

# A Concise Summary of the Event-B mathematical toolkit <sup>1</sup>

Each construct will be given in its presentation form, as displayed in the Rodin toolkit, followed by the ASCII form that is used for input to Rodin.

In the following:  $P, Q$  and  $R$  denote *predicates*;

$x$  and  $y$  denote single variables;

$z$  denotes a single or comma-separated list of variables;

$p$  denotes a pattern of variables, possibly including  $\mapsto$  and parentheses;

$S$  and  $T$  denote set expressions;

$U$  denotes a set of sets;

$m$  and  $n$  denote integer expressions;

$f$  and  $g$  denote functions;

$r$  denotes a relation;

$E$  and  $F$  denote expressions;

$E, F$  is a recursive pattern, *ie* it matches  $e_1, e_2$  and also  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots$ ; similarly for  $x, y$ ;

**Freeness:** The meta-predicate  $\neg free(z, E)$  means that none of the variables in  $z$  occur free in  $E$ . This meta-predicate is defined recursively on the structure of  $E$ , but that will not be done here explicitly. The base cases are:  $\neg free(z, \forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow Q)$ ,  $\neg free(z, \exists z \cdot P \wedge Q)$ ,  $\neg free(z, \{z \cdot P \mid F\})$ ,  $\neg free(z, \lambda z \cdot P|E)$ , and  $free(z, z)$ .

In the following the statement that  $P$  *must constrain*  $z$  means that the type of  $z$  must be at least inferrable from  $P$ .

In the following, parentheses are used to show syntactic structure; they may of course be omitted when there is no confusion.

**Note:** Event-B has a formal syntax and this summary does not attempt to describe that syntax. What it attempts to do is to *explain* Event-B *constructs*. Some words like *expression* collide with the formal syntax. Where a syntactical entity is intended the word will appear in *italics*, e.g. *expression*, *predicate*.

## 1 Predicates

## 2 Sets

1. False  $\perp$  false
2. True  $\top$  true
3. Conjunction:  $P \wedge Q$  P & Q  
Left associative.
4. Disjunction:  $P \vee Q$  P or Q  
Left associative.
5. Implication:  $P \Rightarrow Q$  P => Q  
Non-associative: this means that  $P \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow R$  must be parenthesised or an error will be diagnosed.
6. Equivalence:  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$  P <=> Q.  
 $P \Leftrightarrow Q = P \Rightarrow Q \wedge Q \Rightarrow P$   
Non-associative: this means that  $P \Leftrightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow R$  must be parenthesised or an error will be diagnosed.
7. Negation:  $\neg P$  not P
8. Universal quantification:  
 $\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow Q$  !z.P => Q  
Strictly,  $\forall z \cdot P$ , but usually an implication.  
*For all values of  $z$ , satisfying  $P$ ,  $Q$  is satisfied.*  
The types of  $z$  must be inferrable from the *predicate*  $P$ .
9. Existential quantification:  
 $\exists z \cdot P \wedge Q$  #z.P & Q  
Strictly,  $\exists z \cdot P$ , but usually a conjunction.  
*There exist values of  $z$ , satisfying  $P$ , that satisfy  $Q$ .*  
The type of  $z$  must be inferrable from the *predicate*  $P$ .
10. Equality:  $E = F$  E = F
11. Inequality:  $E \neq F$  E /= F

1. Singleton set:  $\{E\}$  {E}
2. Set enumeration:  $\{E, F\}$  {E, F}  
See note on the pattern  $E, F$  at top of summary.
3. Empty set:  $\emptyset$  { }
4. Set comprehension:  $\{z \cdot P \mid F\}$  { z . P | F }  
General form: the set of all values of  $F$  for all values of  $z$  that satisfy the *predicate*  $P$ .  $P$  must *constrain* the variables in  $z$ .
5. Set comprehension:  $\{F \mid P\}$  { F | P }  
Special form: the set of all values of  $F$  that satisfy the *predicate*  $P$ . In this case the set of bound variables  $z$  are all the free variables in  $F$ .  
 $\{F \mid P\} = \{z \cdot P \mid F\}$ , where  $z$  is all the variables in  $F$ .
6. Set comprehension:  $\{x \mid P\}$  { x | P }  
A special case of item 5: the set of all values of  $x$  that satisfy the *predicate*  $P$ .  
 $\{x \mid P\} = \{x \cdot P \mid x\}$
7. Union:  $S \cup T$  S \vee T
8. Intersection:  $S \cap T$  S /\ T
9. Difference:  $S \setminus T$  S \ T  
 $S \setminus T = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge x \notin T\}$
10. Ordered pair:  $E \mapsto F$  E |-> F.  
 $E \mapsto F \neq (E, F)$   
Left associative.  
In all places where an ordered pair is required,

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$E \mapsto F$  must be used.  $E, F$  will not be accepted as an ordered pair, it is always a list.  $\{x, y \cdot P \mid x \mapsto y\}$  illustrates the different usage.

11. Cartesian product:  $S \times T$  **S \*\* T**  
 $S \times T = \{x \mapsto y \mid x \in S \wedge y \in T\}$   
 Left-associative.
12. Powerset:  $\mathbb{P}(S)$  **POW(S)**  
 $\mathbb{P}(S) = \{s \mid s \subseteq S\}$
13. Non-empty subsets:  $\mathbb{P}_1(S)$  **POW1(S)**  
 $\mathbb{P}_1(S) = \mathbb{P}(S) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$
14. Cardinality:  $\text{card}(S)$  **card(S)**  
 Defined only for *finite*( $S$ ).
15. Generalized union:  $\text{union}(U)$  **union(U)**  
 The union of all the elements of  $U$ .  
 $\forall U \cdot U \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(S)) \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{union}(U) = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge \exists s \cdot s \in U \wedge x \in s\}$   
 where  $\neg \text{free}(x, s, U)$
16. Generalized intersection:  $\text{inter}(U)$  **inter(U)**  
 The intersection of all the elements of  $U$ .  
 $U \neq \emptyset,$   
 $\forall U \cdot U \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(S)) \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{inter}(U) = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge \forall s \cdot s \in U \Rightarrow x \in s\}$   
 where  $\neg \text{free}(x, s, U)$
17. Quantified union: **UNION z.P | S**  
 $\cup z \cdot P \mid S$   
 $P$  must *constrain* the variables in  $z$ .  
 $\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow S \subseteq T \Rightarrow$   
 $\cup(z \cdot P \mid E) = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge \exists z \cdot P \wedge x \in S\}$   
 where  $\neg \text{free}(x, z, T), \neg \text{free}(x, P), \neg \text{free}(x, S),$   
 $\neg \text{free}(x, z)$
18. Quantified intersection: **INTER z.P | S**  
 $\cap z \cdot P \mid S$   
 $P$  must *constrain* the variables in  $z$ ,  
 $\{z \mid P\} \neq \emptyset,$   
 $(\forall z \cdot (P \Rightarrow S \subseteq T)) \Rightarrow$   
 $\cap z \cdot P \mid S = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge (\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow x \in S)\}$   
 where  $\neg \text{free}(x, z), \neg \text{free}(x, T), \neg \text{free}(x, P),$   
 $\neg \text{free}(x, S).$

## 2.1 Set predicates

1. Set membership:  $E \in S$  **E : S**
2. Set non-membership:  $E \notin S$  **E /: S**
3. Subset:  $S \subseteq T$  **S <: T**
4. Not a subset:  $S \not\subseteq T$  **S /<: T**
5. Proper subset:  $S \subset T$  **S <<: T**
6. Not a proper subset:  $s \not\subset t$  **S /<<: T**
7. Finite set: *finite*( $S$ ) **finite(S)**  
 $\text{finite}(S) \Leftrightarrow S$  is *finite*.
8. Partition: *partition*( $S, x, y$ ) **partition(S,x,y)**  
 $x$  and  $y$  partition the set  $S$ , ie  $S = x \cup y \wedge x \cap y = \emptyset$   
 Specialised use for enumerated sets:  
 $\text{partition}(S, \{A\}, \{B\}, \{C\}).$   
 $S = \{A, B, C\} \wedge A \neq B \wedge B \neq C \wedge C \neq A$

## 3 BOOL and bool

BOOL is the enumerated set: {FALSE, TRUE} and bool is defined on a predicate  $P$  as follows:

1.  $P$  is provable:  $\text{bool}(P) = \text{TRUE}$
2.  $\neg P$  is provable:  $\text{bool}(P) = \text{FALSE}$

## 4 Numbers

The following is based on the set of integers, the set of natural numbers (non-negative integers), and the set of positive (non-zero) natural numbers.

1. The set of integer numbers:  $\mathbb{Z}$  **INT**
2. The set of natural numbers:  $\mathbb{N}$  **NAT**
3. The set of positive natural numbers:  $\mathbb{N}_1$  **NAT1**  
 $\mathbb{N}_1 = \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$
4. Minimum:  $\text{min}(S)$  **min(S)**  
 $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and *finite*( $S$ ) or  $S$  must have a lower bound.
5. Maximum:  $\text{max}(S)$  **max(S)**  
 $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  and *finite*( $S$ ) or  $S$  must have an upper bound.
6. Sum:  $m + n$  **m + n**
7. Difference:  $m - n$  **m - n**  
 $n \leq m$
8. Product:  $m \times n$  **m \* n**
9. Quotient:  $m/n$  **m / n**  
 $n \neq 0$
10. Remainder:  $m \text{ mod } n$  **m mod n**  
 $n \neq 0$
11. Interval:  $m .. n$  **m .. n**  
 $m .. n = \{i \mid m \leq i \wedge i \leq n\}$

### 4.1 Number predicates

1. Greater:  $m > n$  **m > n**
2. Less:  $m < n$  **m < n**
3. Greater or equal:  $m \geq n$  **m >= n**
4. Less or equal:  $m \leq n$  **m <= n**

## 5 Relations

A relation is a set of ordered pairs; a many to many mapping.

1. Relations:  $S \leftrightarrow T$  **S <-> T**  
 $S \leftrightarrow T = \mathbb{P}(S \times T)$   
 Associativity: relations are *right associative*:  
 $r \in X \leftrightarrow Y \leftrightarrow Z = r \in X \leftrightarrow (Y \leftrightarrow Z).$
2. Domain:  $\text{dom}(r)$  **dom(r)**  
 $\forall r \cdot r \in S \leftrightarrow T \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{dom}(r) = \{x \cdot (\exists y \cdot x \mapsto y \in r)\}$
3. Range:  $\text{ran}(r)$  **ran(r)**  
 $\forall r \cdot r \in S \leftrightarrow T \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{ran}(r) = \{y \cdot (\exists x \cdot x \mapsto y \in r)\}$

4. Total relation:  $S \leftrightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \leftrightarrow T}$   
 if  $r \in S \leftrightarrow T$  then  $\text{dom}(r) = S$

5. Surjective relation:  $S \leftrightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \leftrightarrow T}$   
 if  $r \in S \leftrightarrow T$  then  $\text{ran}(r) = T$

6. Total surjective relation:  $S \leftrightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \leftrightarrow T}$   
 if  $r \in S \leftrightarrow T$  then  $\text{dom}(r) = S$  and  $\text{ran}(r) = T$

7. Forward composition:  $p ; q$   $\boxed{p ; q}$   
 $\forall p, q. p \in S \leftrightarrow T \wedge q \in T \leftrightarrow U \Rightarrow$   
 $p ; q = \{x \mapsto y \mid (\exists z. x \mapsto z \in p \wedge z \mapsto y \in q)\}$

8. Backward composition:  $p \circ q$   $\boxed{p \circ q}$   
 $p \circ q = q ; p$

9. Identity:  $\text{id}$   $\boxed{\text{id}}$   
 $S \triangleleft \text{id} = \{x \mapsto x \mid x \in S\}$ .  
 $\text{id}$  is generic and the set  $S$  is inferred from the context.

10. Domain restriction:  $S \triangleleft r$   $\boxed{S \triangleleft r}$   
 $S \triangleleft r = \{x \mapsto y \mid x \mapsto y \in r \wedge x \in S\}$ .

11. Domain subtraction:  $S \triangleleft r$   $\boxed{S \triangleleft r}$   
 $S \triangleleft r = \{x \mapsto y \mid x \mapsto y \in r \wedge x \notin S\}$ .

12. Range restriction:  $r \triangleright T$   $\boxed{r \triangleright T}$   
 $r \triangleright T = \{x \mapsto y \mid x \mapsto y \in r \wedge y \in T\}$ .

13. Range subtraction:  $r \triangleright T$   $\boxed{r \triangleright T}$   
 $r \triangleright T = \{x \mapsto y \mid y \in r \wedge y \notin T\}$ .

14. Inverse:  $r^{-1}$   $\boxed{r^{-1}}$   
 $r^{-1} = \{y \mapsto x \mid x \mapsto y \in r\}$ .

15. Relational image:  $r[S]$   $\boxed{r[S]}$   
 $r[S] = \{y \mid \exists x. x \in S \wedge x \mapsto y \in r\}$ .

16. Overriding:  $r_1 \triangleleft r_2$   $\boxed{r_1 \triangleleft r_2}$   
 $r_1 \triangleleft r_2 = r_2 \cup (\text{dom}(r_2) \triangleleft r_1)$ .

17. Direct product:  $p \otimes q$   $\boxed{p \otimes q}$   
 $p \otimes q = \{x \mapsto (y \mapsto z) \mid x \mapsto y \in p \wedge x \mapsto z \in q\}$ .

18. Parallel product:  $p \parallel q$   $\boxed{p \parallel q}$   
 $p \parallel q = \{x, y, m, n. x \mapsto m \in p \wedge y \mapsto n \in q \mid (x \mapsto y) \mapsto (m \mapsto n)\}$ .

19. Projection:  $\text{prj}_1$   $\boxed{\text{prj}_1}$   
 $\text{prj}_1$  is generic.  
 $(S \times T) \triangleleft \text{prj}_1 = \{(x \mapsto y) \mapsto x \mid x \mapsto y \in S \times T\}$ .

20. Projection:  $\text{prj}_2$   $\boxed{\text{prj}_2}$   
 $\text{prj}_2$  is generic.  
 $(S \times T) \triangleleft \text{prj}_2 = \{(x \mapsto y) \mapsto y \mid x \mapsto y \in S \times T\}$ .

## 5.1 Iteration and Closure

Iteration and closure are important functions on relations that are not currently part of the kernel Event-B language. They can be defined in a Context, but not polymorphically.

*Note:* iteration and irreflexive closure will be implemented in a proposed extension of the mathematical language. The operators will be non-associative.

1. Iteration:  $r^n$   $\boxed{r^n}$   
 $r \in S \leftrightarrow S \Rightarrow r^0 = S \triangleleft \text{id} \wedge r^{n+1} = r ; r^n$ .

Note: to avoid inconsistency  $S$  should be the finite *base* set for  $r$ , ie the smallest set for which all  $r \in S \leftrightarrow S$ .

Could be defined as a function  $\text{iterate}(r \mapsto n)$ .

2. Reflexive Closure:  $r^*$   $\boxed{r^*}$   
 $r^* = \cup n. (n \in \mathbb{N} \mid r^n)$ .

Could be defined as a function  $\text{rclosure}(r)$ .

Note:  $r^0 \subseteq r^*$ .

3. Irreflexive Closure:  $r^+$   $\boxed{r^+}$   
 $r^+ = \cup n. (n \in \mathbb{N}_1 \mid r^n)$ .

Could be defined as a function  $\text{iclosure}(r)$ .

Note:  $r^0 \not\subseteq r^+$  by default, but may be present depending on  $r$ .

## 5.2 Functions

A function is a relation with the restriction that each element of the domain is related to a unique element in the range; a many to one mapping.

1. Partial functions:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{r. r \in S \leftrightarrow T \wedge r^{-1} ; r \subseteq T \triangleleft \text{id}\}$ .

2. Total functions:  $S \rightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \rightarrow T}$   
 $S \rightarrow T = \{f. f \in S \mapsto T \wedge \text{dom}(f) = S\}$ .

3. Partial injections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{f. f \in S \mapsto T \wedge f^{-1} \in T \mapsto S\}$ .  
*One-to-one* relations.

4. Total injections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = S \mapsto T \cap S \rightarrow T$ .

5. Partial surjections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{f. f \in S \mapsto T \wedge \text{ran}(f) = T\}$ .  
*Onto* relations.

6. Total surjections:  $S \rightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \rightarrow T}$   
 $S \rightarrow T = S \mapsto T \cap S \rightarrow T$ .

7. Bijections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = S \mapsto T \cap S \rightarrow T$ .  
*One-to-one and onto* relations.

8. Lambda abstraction:  $\boxed{\lambda p. P \mid E}$   
 $(\lambda p. P \mid E)$   
 $P$  must *constrain* the variables in  $p$ .  
 $(\lambda p. P \mid E) = \{z. P \mid p \mapsto E\}$ , where  $z$  is a list of variables that appear in the pattern  $p$ .

9. Function application:  $f(E)$   $\boxed{f(E)}$   
 $E \mapsto y \in f \Rightarrow E \in \text{dom}(f) \wedge f \in X \mapsto Y$ , where  
 $\text{type}(f) = \mathbb{P}(X \times Y)$ .

**Note:** in Event-B, relations and functions only ever have one argument, but that argument may

be a pair or tuple, hence  $f(E \mapsto F)$   $\boxed{f(E \mapsto F)}$   
 $f(E, F)$  is never valid.

## 6 Models

1. Contexts: contain sets and constants used by other contexts or machines.

CONTEXT	Identifier
EXTENDS	Machine_Identifiers
SETS	Identifiers
CONSTANTS	Identifiers
AXIOMS	Predicates
END	

**Note:** *theorems* can be presented in the AXIOMS part of a context.

2. Machines: contain events.

MACHINE	Identifier
REFINES	Machine_Identifiers
SEES	Context_Identifiers
VARIABLES	Identifiers
INVARIANT	Predicates
VARIANT	Expression
EVENTS	Events
END	

**Note:** *theorems* can be presented in the INVARIANT section of a machine and the WHERE part of an event.

## 6.1 Events

Event_name	
REFINES	Event_identifiers
ANY	Identifiers
WHERE	Predicates
WITH	Witnesses
THEN	Actions
END	

There is one distinguished event named *INITIALISATION* used to initialise the variables of a machine, thus establishing the invariant.

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## 6.2 Actions

Actions are used to change the state of a machine. There may be multiple actions, but they take effect concurrently, that is, in parallel. The semantics of events are defined in terms of *substitutions*. The substitution  $[G]P$  defines a predicate obtained by replacing the values of the variables in  $P$  according to the action  $G$ . General substitutions are not available in the Event-B language.

*Note on concurrency:* any single variable can be modified in at most one action, otherwise the effect of the actions would, in general, be inconsistent.

1. *skip*, the null action:  
*skip* denotes the empty set of actions for an event.
2. Simple assignment action:  $z := E$   $x := E$   
 $:=$  = “becomes equal to”: replace free occurrences of  $x$  by  $E$ .
3. Choice from set:  $x \in S$   $x :: S$   
 $\in$  = “becomes in”: arbitrarily choose a value from the set  $S$ .
4. Choice by predicate:  $z \mid P$   $z \mid P$   
 $\mid$  = “becomes such that”: arbitrarily choose values for the variable in  $z$  that satisfy the predicate  $P$ . Within  $P$ ,  $x$  refers to the value of the variable  $x$  before the action and  $x'$  refers to the value of the variable after the action.
5. Functional override:  $f(x) := E$   $f(x) := E$   
Substitute the value  $E$  for the function/relation  $f$  at the point  $x$ .  
This is a shorthand:  
 $f(x) := E = f := f \triangleleft \{x \mapsto E\}$ .