Anchor … Terminal

Range (1 : 1) # range expression for the anchor

Range( : z) # range expression for terminal

Range( : ) # range expression for any location between anchor and terminal

Range( ti : tj ) # range expression for any location between ith token and jth token (i>1 and j>i+1)

a=1

z=span

consider: “p q … r s … [t u] ... v (w x) y”

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| **Token** | **Range** | **Token Sequence** | **Position Tuple**  **(int, uint[], uint[])** | **min-position** | **max-position** |
| p | (1 : 1) | Anchor/T1 | (1, null, null) | 1 | 1 |
| q | (2 : 2) | T2 | (2, null, null) | 2 | 2 |
| r | (t2 : ) | T3 | (0, [2], null) | 1+T2.position() |  |
| s | (t3 : ) | T4 | (-1, [3], null) | 1+T3.position() | 1+T3.position() |
| t | (t4 : ) | T5 | (0, [4], [6]) | 1+T4.position() |  |
| u | (t4 : ) | T6 | (0, [4], [5]) | 1+T4.position() |  |
| v | (t5|t6 : ) | T7 | (0, [5,6], null) | 1+MAX(T6.position(), T6.position()) |  |
| (w x) | (t7 : ) | T8 | (-1, [7], null) | 1+T7.position() | 1+T7.position() |
| y | (t8 : ) | Terminal/T9 | (-1, [8], null) | 1+T8.position() | 1+T8.position() |

How does the Range Tuple work?

X = (int, \*, \*)

Y = (\*, uint[], \*)

Z = (\*, \*, uint[])

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| **X** | **Y** | **Z** | **Meaning** |
| X > 0 | null | null | position = X (absolute position for token within the span) |
| X = 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | null | maxPosition = span;  minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y |
| X < 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | null | minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y  maxPosition = y |
| X = 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | Z.Length >= 1 | maxPosition = span;  minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y such that y in not in already consumed by a member of Z:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y |
| X < 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | Z.Length >= 1 | minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y such that y in not in already consumed by a member of Z:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y  maxPosition = y |

Another method: If we mark each matching token with a bit (and exclude token-matching on already matched tokens):

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| X = 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | maxPosition = span;  minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y |
| X < 0 | Y.Length >= 1 | minPosition = 0;  foreach y in Y:  if y > minPosition:  minPosition = y  maxPosition = y |

And our earlier table above is simplified:

consider: “p q … r s … [t u] ... v (w x) [y z]”

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| **Token** | **Range** | **Token Sequence** | **Position Tuple**  **(int, uint[])** | **min-position** | **max-position** |
| p | (1 : 1) | Anchor/T1 | (1, null) | 1 | 1 |
| q | (2 : 2) | T2 | (2, null) | 2 | 2 |
| r | (t2 : ) | T3 | (0, [2]) | 1+T2.position() |  |
| s | (t3 : ) | T4 | (-1, [3]) | 1+T3.position() | 1+T3.position() |
| t | (t4 : ) | T5 | (0, [4]) | 1+T4.position() |  |
| u | (t4 : ) | T6 | (0, [4]) | 1+T4.position() |  |
| v | (t5|t6 : ) | T7 | (0, [5,6]) | 1+MAX(T5.position(), T6.position()) |  |
| (w x) | (t7 : ) | T8 | (-1, [7]) | 1+T7.position() | 1+T7.position() |
| y | (t7|t10 : ) | T9 | (-1, [8]) | TBD | TBD |
| z | (t7:t8 : ) | Terminal/T10 | (-1, [8]) | TBD | TBD |

Consider the same list unquoted: p q r s t u v (w x) y z

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| **Token** | **Token Sequence** | **Range Tuple**  **(int, uint[])** | **min-position** | **max-position** |
| p | T1 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| q | T2 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| r | T3 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| s | T4 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| t | T5 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| u | T6 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| v | T7 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| (w x) | T8 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| y | T9 | (0, null) | 1 | span |
| z | T10 | (0, null) | 1 | span |

And our earlier table above is simplified:

consider: “p q … r s … [t u] ... v (w x) [y z]” Since we search ordered tokens sequentially, we don’t char about min(position) … only adjacency.

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| **Token** | **Token Sequence** | **Anchor/Adjacency**  **(-1/1)** | **Subgroup Index**  **(unordered group)** |
| p | Anchor/T1 | -1 | 0 |
| q | T2 | 1 | 0 |
| r | T3 | 0 | 0 |
| s | T4 | 1 | 0 |
| t | T5 | 0 | 1 |
| u | T6 | 0 | 1 |
| v | T7 | 0 | 0 |
| (w x) | T8 | 1 | 0 |
| y | T9 | 0 | 2 |
| z | Terminal/T10 | 0 | 2 |

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| **Token** | **Token Sequence** | **Anchor/Adjacency** | **Subgroup Index**  **(unordered group)** |
| p | Anchor/T1 | 0 | 1 |
| q | T2 | 0 | 1 |
| r | T3 | 0 | 1 |
| s | T4 | 0 | 1 |
| t | T5 | 0 | 1 |
| u | T6 | 0 | 1 |
| v | T7 | 0 | 1 |
| (w x) | T8 | 0 | 1 |
| y | T9 | 0 | 1 |
| z | Terminal/T10 | 0 | 1 |

**NOTE:** … [t u] is equivalent to [t u] without the ellipses prefix. But the ellipses postfix [t u] ... is significant.