

# 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 list of comma-separated 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.

## 1 Predicates

A predicate is a function from some set  $X$  to Boolean (bool)

- 1. False:  $\perp$  false
- 2. True:  $\top$  true

Boolean cannot be used as a type for constants and variables. Instead EventB provides a set `BOOL` defined as an enumeration

$$\text{BOOL} = \{\text{FALSE}, \text{TRUE}\},$$

which can be used for *concrete* representations of *false* and *true*.

There is also a function `bool` that maps predicates into values in `BOOL`: `bool( $\perp$ ) = FALSE` and `bool( $\top$ ) = TRUE`.

- 1. Conjunction:  $P \wedge Q$  P & Q  
Left associative.
- 2. Disjunction:  $P \vee Q$  P or Q  
Left associative.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Negation:  $\neg P$  not P
- 6. Universal quantification:  
 $(\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow Q)$  (!z.P => Q)

For all values of  $z$  satisfying  $P, Q$  (is true)  
The types of  $z$  must be inferrable from the predicate  $P$ .

- 7. Existential quantification:  
 $(\exists z \cdot P \wedge Q)$  (#z.P & Q)  
The predicate  $P$  must constrain  $z$ .
- 8. Equality:  $E = F$  E = F
- 9. Inequality:  $E \neq F$  E /= F

## 2 Sets

- 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

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| <p>8. Intersection: <math>S \cap T</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S \wedge T</math></span></p> <p>9. Difference: <math>S \setminus T</math><br/> <math>S \setminus T = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge x \notin T\}</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S \setminus T</math></span></p> <p>10. Ordered pair: <math>E \mapsto F</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>E \mapsto F</math></span><br/> <math>E \mapsto F \neq (E, F)</math><br/> Left associative.<br/> In all places where an ordered pair is required,<br/> <math>E \mapsto F</math> must be used. <math>E, F</math> will not be ac-<br/> cepted as an ordered pair, it is always a list.<br/> <math>\{x, y \cdot P \mid x \mapsto y\}</math> illustrates the different usage.</p> <p>11. Cartesian product: <math>S \times T</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S ** T</math></span><br/> <math>S \times T = \{x \mapsto y \mid x \in S \wedge y \in T\}</math><br/> Left-associative.</p> <p>12. Powerset: <math>\mathbb{P}(S)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{POW}(S)</math></span><br/> <math>\mathbb{P}(S) = \{s \mid s \subseteq S\}</math></p> <p>13. Non-empty subsets: <math>\mathbb{P}_1(S)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{POW1}(S)</math></span><br/> <math>\mathbb{P}_1(S) = \mathbb{P}(S) \setminus \{\emptyset\}</math></p> <p>14. Cardinality: <math>\text{card}(S)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{card}(S)</math></span><br/> Defined only for <math>\text{finite}(S)</math>.</p> <p>15. Partition: <math>\text{partition}(S, x, y)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{partition}(S, x, y)</math></span><br/> <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> partition the set <math>S</math>, ie <math>S = x \cup y \wedge x \cap y = \emptyset</math><br/> Specialised use for enumerated sets:<br/> <math>\text{partition}(S, \{A\}, \{B\}, \{C\})</math>.<br/> <math>S = \{A, B, C\} \wedge A \neq B \wedge B \neq C \wedge C \neq A</math></p> <p>16. Generalized union: <math>\text{union}(U)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{union}(U)</math></span><br/> The union of all the elements of <math>U</math>.<br/> <math>\forall U \cdot U \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(S)) \Rightarrow</math><br/> <math>\text{union}(U) = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge \exists s \cdot s \in U \wedge x \in s\}</math><br/> where <math>\neg \text{free}(x, s, U)</math></p> <p>17. Generalized intersection: <math>\text{inter}(U)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{inter}(U)</math></span><br/> The intersection of all the elements of <math>U</math>.<br/> <math>U \neq \emptyset,</math><br/> <math>\forall U \cdot U \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{P}(S)) \Rightarrow</math><br/> <math>\text{inter}(U) = \{x \mid x \in S \wedge \forall s \cdot s \in U \Rightarrow x \in s\}</math><br/> where <math>\neg \text{free}(x, s, U)</math></p> <p>18. Quantified union: <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{UNION } z.P \mid S</math></span><br/> <math>\cup z \cdot P \mid S</math><br/> <math>P</math> must <i>constrain</i> the variables in <math>z</math>.<br/> <math>\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow S \subseteq T \Rightarrow</math><br/> <math>\cup(z \cdot P \mid E) = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge \exists z \cdot P \wedge x \in S\}</math><br/> where <math>\neg \text{free}(x, z, T), \neg \text{free}(x, P), \neg \text{free}(x, S),</math><br/> <math>\neg \text{free}(x, z)</math></p> <p>19. Quantified intersection: <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{INTER } z.P \mid S</math></span><br/> <math>\cap z \cdot P \mid S</math><br/> <math>P</math> must <i>constrain</i> the variables in <math>z</math>,<br/> <math>\{z \mid P\} \neq \emptyset,</math><br/> <math>(\forall z \cdot (P \Rightarrow S \subseteq T)) \Rightarrow</math><br/> <math>\cap z \cdot P \mid S = \{x \mid x \in T \wedge (\forall z \cdot P \Rightarrow x \in S)\}</math><br/> where <math>\neg \text{free}(x, z), \neg \text{free}(x, T), \neg \text{free}(x, P),</math><br/> <math>\neg \text{free}(x, S)</math>.</p> | <p>2. Set non-membership: <math>E \notin S</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>E /: S</math></span></p> <p>3. Subset: <math>S \subseteq T</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S &lt;: T</math></span></p> <p>4. Not a subset: <math>S \not\subseteq T</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S /&lt;: T</math></span></p> <p>5. Proper subset: <math>S \subset T</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S &lt;&lt;: T</math></span></p> <p>6. Not a proper subset: <math>s \not\subset t</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>S /&lt;&lt;: T</math></span></p> <p>7. Finite set: <math>\text{finite}(S)</math> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\text{finite}(S)</math></span><br/> <math>\text{finite}(S) \Leftrightarrow S \text{ is finite.}</math></p> |
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### 3 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.

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

#### 3.1 Number predicates

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

#### 2.1 Set predicates

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| 1. Set membership: $E \in S$ | $E : S$ |
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## 4 Relations

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

1. Relations:  $S \leftrightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \leftrightarrow T}$   
 $S \leftrightarrow T = \mathbb{P}(S \times T)$   
 Associativity: relations are *right associative*:  
 $r \in X \leftrightarrow Y \leftrightarrow Z = r \in X \leftrightarrow (Y \leftrightarrow Z)$ .
2. Domain:  $\text{dom}(r)$   $\boxed{\text{dom}(r)}$   
 $\forall r \cdot r \in S \leftrightarrow T \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{dom}(r) = \{x \cdot (\exists y \cdot x \mapsto y \in r)\}$
3. Range:  $\text{ran}(r)$   $\boxed{\text{ran}(r)}$   
 $\forall r \cdot r \in S \leftrightarrow T \Rightarrow$   
 $\text{ran}(r) = \{y \cdot (\exists x \cdot x \mapsto y \in r)\}$
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:  $p ; q$   $\boxed{p ; q}$   
 $\forall p, q \cdot p \in S \leftrightarrow T \wedge q \in T \leftrightarrow U \Rightarrow$   
 $p ; q = \{x \mapsto y \mid (\exists z \cdot x \mapsto z \in p \wedge z \mapsto y \in q)\}$
8. Backward composition:  $p \circ q$   $\boxed{p \circ q}$   
 $p \circ q = q ; p$
9. Identity:  $\text{id}$   $\boxed{\text{id}}$   
 $S \triangleleft \text{id} = \{x \mapsto x \mid x \in S\}$ .  
*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:  $r[S]$   $\boxed{r[S]}$   
 $r[S] = \{y \mid \exists x \cdot x \in S \wedge x \mapsto y \in r\}$ .
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:  $p \parallel q$   $\boxed{p \parallel q}$   
 $p \parallel q = \{x, y, m, n \cdot x \mapsto m \in p \wedge y \mapsto n \in q \mid (x \mapsto y) \mapsto (m \mapsto n)\}$ .

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.  
 $(S \times T) \triangleleft \text{prj}_2 = \{(x \mapsto y) \mapsto y \mid x \mapsto y \in S \times T\}$ .

### 4.1 Iteration and Closure

Iteration and closure are important functions on relations that are not currently part of the kernel EventB 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:  $r^n$   $\square$   
 $r \in S \leftrightarrow S \Rightarrow r^0 = S \triangleleft \text{id} \wedge r^{n+1} = r ; r^n$ .  
 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:  $r^*$   $\square$   
 $r^* = \bigcup n \cdot (n \in \mathbb{N} \mid r^n)$ .  
 Could be defined as a function  $\text{rclosure}(r)$ .  
 Note:  $r^0 \subseteq r^*$ .
3. Irreflexive Closure:  $r^+$   $\square$   
 $r^+ = \bigcup n \cdot (n \in \mathbb{N}_1 \mid r^n)$ .  
 Could be defined as a function  $\text{iclosure}(r)$ .  
 Note:  $r^0 \not\subseteq r^+$  by default, but may be present depending on  $r$ .

### 4.2 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:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{r \cdot r \in S \leftrightarrow T \wedge r^{-1} ; r \subset \text{eq}T \triangleleft \text{id}\}$ .
2. Total functions:  $S \rightarrow T$   $\boxed{S \rightarrow T}$   
 $S \rightarrow T = \{f \cdot f \in S \mapsto T \wedge \text{dom}(f) = S\}$ .
3. Partial injections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{f \cdot f \in S \mapsto T \wedge f^{-1} \in T \mapsto S\}$ .  
*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:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = \{f \cdot f \in S \mapsto T \wedge \text{ran}(f) = T\}$ .  
*Onto* relations.
6. Total surjections:  $S \mapsto T$   $\boxed{S \mapsto T}$   
 $S \mapsto T = S \mapsto T \cap S \rightarrow T$ .
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:  $(\lambda p \cdot P \mid E)$   $(\%p \cdot P \mid E)$   
 $P$  must *constrain* the variables in  $p$ .  
 $(\lambda p \cdot P \mid E) = \{z \cdot P \mid p \mapsto E\}$ , where  $z$  is a list of variables that appear in the pattern  $p$ .

9. Function application:  $f(E)$   $f(E)$   
 $E \mapsto y \in f \Rightarrow E \in \text{dom}(f) \wedge f \in X \rightarrow Y$ , where  $\text{type}(f) = \mathbb{P}(X \times Y)$ .  
**Note:** in EventB, relations and functions only ever have one argument, but that argument may be a pair or tuple, hence  $f(E \mapsto F)$   $f(E \mapsto F)$   
 $f(E, F)$  is never valid.

## 5 Models

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

CONTEXT	Identifier
EXTENDS	Machine_Identifiers
SETS	Identifiers
CONSTANTS	Identifiers
AXIOMS	Predicates
THEOREMS	Predicates
END	

2. Machines: contain events.

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

### 5.1 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.

### 5.2 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 EventB 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:  $x := E$   $x := E$   
 $:=$  = “becomes equal to”: replace free occurrences of  $x$  by  $E$ .
3. Choice from set:  $x \in S$   $x \in S$   
 $\in$  = “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 expression  $f$  at point  $x$ .  
This is a shorthand for  $f(x) := E = f := f \Leftarrow \{x \mapsto E\}$ .
6. Multiple action:  
 $x, y := E, F$   $x, y := E, F$   
Concurrent assignment of the values  $E$  and  $F$  to the variables  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively. This is equivalent multiple single actions.

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