


# TLA<sup>+</sup> Video Course – Lecture 8, Part 1

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# IMPLEMENTATION PRELIMINARIES

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Implementation: Preliminaries



This lecture explains what it means for the two-phase commit protocol to implement the specification of transaction commit. It's divided into two parts. Part One reviews and categorizes the kinds of TLA+ expressions you've already seen, and introduces a new kind: temporal formulas. A specification can be written as a single temporal formula. We begin with an explanation of logical implication.

# IMPLICATION

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The way we assert mathematically that we know nothing is with the formula  
TRUE. Since saying that TRUE is true says nothing.

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because

IF TRUE THEN FALSE equals IF  $\neg$ FALSE THEN  $\neg$ TRUE  
ELSE TRUE ELSE TRUE

For example:  $P \leftarrow$  TRUE and  $Q \leftarrow$  FALSE

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IF	TRUE	THEN	FALSE
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ELSE TRUE ELSE TRUE

You can check the other values of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

You can check the other three possible substitutions of Boolean values for  $P$  and  $Q$  yourself.

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Suppose we substitute "it's raining" for  $P$  and "the ground is wet" for  $Q$ .

The equality of these two formulas means that "If it's raining then the ground is wet."

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In speech, implication asserts causality.

Raining causes the ground to be wet.

But, the ground not being wet doesn't cause it not to be raining.

So in ordinary speech, these two sentences don't have the same meaning.

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In speech, implication asserts causality.

In math, implication asserts only correlation.

But in math and hence in TLA+, implication asserts only correlation, not causality.

In math, these two sentences and these two formulas have the same meaning. And TLA+ is math.

# ORDINARY EXPRESSIONS

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**And identifiers declared locally within the expression.**

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**And these set constructors.**

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This subexpression is not  
module-complete because  
 $v$  is locally declared outside it.

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because  $v$  is locally declared outside the subexpression.

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For example, this expression – assuming  $x$  and  $y$  are declared variables.

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Be aware that quite a few people use the word *formula* to mean any mathematical expression. But I'll use it to mean a Boolean-valued expression.

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The only ones you've seen so far are  
' (prime) and UNCHANGED.

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The constant *n* is locally defined within the expression.



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Remember that a constant formula is a Boolean-valued constant expression.

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VARIABLES  $x, y$

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I will ignore all dependencies on the values of declared constants

and assume that the values of all declared constants are fixed throughout the discussion. And I'll avoid declared constants in the examples I use.

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$$v \cup \{w\}$$

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on state  $s$ .

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then this state expression has this value on state  $s$ .

A constant expression is a state expression that has the same value on all states.

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The constant expression  $2 + 2$  has the value 4 on every state.

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If state  $s$  assigns  $p \leftarrow 42$  and  
state  $t$  assigns  $q \leftarrow 24$

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$$p - q'$$

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on the step  $s \rightarrow t$ .

then the action expression  $p - q'$  has the value  $42 - 24$ , (which equals 18) on the step  $s \rightarrow t$ .

A state expression is an action expression whose value on the step  $s \rightarrow t$  depends only on state  $s$ .

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An action *formula* is called simply an action.

## Priming a State Expression

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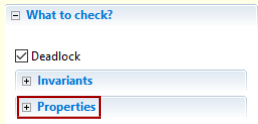
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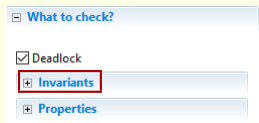
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Or, since this is an invariance property, you can just check that  $TPTypeOK$  (without the *always*) is an invariant of  $TPSpec$ .



We're now ready to explain in Part Two what it means for the two-phase commit protocol to implement the specification of transaction commit, and how to use TLC to check that it does.

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**End of Lecture 8, Part 1**

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