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Key-JML Cheat Sheet

- EXPRESSIONS -

Operators

JML extends the Java operators: $+-*/\leq<>>=<:<:===!=\sim\&\wedge\&|\&\&||\implies\leq==<==>$
 $<!=>?>:<<>>$ JML expressions must be side-effect free! New: $a<:b$ (subtyping), $a\implies b$ (implication), and $a<==>b$ (equivalence).

Arithmetic Semantics

RED: Please write 3-4 lines about the current handling of arithmetic `\bigint` vs. `code_math` and `spec_math`

Functions

- `\dl_name(e)` — direct access to JavaDL functions
- `\invariant_for(o)` — class invariant of o
- `\old(x)` — value of x in the state before the current block
- `\pre(x)` — value of x in the state before the current method
- `\fresh(x)` — holds iff x was not allocated in the current method's prestate

Location Sets (Type: `\locset`)

Type `\locset` describes positions as *Object* \times *Field* pairs on the heap. Useable in `assignable`

clauses and ghost variables.

- `\locset(o.f, a[l..u], b[*])` — the set consisting of (o, f) and all entries in a between l and u (exclusive).
- `\intersect(x, y)` — $x \cap y$
- `\set_union(x, y)` — $x \cup y$
- `\set_minus(x, y)` — $x \setminus y$

Sequence (Type: `\seq`)

Mathematical data type of finite sequences.

- `\seq_empty` — empty sequence
- `\seq_concat(a, b)` — concatenation
- `(T)s[i]` — element access with cast to type T
- `s.length` — length of the sequence
- `\seq(e1, ..., en)` — seq. constructor
- `s[i..j]` — subsequence
- `\seq_def \bigint x; i; j; t` — binder form

Binders

Syntax: $(Q\ T\ v\ ;\ guard\ ;\ value)$

Quantifiers:

- `\forallall` — $\forall v:T. guard(v) \rightarrow value(v)$
- `\existsists` — $\exists v:T. guard(v) \wedge value(v)$
- `\sum` — $\sum_{v:T \wedge guard(v)} value(v)$
- `\product` — $\prod_{v:T \wedge guard(v)} value(v)$
- `\num_of` — $\sum_{v:T \wedge guard(v)} 1$ Number of valid entries.

- CONSTRUCTS -

Modifiers

- `ghost` — declaration of spec-only fields assigned by `set` statements (see **JML Statements**)
- `model` — declaration of model fields and methods; these have no state of their own, but are coupled to a state by via a `represents`
- `nullable` — declaration of a type as nullable (the default being non-null)

- `helper` — helper methods neither require nor ensure the invariant
- `pure` — pure methods modify no existing objects

Class-level

- `invariant` — object invariant adhered to in every method's initial and terminal state, except `helper` methods
- `represents` — model field definition

Contracts

`behavior = (normal_behavior + exceptional_behavior)` defines the allowed clauses:

- `requires` — precondition
- `ensures` — postcondition; access return value using `\result`
- `assignable` — frame condition
- `measured_by` — termination witness
- `signals` — abnormal postcondition; access exception using `\exception`
- `signals_only` — allowed exceptions

Loop Invariants

Appear in JML comments before loops and have the following clauses:

- `loop_invariant` — inductive invariant formula
- `assignable` — frame condition (for whole loop, not single iteration)
- `decreases` — strong monotonic decreasing expression as a witness for termination

JML statements

- `//@ assert e;` or `//@ assume e;` adds a proof goal or assumption on computation path.
- `//@ set v = e;` assignment to a ghost variable

JML explained on Binary Search

requires introduces a pre-condition.

ensures introduces a post-condition.

also introduces a second contract.

signals_only lists the allowed exceptions.

Termination witness for loop:
 $0 \leq (up - low) < \text{old}(up - low)$

Reached with assume $low \geq up$ and invariant

Contracts have an optional visibility modifier and behavior

Support for multi-way comparison.

assignable specifies that no heap locations are modified (`\nothing`).

loop_invariant defines an inductive formula that holds in every iteration.

```
/*@ private normal_behavior
   @ requires (\exists int idx;
   @           0 <= idx < a.length;
   @           a[idx] == v);
   @ requires (\forall int x, y;
   @           0 <= x < y < a.length; a[x] <= a[y]);
   @ ensures 0 <= \result < a.length
   @ && a[\result] == v;
   @ assignable \nothing;
   @ also private exceptional_behavior
   @ requires ! (\exists int idx;
   @           0 <= idx < a.length; a[idx] == v);
   @ assignable \nothing;
   @ signals_only NoSuchElementException;
   @*/
private int binSearch(int[] a, int v) {
    int low = 0;
    int up = a.length;

    /*@ loop_invariant 0 <= low <= up <= a.length
       @ && (\forall int x; 0 <= x < low; a[x] != v);
       @ && (\forall int x; up <= x < a.length; a[x] != v);
       @ assignable \nothing;
       @ decreases up - low;
       @*/
    while (low < up) {
        int mid = low + ((up - low) / 2);
        if (v == a[mid]) { return mid; }
        else if (v < a[mid]) { up = mid; }
        else { low = mid + 1; }
    }
    throw new NoSuchElementException();
}
```

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