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Array Formulae Analysis is performed with Unique Formulae Analysis. Array formulae are reported by the array area they occupy. Each new array area is reported as a unique formulae in the Unique Formula Listing, and can be identified from the following aspects: 1) UFIs are prefixed with an "A"; 2) formulae are surrounded by curly brackets ("{}"); and 3) Array Range column is populated with the relevant array areas. Note that for data tables, the array range includes one row above and one column to the left of the formula range. E.g. if the {TABLE(...,...)} formulae are in range \$C\$3:\$D\$10, the array range will be \$B\$2:\$D\$10.

Array formulae add a much higher degree of complexity to a model review, as they are more difficult to interpret than ordinary formulae. If array formulae are identified within a model being reviewed, the reviewer should ensure that the review of the array formulae sections is conducted by individual(s) with experience and understanding of how array formulae operate.

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### **2.3 Maps**

The map option produces a coloured map of the model using the following keys:

F: Unique formula

<: Formula is a copy of the one to the left

^: Formula is a copy of the one above

+: Formula is a copy of the one to the left and above (i.e. it is a copy of both)

L: Label

N: Numeric input

A: Unique array formula

If array formulae are identified, the maps produced indicate the array areas by surrounding them with thick borders.

It is recommended that Maps be run and reviewed during the first and last review of a model to identify instances where:

- 1) The copy direction of a formula changes part-way through a row.
- 2) There is a blank cell or an input value cell within a range of copied (i.e. non-unique) formulae, but this does not result in a new unique formula being reported in the UFL, e.g.

F <<<

^+ ^ +

The absence of a formula in the third cell of the second row should be identified by a review of the maps and investigated accordingly.

### **2.4 Colour Unique / Inputs**

The Colour Cells option colours all unique formulae as purple and all numeric inputs as yellow.

Where a model contains its own colouring scheme that may conflict with MRT colours, it is recommended to use the colour removal options. These options allow cell backgrounds and text colours to be reset to "No fill" and "Automatic", depending on whether the check boxes are selected.

This removes all of the model's colours, including colours applied through "Conditional Formatting", before applying the MRT colours.