

Comments

```
// one line
/* multiple
   lines */
```

Basic types

bool – Booleans
int – signed big integers
str – string literals
type Name = otherType
type alias, starts with
upper-case

Literals

false true

123 123_000 0x12abcd

“Quint”: str, a string

Int: Set[int] – all integers

Nat: Set[int] – all non-
negative integers

Bool = Set(false, true)

Records

```
{ name: str, age: int }  
record type
```

```
{ name: “TLA+”, age: 33 }  
new record of two fields
```

R.name the field value

R.with(“name”, “Quint”)
copy of R but with the field
set to the new value

```
{ f1: e1, fN: eN, ...R }  
copy of R but with the fields  
f1 to fN set to the e1 to eN
```

fieldNames(R): Set[str]
the set of field names

Sets - core data structure!

Set[T] – type: set with
elements of type T

Set(1, 2, 3) – new set,
contains its arguments

1.to(4) – new set:
Set(1, 2, 3, 4)

1.in(S) – true, if the
argument is in S

S.contains(1) – the same

S.subseteq(T) – true, if
all elements of S are in T

S.union(T) – new set:
elements in S or in T

S.intersect(T) – new set:
elements both in S and in T

S.exclude(T) – new set:
elements in S but not in T

S.map(x => 2 * x) – new
set: elements of S are
transformed by expression

S.filter(x => x > 0) –
new set: leaves the elements
of S that satisfy condition

S.exists(x => x > 10) –
true, if some element of S
satisfies condition

S.forall(x => x <= 10) –
true, if all elements of S
satisfy condition

size(S) – the number of elements in
S, unless S is infinite (Int or Nat)

isFinite(S) – true, if S is finite

Set(1, 2).powerset() all subsets:
Set(Set(), Set(1), Set(2), Set(1, 2))

flatten(S) – union of all sets in S

chooseSome(S) – an element of S via a fixed rule

S.fold(i, (s, x) => s + x) go over elements of
S in some order, apply the expression, continue
with the result; i is the initial value of s

Maps - key/value bindings

a -> b – type: binds keys of
type a to values of type b

Map(1 -> 2, 3 -> 6) – binds
keys 1, 3 to values 2, 6

S.mapBy(x => 2 * x) – binds
keys in S to expressions

M.keys() – the set of keys

M.get(key) – get the value
bound to key

M.set(k, v) – copy of M: but
binds k to v, if k has a value

M.put(key, v) – copy of M:
but (re-)binds k to v

M.setBy(k, (old => old + 1))
as **M.set(k, v)** but v is computed
via anonymous operator with *old*
== **M.get(k)**

S.setOfMaps(T) – new set:
contains **all maps** that bind
elements of S to elements of T

Set((1, 2), (3, 6)).setToMap()
new map: bind the first elements of
tuples to the second elements

Tuples

(str, int, bool)

tuple type

(“Quint”, 2023, true)

new tuple

T._1 T._2 T._3

get tuple elements

tuples(S1, S2, S3)

the set of all tuples with
elements in S1, S2, S3

Lists - use Set, if you can

List[T] – type: list with
elements of type T

[1, 2, 3] – new list, contains
its arguments in order

List(1, 2, 3) – the same

range(start, end) – new list
[start, start + 1, ..., end - 1]

length(L) – the number of
elements in the list L

L[i] – ith element,
if 0 <= i < length(L)

L.concat(K) – new list:
start with elements of L,
continue with elements of K

L.append(x) – new list:
just L.concat([x])

L.replaceAt(i, x) – L’s copy
but the ith element is set to x

L.slice(s, e) – new list:
[L[s], ..., L[e - 1]]

L.select(x => x > 5)
– new list: leaves the elements
of L that satisfy condition

L.foldl(i, (s, x) => x + s)
go over elements of L *in order*,
apply expression, continue with
the result; i is the initial
value of s

head(L) – the element L[0]

tail(L) – new list:
all elements of L but the head

indices(L) – new set:
0.to(length(L) - 1)

Boolean expressions

$p == q$ - p equals q
 $\text{not}(b)$ - Boolean "not"
 $p != q$ - $\text{not}(p == q)$
 $p \text{ and } q$ - Boolean "and"
 $p \text{ or } q$ - Boolean "or"
 $p \text{ implies } q$ - $\text{not}(p)$ or q
 $p \text{ iff } q$ - $p == q$
 $\text{and } \{ p_1, \dots, p_k \}$
 $p_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } p_k$
 $\text{or } \{ p_1, \dots, p_k \}$
 $p_1 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } p_k$

Integer expressions

no overflows, priority top-to-bottom

i^j - i to the power of j
 $-i$ - negation
 $i * j$ i / j $i \% j$
 $i + j$ $i - j$
 $i < j$ $i \leq j$ $i > j$ $i \geq j$

Sum types

to capture different cases, no recursion or induction allowed

```
type Message =  
  Send({ nonce: int, dst: str, amount: int })  
  | Ack(int)
```

the sum type of two options, each carrying values of different types

```
Send({ nonce: 123, dst: "Alice", amount: 100 })  
construct a value for the option Req
```

```
match m {  
  | Send(r) => r.nonce  
  | Ack(nonce) => nonce  
}
```

deconstruct a value for the possible cases

Control flow

$\text{if } (p) e_1 \text{ else } e_2$ - e_1 if p is true, and e_2 otherwise

Pure definitions

may be nested

$\text{pure val } N = 3 + 4$ - bind a constant expression to N

```
pure def max(i, j) = {  
  if (i > j) i else j  
}
```

- bind the operator over constants to max

$(x, y) => \text{max}(i, j)$ - an anonymous operator (lambda). Pass to other operators.

States and definitions

$\text{const Nodes: Set[str]}$ - declare a specification parameter, bind later with instance

$\text{var active: Set[str]}$ - declare a state variable, uninitialized

```
val allActive =  
  active == Nodes
```

- define a constant in the current state

```
def isActive(n) = {  
  n.in(active)  
}
```

- define an operator of n and of the current state

Actions - to make state transitions

$\text{active}' = \text{Nodes}$ - record that active must be set to Nodes in a next machine state. Return true.

$\text{nondet } n = \text{oneOf}(\text{Nodes})$

A - pick an arbitrary element of Nodes , bind to n , call action A

$\text{assert}(\text{active} != \text{Set}())$ - report error if condition is false

```
action activate(n) = {  
  active' = active.union(Set(n))  
}
```

- define an action

```
all {  
  isActive("a"),  
  activate("b"),  
}
```

- execute all actions in arbitrary order. Only if all actions return true, record the updates to the next state and return true. Otherwise, return false.

```
any {  
  activate("a"),  
  activate("b"),  
}
```

- execute some action that returns true, record its updates to the next state, return true. If no such action is available, return false.

Runs - tests and execution examples

init.then(step) - execute init . On true, update the state variables, execute step . On false, return false.

$n.\text{reps}(i => \text{step})$ - execute step n times, in sequence. Return true, only if all actions returned true. You can use the iteration number i .

$\text{step.fail}()$ - execute step . If it returns false, return true. If it returns true, return false.

```
run test1 =  
  activate("a")  
  .then(activate("b"))  
  .then(all {  
    assert("a".in(active)),  
    assert("b".in(active)),  
    active' = active,  
  })
```

- a simple test

Temporal operators

safety and liveness



under construction

Modules

```
module A {
  // pure definitions
  pure def d(a, b) = a + b
  // constants
  const N: int
  // state variables
  var x: int
  // actions
  action init = x' = N
  action step = x' = d(x, x)
  // runs
  // temporal operators
}
```

```
module E {
  // import B from the file B.qnt,
  // which is located in the parent
  // directory of the file containing E
  import B.* from "../B"
}
```

```
module G {
  // nested modules are not allowed
  module Nested {
    ...
  }
}
```

```
module B {
  // make all names of A visible in B
  import A.*
  val b = a + 1
  // re-export the module A as B::A
  export A
}
```

```
module D {
  // import all names from B
  import B.*
  // use the exported module A
  val d = A::a + 3
}
```

```
module F {
  // import names from B via the name b
  import B as bo
  // now we can access b via bo::b
  val f = bo::b
}
```

```
module H {
  // identifiers may contain ::
  // that model namespaces
  val namespace1::g = 3
  // it's up to you
  val even::more::nested = true
}
```

```
module C {
  // make an instance of A for N = 3
  import A(N = 3) as a3
  // make an instance of A for N = 4
  import A(N = 4) as a4
  // use a3::init and a4::init
  action init = all {
    a3::init,
    a4::init,
  }

  action step = all {
    a3::step,
    a4::step,
  }

  // refer to the variables of a3, a4
  val inv = a3::x != a4::x
}
```

Basic spells

```
module MyModule {  
  // copy basicSpells.qnt and import it  
  import basicSpells.* from "./basicSpells"  
  // ...  
}
```

`require(cond)` – test whether *cond* holds true

`require(cond, msg)` – return *msg* if not(*cond*),
and "" otherwise

`max(i, j)` – return the maximum of *i* and *j*

`setRemove(S, e)` – remove *e* from a set *S*

`has(M, key)` – test whether *key* belongs to a map *M*

`getOrElse(M, key, default)` – returns *M.get(key)*
if *M.has(key)*, and *default* otherwise

`mapRemove(M, key)` – remove the entry associated
with *key* from a map *M*

Common spells

```
module MyModule {  
  // copy commonSpells.qnt and import it  
  import commonSpells.* from "./commonSpells"  
  // ...  
}
```

`setSum(S)` – compute the sum of the elements in a set *S*

Rare spells

Check the link [\[spells\]](#)