$
 $\}$ – execute some action that returns true, record its updates to the next state, return true. If no such action is available, return false.

Runs – tests and execution examples

$\text{init}.\text{then}(\text{step})$ – execute init .
On true, update the state variables, execute step .
On false, return false.

$n.\text{reps}(i \Rightarrow \text{step})$ – execute step n times, in sequence. Return true, only if all actions returned true. You can use the iteration number i .

$\text{step}.\text{fail}()$ – execute step .
If it returns false, return true.
If it returns true, return false.

$\text{run test1} =$
 $\text{activate}("a")$
 $\text{.then}(\text{activate}("b"))$
 $\text{.then}(\text{all } \{$
 $\text{assert}("a".\text{in}(\text{active})),$
 $\text{assert}("b".\text{in}(\text{active})),$
 $\text{active}' = \text{active},$
 $\})$ – a simple test

Temporal operators

safety and liveness



under construction

Modules

```
module A {  
  // pure definitions  
  pure def d(a, b) = a + b  
  // constants  
  const N: int  
  // state variables  
  var x: int  
  // actions  
  action init = x' = N  
  action step = x' = d(x, x)  
  // runs  
  // temporal operators  
}
```

```
module E {  
  // import B from the file B.qnt,  
  // which is located in the parent  
  // directory of the file containing E  
  import B.* from "../B"  
}
```

```
module G {  
  // nested modules are not allowed  
  module Nested {  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

```
module B {  
  // make all names of A visible in B  
  import A.*  
  val b = a + 1  
  // re-export the module A as B::A  
  export A  
}
```

```
module D {  
  // import all names from B  
  import B.*  
  // use the exported module A  
  val d = A::a + 3  
}
```

```
module F {  
  // import names from B via the name b  
  import B as bo  
  // now we can access b via bo::b  
  val f = bo::b  
}
```

```
module H {  
  // identifiers may contain ::  
  // that model namespaces  
  val namespace1::g = 3  
  // it's up to you  
  val even::more::nested = true  
}
```

```
module C {  
  // make an instance of A for N = 3  
  import A(N = 3) as a3  
  // make an instance of A for N = 4  
  import A(N = 4) as a4  
  // use a3::init and a4::init  
  action init = all {  
    a3::init,  
    a4::init,  
  }  
  
  action step = all {  
    a3::step,  
    a4::step,  
  }  
  // refer to the variables of a3, a4  
  val inv = a3::x != a4::x  
}
```

Basic spells

```
module MyModule {  
  // copy basicSpells.qnt and import it  
  import basicSpells.* from "./basicSpells"  
  // ...  
}
```

`require(cond)` – test whether *cond* holds true

`require(cond, msg)` – return *msg* if not(*cond*),
and "" otherwise

`max(i, j)` – return the maximum of *i* and *j*

`setRemove(S, e)` – remove *e* from a set *S*

`has(M, key)` – test whether *key* belongs to a map *M*

`getOrElse(M, key, default)` – returns *M*.get(*key*)
if *M*.has(*key*), and *default* otherwise

`mapRemove(M, key)` – remove the entry associated
with *key* from a map *M*

Common spells

```
module MyModule {  
  // copy commonSpells.qnt and import it  
  import commonSpells.* from "./commonSpells"  
  // ...  
}
```

`setSum(S)` – compute the sum of the elements in a set *S*

Rare spells

Check the link [\[spells\]](#)