

# An Event-B Specification of SquareRoot

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This Event-B system is based on a model that appeared in the book: System Modelling & Design Using Event-B by Ken Robinson.

This project implements an integer square root algorithm. The algorithm performs a binary search of a value  $x$  such that  $x*x = \text{input}$ , ie  $x$  will become the square root.

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This is the mathematical definition of the function Sqrt.

EXTENDS Theories

CONSTANTS

1.1

Sqrt

AXIOMS

axm1:  $\text{Sqrt} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

axm2:  $\forall m, n. m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (m = \text{Sqrt}(n) \Leftrightarrow m * m \leq n \wedge (m + 1) * (m + 1) > n)$

theorem thm1:  $\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \text{Sqrt}(n) * \text{Sqrt}(n) \leq n \wedge (\text{Sqrt}(n) + 1) * (\text{Sqrt}(n) + 1) > n$

theorem thm2:  $\forall n. n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n = \text{Sqrt}(n * n)$

END

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Helpful theorems when proving the square root algorithm.

AXIOMS

**axm1:**  $\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow (\exists m \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge (n = 2 * m \vee n = 2 * m + 1))$

Every natural number is either even or odd.

**theorem thm2:**

$\forall n \cdot n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n < (n + 1) * (n + 1)$

Every natural number is less than the square of its successor.

**theorem thm3:**

$\forall m, n \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n > m \Rightarrow (m + n) \div 2 < n$

The mean of any pair of unequal natural numbers is less than the larger of the pair.

**theorem thm4:**

$\forall m, n \cdot m \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n > m \Rightarrow (m + n) \div 2 \geq m$

The mean of any pair of natural numbers is greater than or equal to the smaller of the pair.

END

We first define the sequence: setInput, SquareRoot, getResult. The value calculated is entirely described using the mathematical description.

### SEES SquareRootDefinition

#### VARIABLES

3.1

*input*            The value to calculate the square root for.  
*input\_valid*    True when a number has been supplied  
*result*           This is the calculated result  
*result\_valid*   True when  $result = \text{sqrt}(num)$

#### INVARIANTS

*inv\_1:*     $input \in \mathbb{N}$   
*inv\_2:*     $input\_valid \in \text{BOOL}$   
*inv\_3:*     $result \in \mathbb{N}$   
*inv\_4:*     $result\_valid \in \text{BOOL}$   
*inv\_5:*     $input\_valid = \text{TRUE} \wedge result\_valid = \text{TRUE} \Rightarrow result = \text{SQRT}(input)$

#### EVENT INITIALISATION

##### THEN

*act\_1:*     $input := 0$   
*act\_2:*     $input\_valid := \text{FALSE}$   
*act\_3:*     $result := 0$   
*act\_4:*     $result\_valid := \text{FALSE}$

##### END

#### EVENT setInput

3.2

##### ANY

*v*

##### WHERE

*grd\_1:*     $v \in \mathbb{N}$   
*grd\_2:*     $input\_valid = \text{FALSE}$   
*grd\_3:*     $result\_valid = \text{FALSE}$

##### THEN

*act\_1:*     $input := v$   
*act\_2:*     $input\_valid := \text{TRUE}$

##### END

#### EVENT SquareRoot

3.3

##### WHERE

*grd\_1:*     $input\_valid = \text{TRUE}$   
*grd\_2:*     $result\_valid = \text{FALSE}$

##### THEN

*act\_1:*     $result := \text{SQRT}(input)$

An alternative is to specify a non-deterministic assignment:

$\text{sqrt} :| (\text{sqrt}' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \text{sqrt}' * \text{sqrt}' \leq num \wedge num < (\text{sqrt}' + 1) * (\text{sqrt}' + 1))$

*act\_2:*     $result\_valid := \text{TRUE}$

##### END

EVENT getResult  
ANY

*out\_result*

WHERE

grd1: *result\_valid* = TRUE  
grd2: *out\_result* = *result*

END

REFINEMENT SquareRoot\_R1\_AddIncrementalImprovements

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3.4

Add a lower and upper bound of the correct answer. Each improvement will narrow the bounds until, eventually, we have a single number as the answer.

REFINES SquareRoot

SEES SquareRootDefinition

VARIABLES

*low* When improving we have a lower bound of the correct answer.  
*high* And an upper bound of the correct answer.

INVARIANTS

inv1\_1: *low* ∈ ℕ  
inv1\_2: *high* ∈ ℕ  
inv1\_3: *low* + 1 ≤ *high* The span is 1 or more.  
inv1\_4: *low* \* *low* ≤ *input*  
inv1\_5: *input* < *high* \* *high*  
inv1\_6: *low* < *high*  
theorem thm1\_1:  
*low* + 1 ≠ *high* ⇒ *low* < (*low* + *high*) ÷ 2  
theorem thm1\_2:  
(*low* + *high*) ÷ 2 < *high*  
theorem thm1\_3:  
*high* - *low* > 0  
theorem thm1\_4:  
*high* - *low* ∈ ℕ

VARIANTS

*high* - *low* The variant guarantees that the span must decrease in each step. Eventually the span will be exactly one and *low* is the sought number .

EVENT INITIALISATION

EXTENDS INITIALISATION

THEN

init1\_1: *low* := 0  
init1\_2: *high* := 1

END

EVENT setInput

When num is set, we specify that a lower and upper bound is magically selected in some way, that enables the improvement step to work. We do not yet know, how this magical selection is performed. Here we merely state that *low* and *high* are selected so that the predicates become true.

EXTENDS setInput

THEN

act1\_1: *low* :| *low*' ∈ ℕ ∧ *low*' \* *low*' ≤ *v*

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act1_2:  high :| high' ∈ ℕ ∧ v < high' * high'
END

```

EVENT **SquareRoot**

3.7

We detect the terminating case, when  $low+1=high$ , then  $low = \sqrt{num}$

REFINES **SquareRoot**

WHERE

```

grd1_1:  input_valid = TRUE
grd1_2:  result_valid = FALSE
grd1_3:  low + 1 = high    We have found the best value.
thm1_1:  low * low ≤ input
thm1_2:  input < high * high

```

THEN

```

act1_1:  result := low
act1_2:  result_valid := TRUE

```

END

CONVERGENT EVENT **Improve**

3.8

The improve event magically selects an  $l$  and  $h$ , that are an improvement on the existing bounds.

We do not know how this is done, but we specify the result here.

ANY

```

l
h

```

WHERE

```

grd1_1:  l ∈ ℕ
grd1_2:  h ∈ ℕ
grd1_3:  low + 1 ≠ high    We can still improve.
grd1_4:  low ≤ l           The new lower bound is higher.
grd1_5:  l * l ≤ input     But still not above the input.
grd1_6:  h ≤ high         The new higher bound is lower.
grd1_7:  input < h * h     But still above the input.
grd1_8:  l + 1 ≤ h        The new span is 1 or more.
grd1_9:  h - l < high - low The new bound is an improvement.

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THEN

```

act1_1:  low := l
act1_2:  high := h

```

END

REFINEMENT **SquareRoot\_R2\_WithImproveLowerOrUpper**

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We now split the improve event into `improveLowerBound` and `improveUpperBound`.

REFINES **SquareRoot\_R1\_AddIncrementalImprovements**

SEES **SquareRootDefinition**

VARIABLES

3.9

EVENT **ImproveLowerBound**

3.10

REFINES **Improve**

ANY

```

m

```

WHERE

grd2\_1:  $low + 1 \neq high$   
grd2\_2:  $m \in \mathbb{N}$   
grd2\_3:  $low < m \wedge m < high$   
grd2\_4:  $m * m \leq input$  The new m is a better lower bound.

WITH

l:  $l = m$  Therefore we pick the new m as the lower bound.  
h:  $h = high$  The high bound stays the same.

THEN

act2\_1:  $low := m$

END

EVENT ImproveUpperBound

3.11

REFINES Improve

ANY

$m$

WHERE

grd2\_1:  $low + 1 \neq high$   
grd2\_2:  $m \in \mathbb{N}$   
grd2\_3:  $low < m \wedge m < high$   
grd2\_4:  $m * m > input$  The new m is a better upper bound.

WITH

l:  $l = low$  The low bound stays the same.  
h:  $h = m$  Therefore we pick the new m as the higher bound.

THEN

act2\_1:  $high := m$

END

REFINEMENT SquareRoot\_R3\_AddDivisionToFindM

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We now pick a suitable middle value by dividing by 2.

REFINES SquareRoot\_R2\_WithImproveLowerOrUpper

SEES SquareRootDefinition

VARIABLES

3.12

EVENT ImproveLowerBound

3.13

REFINES ImproveLowerBound

ANY

$m$

WHERE

grd3\_1:  $low + 1 \neq high$   
grd3\_2:  $m = (low + high) \div 2$   
grd3\_3:  $m * m \leq input$  m is a better lower bound!

THEN

act3\_1:  $low := m$

END

EVENT **ImproveUpperBound**  
 REFINES **ImproveUpperBound**  
 ANY

3.14

*m*  
 WHERE  
   **grd3\_1:**  $low + 1 \neq high$   
   **grd3\_2:**  $m = (low + high) \div 2$   
   **grd3\_3:**  $m * m > input$   
 THEN  
   **act3\_1:**  $high := m$     *m* is a better upper bound!  
 END  
 REFINEMENT **SquareRoot\_R4\_WithMiddleInVariable**

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We now store the middle value in a variable.

REFINES **SquareRoot\_R3\_AddDivisionToFindM**  
 SEES **SquareRootDefinition**

VARIABLES

3.15

*mid*    Track each middle value to find next bound.,  
 INVARIANTS  
   **inv1:**     $mid = (low + high) \div 2$   
   **inv2:**     $mid \in \mathbb{N}$

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EVENT **INITIALISATION**  
 THEN

**init4\_1:**     $input := 0$   
   **init4\_2:**     $input\_valid := \text{FALSE}$   
   **init4\_3:**     $low := 0$   
   **init4\_4:**     $mid := 0$   
   **init4\_5:**     $high := 1$   
   **init4\_6:**     $result := 0$   
   **init4\_7:**     $result\_valid := \text{FALSE}$

END

EVENT **setInput**  
 REFINES **setInput**  
 ANY

3.16

*v*  
 WHERE  
   **grd4\_1:**     $v \in \mathbb{N}$   
   **grd4\_2:**     $input\_valid = \text{FALSE}$   
   **grd4\_3:**     $result\_valid = \text{FALSE}$   
 THEN  
   **init4\_0:**     $input := v$   
   **init4\_1:**     $low := 0$   
   **init4\_2:**     $high := v + 1$   
   **init4\_3:**     $mid := (v + 1) \div 2$   
   **init4\_4:**     $input\_valid := \text{TRUE}$



END

EVENT **ImproveLowerBound**  
REFINES **ImproveLowerBound**  
WHERE

**grd4\_1:**  $low + 1 \neq high$   
**grd4\_2:**  $mid * mid \leq input$

WITH

**m:**  $m = mid$   $mid$  is a better value for low

THEN

**act4\_1:**  $low := mid$   
**act4\_2:**  $mid := (mid + high) \div 2$

END

3.17

EVENT **ImproveUpperBound**  
REFINES **ImproveUpperBound**  
WHERE

**grd4\_1:**  $low + 1 \neq high$   
**grd4\_2:**  $mid * mid > input$

WITH

**m:**  $m = mid$   $mid$  is a better value for high

THEN

**act4\_1:**  $high := mid$   
**act4\_2:**  $mid := (low + mid) \div 2$

END

3.18

Add a lower and upper bound of the correct answer. Each improvement will narrow the bounds until, eventually, we have a single number as the answer.

REFINES `SquareRoot`

SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

4.1

*low* When improving we have a lower bound of the correct answer.  
*high* And an upper bound of the correct answer.

INVARIANTS

`inv1_1:`  $low \in \mathbb{N}$   
`inv1_2:`  $high \in \mathbb{N}$   
`inv1_3:`  $low + 1 \leq high$  The span is 1 or more.  
`inv1_4:`  $low * low \leq input$   
`inv1_5:`  $input < high * high$   
`inv1_6:`  $low < high$   
`theorem thm1_1:`  
 $low + 1 \neq high \Rightarrow low < (low + high) \div 2$   
`theorem thm1_2:`  
 $(low + high) \div 2 < high$   
`theorem thm1_3:`  
 $high - low > 0$   
`theorem thm1_4:`  
 $high - low \in \mathbb{N}$

VARIANTS

$high - low$  The variant guarantees that the span must decrease in each step. Eventually the span will be exactly one and low is the sought number .

EVENT `INITIALISATION`

EXTENDS `INITIALISATION`

THEN

`init1_1:`  $low := 0$   
`init1_2:`  $high := 1$

END

EVENT `setInput`

4.2

When num is set, we specify that a lower and upper bound is magically selected in some way, that enables the improvement step to work. We do not yet know, how this magical selection is performed. Here we merely state that low and high are selected so that the predicates become true.

EXTENDS `setInput`

THEN

`act1_1:`  $low :| low' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge low' * low' \leq v$   
`act1_2:`  $high :| high' \in \mathbb{N} \wedge v < high' * high'$

END

EVENT `SquareRoot`

4.3

We detect the terminating case, when  $low+1=high$ , then  $low = \sqrt{num}$

REFINES `SquareRoot`

WHERE

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grd1_1:  input_valid = TRUE
grd1_2:  result_valid = FALSE
grd1_3:  low + 1 = high    We have found the best value.
thm1_1:  low * low ≤ input
thm1_2:  input < high * high

```

THEN

```

act1_1:  result := low
act1_2:  result_valid := TRUE

```

END

CONVERGENT EVENT **Improve**

4.4

The improve event magically selects an  $l$  and  $h$ , that are an improvement on the existing bounds. We do not know how this is done, but we specify the result here.

ANY

```

l
h

```

WHERE

```

grd1_1:  l ∈ ℕ
grd1_2:  h ∈ ℕ
grd1_3:  low + 1 ≠ high    We can still improve.
grd1_4:  low ≤ l          The new lower bound is higher.
grd1_5:  l * l ≤ input    But still not above the input.
grd1_6:  h ≤ high        The new higher bound is lower.
grd1_7:  input < h * h    But still above the input.
grd1_8:  l + 1 ≤ h        The new span is 1 or more.
grd1_9:  h - l < high - low The new bound is an improvement.

```

THEN

```

act1_1:  low := l
act1_2:  high := h

```

END

We now split the `improve` event into `improveLowerBound` and `improveUpperBound`.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R1_AddIncrementalImprovements`  
 SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

5.1

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`

5.2

REFINES `Improve`

ANY

$m$

WHERE

`grd2_1:`  $low + 1 \neq high$

`grd2_2:`  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

`grd2_3:`  $low < m \wedge m < high$

`grd2_4:`  $m * m \leq input$  The new  $m$  is a better lower bound.

WITH

`l:`  $l = m$  Therefore we pick the new  $m$  as the lower bound.

`h:`  $h = high$  The high bound stays the same.

THEN

`act2_1:`  $low := m$

END

EVENT `ImproveUpperBound`

5.3

REFINES `Improve`

ANY

$m$

WHERE

`grd2_1:`  $low + 1 \neq high$

`grd2_2:`  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

`grd2_3:`  $low < m \wedge m < high$

`grd2_4:`  $m * m > input$  The new  $m$  is a better upper bound.

WITH

`l:`  $l = low$  The low bound stays the same.

`h:`  $h = m$  Therefore we pick the new  $m$  as the higher bound.

THEN

`act2_1:`  $high := m$

END

We now pick a suitable middle value by dividing by 2.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R2_WithImproveLowerOrUpper`  
SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

6.1

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`  
REFINES `ImproveLowerBound`  
ANY

6.2

$m$

WHERE

`grd3_1:`  $low + 1 \neq high$   
`grd3_2:`  $m = (low + high) \div 2$   
`grd3_3:`  $m * m \leq input$   $m$  is a better lower bound!

THEN

`act3_1:`  $low := m$

END

EVENT `ImproveUpperBound`  
REFINES `ImproveUpperBound`  
ANY

6.3

$m$

WHERE

`grd3_1:`  $low + 1 \neq high$   
`grd3_2:`  $m = (low + high) \div 2$   
`grd3_3:`  $m * m > input$

THEN

`act3_1:`  $high := m$   $m$  is a better upper bound!

END

We now store the middle value in a variable.

REFINES `SquareRoot_R3_AddDivisionToFindM`  
 SEES `SquareRootDefinition`

VARIABLES

*mid* Track each middle value to find next bound.,

INVARIANTS

*inv1*:  $mid = (low + high) \div 2$   
*inv2*:  $mid \in \mathbb{N}$

EVENT `INITIALISATION`

THEN

*init4\_1*:  $input := 0$   
*init4\_2*:  $input\_valid := \text{FALSE}$   
*init4\_3*:  $low := 0$   
*init4\_4*:  $mid := 0$   
*init4\_5*:  $high := 1$   
*init4\_6*:  $result := 0$   
*init4\_7*:  $result\_valid := \text{FALSE}$

END

EVENT `setInput`

REFINES `setInput`

ANY

*v*

WHERE

*grd4\_1*:  $v \in \mathbb{N}$   
*grd4\_2*:  $input\_valid = \text{FALSE}$   
*grd4\_3*:  $result\_valid = \text{FALSE}$

THEN

*init4\_0*:  $input := v$   
*init4\_1*:  $low := 0$   
*init4\_2*:  $high := v + 1$   
*init4\_3*:  $mid := (v + 1) \div 2$   
*init4\_4*:  $input\_valid := \text{TRUE}$

END

EVENT `ImproveLowerBound`

REFINES `ImproveLowerBound`

WHERE

*grd4\_1*:  $low + 1 \neq high$   
*grd4\_2*:  $mid * mid \leq input$

WITH

*m*:  $m = mid$   $mid$  is a better value for  $low$

THEN

*act4\_1*:  $low := mid$   
*act4\_2*:  $mid := (mid + high) \div 2$

END

EVENT ImproveUpperBound  
REFINES ImproveUpperBound  
WHERE

grd4\_1:  $low + 1 \neq high$   
grd4\_2:  $mid * mid > input$

WITH

m:  $m = mid$  mid is a better value for high

THEN

act4\_1:  $high := mid$   
act4\_2:  $mid := (low + mid) \div 2$

END

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