

# Aurox language specification

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## 1 Syntax

Character classification:

- $\langle whitespace \rangle$  — HT, LF, CR, SPACE
- $\langle digit \rangle$  — 0-9
- $\langle lowercase \rangle$  — underscore or any other lowercase Unicode characters<sup>1</sup>
- $\langle uppercase \rangle$  — any uppercase Unicode characters<sup>2</sup>
- $\langle special \rangle$  — '-', '+', '\*', '/', '=', '>', '<', '.', '!', '@', '%', '^', ' ', '&', '\$', '|'

Any character sequence beginning with character # ending with LF are *comments*.

$\langle operator \rangle ::= \langle special \rangle$   
|  $\langle special \rangle \langle operator \rangle$

$\langle keyword \rangle ::= \text{let} \mid \text{in} \mid \text{if} \mid \text{and} \mid \text{or} \mid \text{then}$   
| **match** | **else** | **with** | **type** | **import**  
| **define** | **\_** | **defop** | **end** | **case**

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<sup>1</sup>All characters X which satisfy `char_type(X, lower)` predicate in SWI Prolog

<sup>2</sup>All characters X which satisfy `char_type(X, upper)` predicate in SWI Prolog

$\langle identifier \rangle ::= \langle lowercase \rangle \langle alphanum \rangle$   
 $\langle type\ name \rangle ::= \langle uppercase \rangle \langle alphanum \rangle$   
 $\langle alphanum \rangle ::= \langle alphanum\ char \rangle \langle alphanum \rangle \mid \epsilon$   
 $\langle alphanum\ char \rangle ::= \langle lowercase \rangle \mid ? \mid \langle digit \rangle$   
 $\langle integer \rangle ::= \langle digit \rangle \mid \langle digit \rangle \langle integer \rangle$   
 $\langle float \rangle ::= \langle integer \rangle . \langle digit\ sequence \rangle \langle exponent \rangle \mathbf{e}$   
 $\quad \mid \langle integer \rangle \langle exponent \rangle$   
 $\langle digit\ sequence \rangle ::= \langle digit \rangle \mid \langle digit \rangle \langle digit\ sequence \rangle$   
 $\langle e \rangle ::= \mathbf{e} \mid \mathbf{E}$   
 $\langle exponent \rangle ::= \langle e \rangle - \langle integer \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle e \rangle \langle integer \rangle$   
 $\langle boolean \rangle ::= \mathbf{false} \mid \mathbf{true}$   
 $\langle string \rangle ::= \text{``} \langle char\ sequence \rangle \text{''} \mid \text{'''}$   
 $\langle char \rangle ::= \text{' } \langle character \rangle \text{'}$   
 $\langle char\ sequence \rangle ::= \langle character \rangle \mid \langle character \rangle \langle char\ sequence \rangle$   
 $\langle character \rangle ::= \text{Unicode} \mid \backslash \backslash \mid \backslash \mathbf{b} \mid \backslash \mathbf{n} \mid \backslash \mathbf{f} \mid \backslash \mathbf{a} \mid \backslash \mathbf{r} \mid \backslash \mathbf{t} \mid \backslash \mathbf{0} \mid \backslash \text{''} \mid \backslash \text{'}$   
 $\langle program \rangle ::= \langle operator\ declaration \rangle \langle program \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle import \rangle \langle program \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle expression\ sequence \rangle \langle program \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle definition \rangle \langle program \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \epsilon$   
 $\langle operator\ declaration \rangle ::= \mathbf{defop} \langle operator \rangle \langle integer \rangle \langle associativity \rangle$   
 $\langle associativity \rangle ::= \mathbf{left} \mid \mathbf{right} \mid \mathbf{none} \mid \mathbf{prefix} \mid \mathbf{postfix}$   
 $\langle import \rangle ::= \mathbf{import} \langle import\ list \rangle \mathbf{end}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \text{import list} \rangle &::= \epsilon \mid \langle \text{string} \rangle \langle \text{import list} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{type name} \rangle \langle \text{import list} \rangle \\
\langle \text{definition} \rangle &::= \mathbf{define} \langle \text{function name} \rangle \langle \text{formal parameters} \rangle : \\
&\quad \langle \text{type} \rangle = \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \mathbf{end} \\
\langle \text{function name} \rangle &::= \langle \text{identifier} \rangle \mid ( \langle \text{operator} \rangle ) \\
\langle \text{formal parameters} \rangle &::= \langle \text{variable name} \rangle \langle \text{formal parameters} \rangle \mid \epsilon \\
\langle \text{variable name} \rangle &::= \langle \text{identifier} \rangle \mid \_ \\
\langle \text{type} \rangle &::= \langle \text{function type} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{function type} \rangle , \langle \text{tupe} \rangle \\
\langle \text{function type} \rangle &::= \langle \text{algebraic data type} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{function type} \rangle (->) \langle \text{algebraic data type} \rangle \\
\langle \text{algebraic data type} \rangle &::= \langle \text{type name} \rangle \langle \text{atomic type sequence} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{atomic type} \rangle \\
\langle \text{atomic type sequence} \rangle &::= \langle \text{atomic type} \rangle \langle \text{atomic type sequence} \rangle \mid \epsilon \\
\langle \text{atomic type} \rangle &::= \langle \text{identifier} \rangle \mid \langle \text{type name} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid [ \langle \text{type} \rangle ] \mid ( \langle \text{type} \rangle ) \\
\langle \text{type definition} \rangle &::= \mathbf{type} \langle \text{type name} \rangle \langle \text{formal parameters} \rangle \mathbf{with} \\
&\quad \langle \text{type constructors} \rangle \mathbf{end} \\
\langle \text{type constructors} \rangle &::= \mathbf{case} \langle \text{type name} \rangle \langle \text{atomic type} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \mathbf{case} \langle \text{type name} \rangle \\
\langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle &::= \langle \text{expression} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{expression} \rangle ; \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \\
\langle \text{expression} \rangle &::= \langle \text{pattern matching} \rangle \mid \langle \text{let definition} \rangle \\
&\quad \mid \langle \text{conditional expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{tuple expression} \rangle \\
\langle \text{let definition} \rangle &::= \mathbf{let} \langle \text{variable name} \rangle : \langle \text{type} \rangle = \\
&\quad \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \mathbf{in} \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \mathbf{end}
\end{aligned}$$

$\langle \text{conditional expression} \rangle ::= \text{if } \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \text{ then}$   
 $\quad \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \text{ else } \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \text{ end}$

$\langle \text{pattern matching} \rangle ::= \text{match } \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \text{ with}$   
 $\quad \langle \text{pattern matching cases} \rangle \text{ end}$

$\langle \text{pattern matching cases} \rangle ::= \langle \text{pattern case} \rangle \langle \text{pattern matching cases} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \epsilon$

$\langle \text{pattern case} \rangle ::= \text{case } \langle \text{pattern} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle$

$\langle \text{pattern} \rangle ::= \langle \text{destructor pattern} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{destructor pattern} \rangle , \langle \text{pattern} \rangle$

$\langle \text{destructor pattern} \rangle ::= \langle \text{type name} \rangle \langle \text{atomic pattern} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{atomic pattern} \rangle$

$\langle \text{atomic pattern} \rangle ::= \langle \text{variable name} \rangle | \langle \text{type name} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad ( \langle \text{pattern} \rangle )$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{list pattern} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{constant} \rangle$

$\langle \text{list pattern} \rangle ::= [ \langle \text{pattern} \rangle | \langle \text{variable name} \rangle ]$   
 $\quad | \quad [ \langle \text{pattern} \rangle ]$   
 $\quad | \quad [ ]$

$\langle \text{constant} \rangle ::= \langle \text{integer} \rangle | \langle \text{boolean} \rangle | \langle \text{float} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad ( ) | \langle \text{string} \rangle | \langle \text{char} \rangle$

$\langle \text{tuple expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{logical or} \rangle , \langle \text{tuple expression} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{logical or} \rangle$

$\langle \text{logical or} \rangle ::= \langle \text{logical and} \rangle \text{ and } \langle \text{logical or} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{logical and} \rangle$

$\langle \text{logical and} \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression none } 0 \rangle \text{ and } \langle \text{logical and} \rangle$   
 $\quad | \quad \langle \text{expression none } 0 \rangle$

$$\langle \text{expression none } N \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression right } N \rangle \langle \text{operator none } N \rangle^3$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{expression none } N \rangle \\ \langle \text{expression right } N \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\langle \text{expression right } N \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression left } N \rangle \langle \text{operator right } N \rangle^4$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{expression right } N \rangle \\ \langle \text{expression left } N \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\langle \text{expression left } N \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression postfix } N \rangle \langle \text{operator left } N \rangle^5$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \begin{array}{l} \langle \text{expression left } N \rangle \\ \langle \text{expression postfix } N \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\langle \text{expression postfix } N \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression prefix } N \rangle \langle \text{operator postfix } N \rangle^6$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{expression prefix } N \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{expression prefix } 20 \rangle ::= \langle \text{operator prefix } 20 \rangle^7 \langle \text{application} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{application} \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{expression prefix } N \rangle ::= \langle \text{operator prefix } N \rangle^8 \langle \text{expression none } (N+1) \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{expression none } (N+1) \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{application} \rangle ::= \langle \text{atomic expression} \rangle \langle \text{application} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{atomic expression} \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{atomic expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{constant} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad ( \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle )$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{list expression} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{lambda expression} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{operator} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{identifer} \rangle$$

$$\quad \mid \quad \langle \text{type name} \rangle$$

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<sup>3</sup>Operator defined with **none** associativity and N priority

<sup>4</sup>Operator defined with **right** associativity and N priority

<sup>5</sup>Operator defined with **left** associativity and N priority

<sup>6</sup>Operator defined with **postfix** associativity and N priority

<sup>7</sup>Operator defined with **prefix** associativity and 20 priority

<sup>8</sup>Operator defined with **prefix** associativity and N priority

$\langle \text{lambda expression} \rangle ::= \{ \mid \langle \text{formal parameters} \rangle \mid \langle \text{expression sequence} \rangle \}$

$\langle \text{list expression} \rangle ::= [ \mid$   
 $\quad \mid [ \langle \text{tuple expression} \rangle ]$   
 $\quad \mid [ \langle \text{tuple expression} \rangle \mid \langle \text{logical or} \rangle ]$

## 2 Semantics

$\frac{\rho(x) = v}{\rho \vdash x \Downarrow v}$

If  $c$  is a constant, then  $\overline{c \Downarrow c}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{if } e_1 \text{ then } e_2 \text{ else } e_3 \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{false} \quad \rho \vdash e_3 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{if } e_1 \text{ then } e_2 \text{ else } e_3 \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow \text{true}}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ and } e_2 \Downarrow \text{true}}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{false}}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ and } e_2 \Downarrow \text{false}}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{false} \quad \rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow \text{false}}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ and } e_2 \Downarrow \text{false}}$

$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow \text{false} \quad \rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow \text{false}}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ or } e_2 \Downarrow \text{false}}$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow true}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ or } e_2 \Downarrow true}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow true \quad \rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow true}{\rho \vdash e_1 \text{ or } e_2 \Downarrow true}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow v_0 \quad \rho[x \mapsto v_0] \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \{[x] \mid e_1\} e_2 \Downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_2 \Downarrow v_0 \quad \rho[x \mapsto v_0] \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \{[x] \mid e_1\} e_2 \Downarrow v}$$

$$\overline{\rho \vdash [] :: []}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v_1 \quad \rho \vdash [e_2, \dots, e_n] \Downarrow [v_2, \dots, v_n]}{\rho \vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] \Downarrow [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v_1 \quad \rho \vdash [e_2, \dots, e_n] \Downarrow [v_2, \dots, v_n] \quad \rho \vdash t \Downarrow [v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{n+k}]}{\rho \vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \mid t] \Downarrow [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1} \dots v_{n+k}]}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v_0 \quad \rho[x \mapsto v_0] \vdash e_2 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{let } x := e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v_0 \quad \rho \vdash e_2; \dots; e_n \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash e_1; e_2; \dots; e_n \Downarrow v}$$

$\rho'$  means the environment after unification with the pattern.

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e \Downarrow v_0 \quad v_0 = p \quad \rho' \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p \Rightarrow e_1 \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e \Downarrow v_0 \quad v_0 = p_1 \quad \rho' \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p_1 \Rightarrow e_1 \dots \text{case } p_n \Rightarrow e_n \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e \Downarrow v_0 \quad v_0 \neq p_1 \quad \rho \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p_2 \Rightarrow e_2 \dots \text{case } p_n \Rightarrow e_n \Downarrow v}{\rho \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p_1 \Rightarrow e_1 \text{ case } p_2 \Rightarrow e_2 \dots \text{case } p_n \Rightarrow e_n \text{ end} \Downarrow v}$$

Rules for entire programs.  $\epsilon$  stands for empty program.

$$\overline{\vdash \epsilon}$$

$$\frac{\rho[x \mapsto x] \vdash e_1 \Downarrow v \quad \rho[x \mapsto v] \vdash p_1 \dots p_n}{\rho \vdash \text{define } x := e_1 \text{ end } p_1 \dots p_n}$$

$$\frac{\rho \vdash e \Downarrow v \quad \rho \vdash p_1 \dots p_n}{\rho \vdash e p_1 \dots p_n}$$

### 3 Type system

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \alpha \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 :: \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash c :: \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{if } c \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \text{ end} :: \tau}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash [] :: [\tau]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash [e_2, \dots, e_n] :: [\tau]}{\Gamma \vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] :: [\tau]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] :: [\tau] \quad \Gamma \vdash e_{n+1} :: [\tau]}{\Gamma \vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \mid e_{n+1}] :: [\tau]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \tau_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1, e_2 :: \tau_1, \tau_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_n :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1; e_2; \dots e_n :: \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ and } e_2 :: \text{Bool}}$$



$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: Bool \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: Bool}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ or } e_2 :: Bool}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash x :: \tau}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash n :: Int}, \text{ where } n \text{ is an integer}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash x :: Float}, \text{ where } x \text{ is a real number}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash () :: Unit}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash true :: Bool}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash false :: Bool}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash s :: String}, \text{ where } s \text{ is a string.}$$

The following equivalence is true  $String \equiv [Char]$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash c :: Char}, \text{ where } c \text{ is a character}$$

If  $\otimes$  is a binary operator, then

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \otimes :: \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 :: \beta}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \otimes e_2 :: \tau}$$

If  $\otimes$  is prefix unary operator, then

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \otimes :: \alpha \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e :: \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash \otimes e :: \tau}$$

If  $\otimes$  is postfix unary operator, then

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \otimes :: \alpha \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e :: \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash e \otimes :: \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \alpha \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \alpha] \vdash e_2 :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x := e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \text{ end} :: \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \alpha] \vdash e :: \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \{|x| e\} :: \alpha \rightarrow \beta}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[x_1 \mapsto \alpha] \vdash \{|x_2 \dots x_n| e\} :: \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \{|x_1 x_2 \dots x_n| e\} :: \alpha \rightarrow \beta}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e :: \text{Void}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with end}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e :: \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash p :: \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash e_o :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p \Rightarrow e_o :: \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash p_1 :: \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash e :: \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 :: \tau \quad \text{match } e \text{ with case } p_2 \Rightarrow e_2 \dots \text{case } p_n \Rightarrow e_n :: \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{match } e \text{ with case } p_1 \Rightarrow e_1 \text{ case } p_2 \Rightarrow e_2 \dots \text{case } p_n \Rightarrow e_n :: \tau}$$

Rules for entire programs.  $\epsilon$  stands for an empty program.

$$\overline{\vdash \epsilon}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau] \vdash e :: \tau \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau] \vdash p_1 \dots p_n}{\Gamma \vdash \text{define } x := e \text{ end } p_1 \dots p_n}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma[f \mapsto \tau] \vdash \{|x_1 x_2 \dots x_n| e\} :: \tau \quad \Gamma[f \mapsto \tau] \vdash p_1 \dots p_n}{\Gamma \vdash \text{define } f x_1 x_2 \dots x_n := e \text{ end } p_1 \dots p_n}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e :: \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash p_1 \dots p_n}{\Gamma \vdash e \text{ } p_1 \dots p_n}$$