

Advanced Generic Definitions

[BGA]

Example 1 : Generic Three - Way Product

Generic function for three-component tuples:

$ \begin{array}{l} [X, Y, Z] \text{ -----} \\ \text{triple} : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow X \times Y \times Z \\ \text{getFirst} : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow X \\ \text{getSecond} : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow Y \\ \text{getThird} : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow Z \\ \hline \forall x : X \bullet \forall y : Y \bullet \forall z : Z \bullet \text{triple}(x, y, z) = (x, y, z) \wedge \\ \qquad \text{getFirst}(x, y, z) = x \wedge \\ \qquad \text{getSecond}(x, y, z) = y \wedge \\ \qquad \text{getThird}(x, y, z) = z \end{array} $
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Projection functions for triples.

Example 2 : Generic Binary Tree (Conceptual)

Binary trees are typically defined for specific types in Z notation rather than as fully polymorphic structures. For a concrete type like N, you would *define* : $Tree ::= \text{leaf} \mid \text{node}(\mathbb{N} \text{ cross Tree cross Tree})$. Generic trees require complex workarounds beyond standard gendef blocks, as free types in fuzz are not easily parameterized.

Example 6 : Generic State Schema

A generic container with capacity:

Note: Fuzz supports generic schemas using the schema[X] syntax (not gendef):

$ \begin{array}{l} \text{Container}[X] \text{ -----} \\ \text{contents} : \text{seq } X \\ \text{capacity} : \mathbb{N} \\ \hline \# \text{contents} \leq \text{capacity} \end{array} $

This schema is parameterized by the element type X.

It can be instantiated as Container[N], Container[Char], etc.

Example 7 : Generic Relation Operations

Relational composition for any types:

$ \begin{array}{l} [X, Y, Z] \text{ -----} \\ \text{compose} : (X \leftrightarrow Y) \times (Y \leftrightarrow Z) \rightarrow (X \leftrightarrow Z) \\ \hline \forall R : X \leftrightarrow Y \bullet \forall S : Y \leftrightarrow Z \bullet \text{compose}(R, S) = R \circ S \end{array} $

Composes two relations using forward composition.

Example 8 : Generic Option Type (Conceptual)

Optional values (like Maybe or Option in other languages) are challenging to express generically in Z notation due to limitations with parameterized free types. For a specific type, you would *define* : $Option ::= none \mid some(T)$. Fully generic option types with operations require advanced patterns beyond standard gendef blocks.

Example 9 : Generic Stack Schema

Note: Define generic schema separately, then declare operations in gendef:

$Stack[X]$
$items : seq\ X$ $maxSize : \mathbb{N}$
$\#items \leq maxSize$
$[X]$
$emptyStack : Stack[X]$ $stackSize : Stack[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
$emptyStack.items = \langle \rangle \wedge emptyStack.maxSize = 100$ $\forall s : Stack[X] \bullet stackSize(s) = \#s.items$

Generic stack with query operations.

The schema is defined separately using schema[X] syntax, then operations use gendef.

Example 10 : Generic Pair Schema

Use schema[X, Y] syntax for generic schemas:

$OrderedPair[X, Y]$
$first : X$ $second : Y$

A generic pair type.

The schema has two type parameters and can be instantiated as OrderedPair[N, Char], etc.

Example 11 : Generic Zip Function

Combine two sequences into a sequence of pairs:

$[X, Y]$
$zip : seq\ X \times seq\ Y \rightarrow seq\ (X \times Y)$
$zip(\langle \rangle, \langle \rangle) = \langle \rangle$ $\forall x : X \bullet \forall y : Y \bullet \forall xs : seq\ X \bullet \forall ys : seq\ Y \bullet zip(\langle x \rangle \hat{\ } xs, \langle y \rangle \hat{\ } ys) = \langle (x, y) \rangle \hat{\ } zip(xs, ys)$ $\forall xs : seq\ X \bullet zip(xs, \langle \rangle) = \langle \rangle$ $\forall ys : seq\ Y \bullet zip(\langle \rangle, ys) = \langle \rangle$

Pairs up corresponding elements from two sequences.

Example 12 : Practical Example - Generic Database TableGA

Note: Define generic schema separately, then query operations in gendef:

$[Key, Value]$

$TableGA[Key, Value]$
$entries : Key \leftrightarrow Value$
$size : \mathbb{N}$
$size = \#(\text{dom } entries)$

$[Key, Value]$
$emptyTable : TableGA[Key, Value]$
$tableSize : TableGA[Key, Value] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
$allKeys : TableGA[Key, Value] \rightarrow \mathbb{P} Key$
$emptyTable.entries = \{\} \wedge emptyTable.size = 0$
$\forall t : TableGA[Key, Value] \bullet tableSize(t) = t.size$
$\forall t : TableGA[Key, Value] \bullet allKeys(t) = \text{dom } t.entries$

A generic key-value table with query operations. This demonstrates how generic definitions enable reusable, type-safe data structures.

The TableGA schema is defined with $schema[Key, Value]$ syntax, allowing proper fuzz typechecking.