## + lus · Arms

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label a chapter (produces no arm)

+**\$**[term spec]

produce a structure arm (type definition)

## | bar · Cores

|\$(lest term) spec produce a mold

spec alas (map term tome)

produce a door (a core with sample)

[:[hoon hoon]

produce a gate with a custom sample

[%(unit term) (map term tome) produce a core (battery and payload)

I. hoon

produce a trap (a core with one arm)

|^hoon (map term tome) produce a core with a \$ arm and compute the latter ++[term hoon]

produce a (normal) arm

+\*[term term spec]

define deferred expression (within a door)

| - hoon

produce a trap (a core with one arm) and evaluate it

[spec value] produce an iron gate

[\*[spec value]

produce a wet gate (a one-armed core with sample)

|=[spec value]

produce a dry gate (a one-armed core with sample)

[@(unit term) (map term tome)

produce a wet core (battery and payload)

|?hoon

produce a lead trap

#### **\$ buc** · Structures

\$|[spec hoon]

structure with verification

\$\_ hoon

structure that normalizes to an example

**\$**%(list spec)

structure that recognizes a union tagged by head atom

\$:(list spec)

[a=foo b=bar c=baz]**\$@**[spec spec]

form a cell type (tuple)

\$<[spec spec]</pre>

structure from filter (excluding)

**\$>**[spec spec]

structure from filter (requiring)

\$-[spec spec]

structure that normalizes to an example gate

# foo's^hoon

structure that normalizes a union tagged by head

**\$&** [spec hoon]

repaired structure (using normalizing gate)

**\$~**[hoon spec]

define a custom type default value

structure that normalizes a union tagged by head

\$=[skin spec] foo=bar structure that wraps a face around another

structure

|%+[hoon hoon hoon]

%~[wing hoon hoon]

\$?(list spec) ?(%foo %bar %baz)

evaluate an expression, then resolves a wing with

form a type from a union of other types

%\*[wing hoon (list (pair winghoon))]

# % cen · Calls

% [wing (list (pair wing hoon))] resolve a wing with changes, preserving type

%:[hoon (list hoon)]

call a gate with many arguments

% [hoon hoon] call a gate, inverted

%-[hoon hoon]

(gat smp)|%=[wing (list (pair wing hoon))] resolve wing with

evaluate an arm in a door

call a gate with a cell sample

foo(bar 1, baz 2)

~(arm cr smp)

changes

changes

call a gate

%^[hoon hoon hoon] call a gate with triple sample



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: col · Cells
                                                      :~(list hoon)
: [hoon hoon]
                                                                                           ~[foo bar baz]
  construct a cell, inverted
                                                         construct a null-terminated list
                              [foo bar]
                                              foo^bar:*(list hoon)
                                                                                       [foo bar baz ...]
:-[hoon hoon]
  construct a cell, 2-tuple
                                                         construct an n-tuple
.^[hoon hoon hoon]
  construct a cell, 4-tuple
                                  [foo bar baz qux]
:+[hoon hoon hoon]
  construct a cell, 3-tuple
                                                      :: mark a comment (digraph, not rune)
• dot · Nock
                                                                                               =(foo bar)
.^[spec hoon]
                                                      _=[hoon hoon]
  load from namespace using Nock 12 (scry or peek)
                                                         test for equality using Nock 5
.+atom
                                               +(foo).?hoon
  increment an atom using Nock 4
                                                         test for cell or atom using Nock 3
.*[hoon hoon]
  evaluate using Nock 2
/ fas · Imports (++ford arm of %clay)
                                                      /=clay-raw /sys/vane/clay
/$%from %to
  import mark conversion gate from /mar
                                                         import results of user-specified path with face
/%%mark
                                                       /*myfile %hoon /gen/myfile/hoon
  import mark definition from /mar
                                                         import the contents of a file in the desk converted
/-foo, *bar, baz=qux
                                                         to a mark (build-time static data)
  import a file from /sur (* no face, = specified face)
                                                       /∼face type /path
/+ foo, *bar, baz=qux
                                                         import contents of dir as face=(map @ta type)
  import a file from /lib (* no face, = specified face)
                                                      /? pin version number (not enforced)
^ ket · Casts
                                                      ∧& hoon
^| hoon
  convert a gold core to an iron core (invariant)
                                                         convert a core to a zinc core (covariant)
                                                 ,foo^~hoon
  produce a 'factory' gate for a type (switch from
                                                         fold constant at compile time
regular parsing to spec/type parsing)
• [hoon hoon]
                                                      ^* spec
                                                                                                       *foo
                                                         bunt, produces default mold value
  typecast on value
                                             `foo`bar<mark>^=</mark>[skin hoon]
^-[spec hoon]
                                                                                                   foo=bar
typecast by explicit type label ^+ [hoon hoon]
                                                         bind name to a value
                                                      ^? hoon
  typecast by inferred type (a fence)
                                                         convert a core to a lead core (bivariant)
; mic macros
::[hoon (list hoon)]
                                :(gat foo bar baz);;[spec hoon]
                                                         normalize with a mold, asserting fixpoint
  call a binary function as an n-ary function
                                                      :~[hoon (list hoon)]
;/hoon
                                                         glue a pipeline together with a product-sample
  (Sail) yield tape as XML element
                                                         adapter (monadic bind)
:<[spec hoon hoon hoon]
  glue a pipeline together (monadic bind)
                                                         (Sail) make list of XML nodes from Hoon
                                                         expression
                                                      ;=marl:hoot
  (Sail) make a single XML node
                                                         (Sail) make a list of XML nodes
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# ~ sig · Hints

- ~| [hoon hoon]
  - print in stack trace if failure
- ~\$\term hoon\]
  - profiler hit counter
- ~\_[hoon hoon]
  - print in stack trace, user-formatted
- ~%[chum hoon tyre hoon]
- register jet
- ~/[chum hoon]
  - register jet with registered context
- ~<[\$@(term [term hoon]) hoon]
  - raw hint, applied to product ("backward")

# = tis · Subject

- =|[spec hoon]
  - combine default type value with the subject
- =: [(list (pair wing hoon)) hoon] change multiple legs in the subject
- =,[hoon hoon]
  - expose namespace (defines a bridge)
- =. [wing hoon hoon]
  - change one leg in the subject
- =/[skin hoon hoon]
  - combine a named noun with the subject
- =<[hoon hoon]
  - compose two expressions, inverted
- =>[hoon hoon]
- compose two expressions

- ~>[\$@(term [term hoon]) hoon]
  - raw hint, applied to computation ("forward")
- ~+[@ hoon]
  - cache computation
- ~& [@ud hoon hoon]
  - print (used for debugging)
- ~=[hoon hoon]
  - detect duplicate
- ~?[@ud hoon hoon hoon]
  - print conditionally (used for debugging)
- ~![hoon hoon]
  - print type if compilation failure

# =- [hoon hoon]

- combine a new noun with the subject
- =^[skin wing hoon hoon]
- pin the head of a pair; changes a leg with the tail
- =+[hoon hoon]
  - combine a new noun with the subject
- =; [skin hoon hoon]
  - combine a named noun with the subject, inverted
- =~(list hoon)
- compose many expressions
- foo:bar =\* [(pair term (unit spec)) hoon hoon]
  - define an alias
  - =?[wing hoon hoon hoon]
    - change one leg in the subject conditionally

#### ? wut conditionals

- ?|(list hoon)
  - logical OR (loobean)
- ?:[hoon hoon hoon]
- branch on a boolean test
- ?.[hoon hoon hoon]
  - branch on a boolean test, inverted
- ?<[hoon hoon]</pre>
  - assert false
- ?>[hoon hoon]
  - assert true
- ?-[wing (list (pair spec hoon))]
  switch against type union, no default
- ?^[wing hoon hoon]
  - branch on whether a wing of the subject is a cell

- (foo bar baz ...)?+[wing hoon (list (pair spec hoon))]
   switch against a union, with default
  - - logical AND (loobean)
  - ?@[wing hoon hoon]
    - branch on whether a wing of the subject is an atom
  - ?~[wing hoon hoon]
    - branch on whether a wing of the subject is null
  - ?=[spec wing]
    - test pattern match
  - ?! hoon
  - logical NOT (loobean)

#### **Terminators**

- == terminate running series of expressions (digraph, not rune)
- -- terminate core expression (digraph, not rune)

!foo

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! zap·Wild
!: hoon
                                                     !; [hoon hoon]
  turn on stack trace
                                                        emit the type for an expression using the type of
!,[*hoon hoon]
                                                     !@[(tlist wing) hoon hoon]
  emit AST of expression, !, (*hoon expression)
                                                        evaluate conditional on existence of wing
!. hoon
                                                     !=hoon
                                                        make the Nock formula for a Hoon expression
  turn off stack trace
!<hoon
                                                     !?[$@(@ {@ @}) hoon]
  lift dynamic value into static context
                                                       restrict Hoon Kelvin version
!>hoon
                                                     !!~
  wrap a noun in its type
                                                       crash
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## Nock 4K

A noun is an atom or a cell. An atom is a natural number. A cell is an ordered pair of nouns. Reduce by the first matching pattern; variables match any noun.

```
nock(a)
[a b c]
                      [a [b c]]
?[a b]
                      0
                      1
?a
+[a b]
                      +[a b]
                      1 + a
+a
=[a a]
                      0
=[a b]
                      1
/[1 a]
                      а
/[2 a b]
                      а
/[3 \text{ a b}]
                      b
/[(a + a) b]
/[(a + a + 1) b]
                      /[2 /[a b]]
                      /[3 /[a b]]
/a
                      /a
#[1 a b]
#[(a + a) b c]
                      \#[a [b / [(a + a + 1) c]] c]
                     \#[a [/[(a + a) c] b] c]
\#[(a + a + 1) b c]
*[a [b c] d]
                      [*[a b c] *[a d]]
*[a 0 b]
                                                            slot operator (tree address)
                      /[b a]
*[a 1 b]
                                                            constant
                      *[*[a b] *[a c]]
*[a 2 b c]
                                                            evaluate
                      ?*[a b]
*[a 3 b]
                                                            test for atom
*[a 4 b]
                      +*[a b]
                                                            increment
                      =[\bar{*}[a b] *[a c]]
*[a 5 b c]
                                                            distribution
*[a 6 b c d]
                      *[a *[[c d] 0 *[[2 3] 0 *[a 4 4 b]]]]
                                                                    if-then-else
                      *[*[a b] c]
*[a 7 b c]
                                                                    compose
*[a 8 b c]
                      *[[\bar{*}[a \ b] \ a] \ c]
                                                                    extend
*[a 9 b c]
                      *[*[a c] 2 [0 1] 0 b]
                                                                    invoke
*[a 10 [b c] d]
                      #[b *[a c] *[a d]]
                                                                    edit noun
                      *[[*[a c] *[a d]] 0 3]
*[a 11 [b c] d]
                                                                    hint
*[a 11 b c]
                      *[a c]
                                                                    interpret
*а
                      *a
```



# **Syntax**

+1:[%a [%b %c]] [%a [%b %c]]
+2:[%a [%b %c]] %a
+3:[%a [%b %c]] [%b %c]
+4:[%a [%b %c]] invalid
+6:[%a [%b %c]] %b
+7:[%a [%b %c]] %c

[%a [%b %c]]

 $(\%3)_2$   $()_3$   $()_4$   $()_5$   $(\%b)_6$  (

.:[%a [%b %c]] [%a [%b %c]]
-:[%a [%b %c]] %a
+:[%a [%b %c]] [%b %c]
-<:[%a [%b %c]]invalid
+<:[%a [%b %c]]%b
+>:[%a [%b %c]]%c

&n *n*th element

 $\mid \mathbf{n} \mid$  tail after *n*th element

<[1 2 3]> renders list as a tape >[1 2 3]< renders list as a tank

current subject

+ +:. - -:.

+> +>:.
a.b.c limb search path

\$ empty term (@tas)

'urbit'cord, atom @t
"urbit"tape or list of characters
=wire shadow type name (in defn)
/path path name
% current path

# lark syntax equivalents

+1 +5 -> +2 - +6 +< +3 + +7 +> +4 -< +8 -< -

^face face in outer core (^^face)
..arm core in which ++arm is defined

, , strip the face

-:!> type spear, use as -:!>(.3.14)

eny entropy

now current time

our ship

a [~ a]

~[a b c] [a b c ~]

a/b [%a b]

# elementary molds

\* noun
@ atom
^ cell
? loobean
~ null



#### **Aura Notation**

Each aura has a characteristic pattern allowing unique identification in its representation. Typically this is indicated by a combination of ~, ., and -.

```
Empty aura
@c
       Unicode codepoint
                                                                    ~-~45fed.
0d
       Date
                                                                    ~2020.12.25..7.15.0..1ef5
@da
       Date, absolute
@dr
       Date, relative
                                                                    ~d71.h19.m26.s24..9d55
       Loobean (for compiler, not castable)
@i
       Internet address
@if
       IPv4 address
                                                                    .195.198.143.90
@is
       IPv6 address
                                                                    .0.0.0.0.0.1c.c3c6.8f5a
       Nil (for compiler, not castable)
(dn
                                                                    ~laszod-dozser-fosrum-fanbyr
@р
       Phonemic base
Qq
       Phonemic base, unscrambled (used with Urbit HD wallet)
                                                                    .~laszod-dozser-dalteb-hilsyn
@r
       IEEE-754 floating-point number
@rh
       Floating-point number, half-precision, 16-bit
                                                                    .~~3.14
       Floating-point number, single-precision, 32-bit
                                                                    .3.141592653589793
@rs
@rd
       Floating-point number, double-precision, 64-bit
                                                                    .~3.141592653589793
@rg
       Floating-point number, quadruple-precision, 128-bit
                                                                    .~~~3.141592653589793
       Integer, signed (sign bit low)
as
                                                                    --0b10.0000
@sb
       Signed binary
0sd
       Signed decimal
                                                                    --1.000
                                                                    --0v201.4gvml.245kc
       Signed base-32
@sv
        0123456789abcdefghijklmnopgrstuv
@sw
       Signed base-64
                                                                    --0w2.04AfS.G8xqc
        0123456789abcdefqhijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
                                                                    --0x2004.90fd
@sx
       Signed hexadecimal
        0123456789abcdef
       UTF-8 text (cord)
                                                                    'urbit'
@t
@ta
      ASCII text (knot)
                                                                    ~.urbit
  @tas ASCII text symbol (term)
                                                                    %urbit
@u
       Integer, unsigned
                                                                    0b10.1011
 @ub
       Unsigned binary
       Bitcoin address
                                                           Oc1A1zP1eP5QGefi2DMPTfTL5SLmv7DivfNa
@uc
        123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ
@ud
       Unsigned decimal
                                                                    8.675.309
@ui
       Unsigned decimal
                                                                    0i123456789
@uv
       Unsigned base-32
                                                                    0v88nvd
        0123456789abcdefghijklmnopgrstuv
@uw
                                                                    0wx5~J
       Unsigned base-64
        0123456789abcdefqhijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ-~
                                                                    0x84.5fed
@ux
       Unsigned hexadecimal
        0123456789abcdef
Capital letters at the end of auras conventionally indicate the bitwidth in binary powers of two, starting from A
= 2^{\circ}.
       0tD
              8-bit ASCII text
       @rhE
              half-precision (16-bit) floating-point number
              unsigned 64-bit hexadecimal
       @uxG
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unsigned 512-bit integer (frequently used for entropy)



@uvJ