

Annex A

(normative)

Formal syntax definition

The formal syntax of Verilog-AMS HDL is described using Backus-Naur Form (BNF). The syntax of Verilog-AMS HDL source is derived from the starting symbol source_text. The syntax of a library map file is derived from the starting symbol library_text. The following grammar is designed as a presentation grammar and should not be interpreted as an unambiguous production grammar. The compiler developer will be required to implement the various semantic restrictions outlined throughout this reference manual to remove any ambiguities.

BNF keywords and syntax tokens are denoted by **red font**. Specificic syntax items relevant to Verilog-AMS are denoted by **blue font**. Specific syntax items relevant to Analog-System Verilog Assertions are denoted by **green font**.

A.1 Source text

A.1.1 Library source text

```
library_text ::= { library_description }
library_description ::= 
    library_declaration
    | include_statement
    | config_declaration
library_declaration ::= 
    library library_identifier file_path_spec [ { , file_path_spec } ]
    [ -incdir file_path_spec { , file_path_spec } ] ;
file_path_spec ::= file_path
include_statement ::= include file_path_spec ;
```

A.1.2 Verilog source text

```
source_text ::= { description }
description ::= 
    module_declaration
    | udp_declaration
    | config_declaration
    | paramset_declaration
    | nature_declaration
    | discipline_declaration
    | connectrules_declaration
module_declaration ::= 
    { attribute_instance } module_keyword module_identifier [ module_parameter_port_list ]
    list_of_ports ; { module_item }
    endmodule
    | { attribute_instance } module_keyword module_identifier [ module_parameter_port_list ]
```

```
[ list_of_port_declarations ] ; { non_port_module_item }
endmodule
module_keyword ::= module | macromodule | connectmodule
```

A.1.3 Module parameters and ports

```
module_parameter_port_list ::= # ( parameter_declaration { , parameter_declaration } )
list_of_ports ::= ( port { , port } )
list_of_port_declarations ::=
    ( port_declaration { , port_declaration } )
    | ( )
port ::= 
    [ port_expression ]
    | . port_identifier ( [ port_expression ] )
port_expression ::= 
    port_reference
    | { port_reference { , port_reference } }
port_reference ::= 
    port_identifier [ constant_range_expression ]
port_declaration ::= 
    {attribute_instance} inout_declaration
    | {attribute_instance} input_declaration
    | {attribute_instance} output_declaration
```

A.1.4 Module items

```
module_item ::= 
    port_declaration ;
    | non_port_module_item
module_or_generate_item ::= 
    { attribute_instance } module_or_generate_item_declaration
    | { attribute_instance } local_parameter_declaration ;
    | { attribute_instance } parameter_override
    | { attribute_instance } continuous_assign
    | { attribute_instance } gate_instantiation
    | { attribute_instance } udp_instantiation
    | { attribute_instance } module_instantiation
    | { attribute_instance } initial_construct
    | { attribute_instance } always_construct
    | { attribute_instance } loop_generate_construct
    | { attribute_instance } conditional_generate_construct
    | { attribute_instance } analog_construct
    | { attribute_instance } assertion_item
module_or_generate_item_declaration ::= 
    net_declaration
    | reg_declaration
    | integer_declaration
    | real_declaration
    | time_declaration
    | realtime_declaration
```

```

| event_declarator
| genvar_declarator
| task_declarator
| function_declarator
| branch_declarator
| analog_function_declarator
| clocking_declarator
| default clocking clocking_identifier ;
| default disable iff expression_or_dist ;

non_port_module_item ::=

    module_or_generate_item
    | generate_region
    | specify_block
    | { attribute_instance } parameter_declaration ;
    | { attribute_instance } specparam_declaration
    | aliasparam_declaration

parameter_override ::= defparam list_of_defparam_assignments ;

```

A.1.5 Configuration source text

```

config_declaration ::=

    config config_identifier ;
        design_statement
        {config_rule_statement}
    endconfig

design_statement ::= design { [library_identifier.]cell_identifier } ;

config_rule_statement ::=

    default_clause liblist_clause ;
    | inst_clause liblist_clause ;
    | inst_clause use_clause ;
    | cell_clause liblist_clause ;
    | cell_clause use_clause ;

default_clause ::= default

inst_clause ::= instance inst_name

inst_name ::= topmodule_identifier{ .instance_identifier }

cell_clause ::= cell [ library_identifier.]cell_identifier

liblist_clause ::= liblist { library_identifier }

use_clause ::= use [library_identifier.]cell_identifier[ :config ]

```

A.1.6 Nature Declaration

```

nature_declaration ::=

    nature nature_identifier [ : parent_nature ] [ ; ]
        { nature_item }
    endnature

parent_nature ::=

    nature_identifier
    | discipline_identifier . potential_or_flow

nature_item ::= nature_attribute

```

```
nature_attribute ::= nature_attribute_identifier = nature_attribute_expression ;
```

A.1.7 Discipline Declaration

```
discipline_declaration ::=  
    discipline discipline_identifier [ ; ]  
    { discipline_item }  
    enddiscipline  
discipline_item ::=  
    nature_binding  
    | discipline_domain_binding  
    | nature_attribute_override  
nature_binding ::= potential_or_flow nature_identifier ;  
potential_or_flow ::= potential | flow  
discipline_domain_binding ::= domain discrete_or_continuous ;  
discrete_or_continuous ::= discrete | continuous  
nature_attribute_override ::= potential_or_flow . nature_attribute
```

A.1.8 Connectrules Declaration

```
connectrules_declaration ::=  
    connectrules connectrules_identifier ;  
    { connectrules_item }  
    endconnectrules  
connectrules_item ::=  
    connect_insertion  
    | connect_resolution  
connect_insertion ::= connect connectmodule_identifier [ connect_mode ]  
    [ parameter_value_assignment ] [ connect_port_overrides ] ;  
connect_mode ::= merged | split  
connect_port_overrides ::=  
    discipline_identifier , discipline_identifier  
    | input discipline_identifier , output discipline_identifier  
    | output discipline_identifier , input discipline_identifier  
    | inout discipline_identifier , inout discipline_identifier  
connect_resolution ::= connect discipline_identifier { , discipline_identifier } resolveto  
    discipline_identifier  
    | exclude  
    ;
```

A.1.9 Paramset Declaration

```
paramset_declaration ::=  
    { attribute_instance } paramset paramset_identifier module_or_paramset_identifier ;  
    paramset_item_declaration { paramset_item_declaration }  
    paramset_statement { paramset_statement }  
    endparamset  
paramset_item_declaration ::=  
    { attribute_instance } parameter_declaration ;
```

```

| { attribute_instance } local_parameter_declaration ;
| aliasparam_declaration
| { attribute_instance } integer_declaration
| { attribute_instance } real_declaration

paramset_statement ::= .
    .module_parameter_identifier = paramset_constant_expression ;
    .system_parameter_identifier = paramset_constant_expression ;
    analog_function_statement

paramset_constant_expression ::= .
    constant_primary
    | hierarchical_parameter_identifier
    | unary_operator { attribute_instance } constant_primary
    | paramset_constant_expression binary_operator { attribute_instance } paramset_constant_expression
    | paramset_constant_expression ? { attribute_instance } paramset_constant_expression :
    paramset_constant_expression

```

A.2 Declarations

A.2.1 Declaration types

A.2.1.1 Module parameter declarations

```

local_parameter_declaration ::= .
    localparam [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_param_assignments
    | localparam parameter_type list_of_param_assignments

parameter_declaration ::= .
    parameter [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_param_assignments
    | parameter parameter_type list_of_param_assignments

specparam_declaration ::= specparam [ range ] list_of_specparam_assignments ;

parameter_type ::= .
    integer | real | realtime | time | string

aliasparam_declaration ::= aliasparam parameter_identifier = parameter_identifier ;

```

A.2.1.2 Port declarations

```

inout_declaration ::= .
    inout [ discipline_identifier ] [ net_type | wreal ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers

input_declaration ::= .
    input [ discipline_identifier ] [ net_type | wreal ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers

output_declaration ::= .
    output [ discipline_identifier ] [ net_type | wreal ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers
    | output [ discipline_identifier ] reg [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_variable_port_identifiers
    | output output_variable_type list_of_variable_port_identifiers

```

A.2.1.3 Type declarations

```

branch_declaration ::= branch ( branch_terminal [ , branch_terminal ] ) list_of_branch_identifiers ;
branch_terminal ::= .
    net_identifier
    | net_identifier [ constant_expression ]
    | net_identifier [ constant_range_expression ]

event_declaration ::= event list_of_event_identifiers ;

```

```

integer_declaration ::= integer list_of_variable_identifiers ;
net_declaration ::= 
    net_type [ discipline_identifier ] [ signed ]
        [ delay3 ] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | net_type [ discipline_identifier ] [ drive_strength ] [ signed ]
        [ delay3 ] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | net_type [ discipline_identifier ] [ vectored | scalared ] [ signed ]
        range [ delay3 ] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | net_type [ discipline_identifier ] [ drive_strength ] [ vectored | scalared ] [ signed ]
        range [ delay3 ] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | trireg [ discipline_identifier ] [ charge_strength ] [ signed ]
        [ delay3 ] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | triereg [ discipline_identifier ] [ drive_strength ] [ signed ]
        [ delay3 ] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | triereg [ discipline_identifier ] [ charge_strength ] [ vectored | scalared ] [ signed ]
        range [ delay3 ] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | triereg [ discipline_identifier ] [ drive_strength ] [ vectored | scalared ] [ signed ]
        range [ delay3 ] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | discipline_identifier [ range ] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | discipline_identifier [ range ] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | wreal [ discipline_identifier ] [ range] list_of_net_identifiers ;
    | wreal [ discipline_identifier ] [ range] list_of_net_decl_assignments ;
    | ground [ discipline_identifier ] [ range ] list_of_net_identifiers ;

real_declaration ::= real list_of_real_identifiers ;
realtime_declaration ::= realtime list_of_real_identifiers ;
reg_declaration ::= reg [ discipline_identifier ] [ signed ] [ range ]
    list_of_variable_identifiers ;
time_declaration ::= time list_of_variable_identifiers ;

```

A.2.2 Declaration data types

A.2.2.1 Net and variable types

```

net_type ::= 
    supply0 | supply1 | tri | triand | trior | tri0 | tril | uwire | wire | wand | wor
output_variable_type ::= integer | time
real_type ::= 
    real_identifier { dimension } [ = constant_arrayinit ]
    | real_identifier = constant_expression
variable_type ::= 
    variable_identifier { dimension } [ = constant_arrayinit ]
    | variable_identifier = constant_expression

```

A.2.2.2 Strengths

```

drive_strength ::= 
    ( strength0 , strength1 )
    | ( strength1 , strength0 )
    | ( strength0 , highz1 )
    | ( strength1 , highz0 )
    | ( highz0 , strength1 )
    | ( highz1 , strength0 )

```

```

strength0 ::= supply0 | strong0 | pull0 | weak0
strength1 ::= supply1 | strong1 | pull1 | weak1
charge_strength ::= (small) | (medium) | (large)

```

A.2.2.3 Delays

```

delay3 ::= 
    # delay_value
    | # ( mintypmax_expression [ , mintypmax_expression [ , mintypmax_expression ] ] )
delay2 ::= 
    # delay_value
    | # ( mintypmax_expression [ , mintypmax_expression ] )
delay_value ::= 
    unsigned_number
    | real_number
    | identifier

```

A.2.3 Declaration lists

```

list_of_branch_identifiers ::= branch_identifier [ range ] { , branch_identifier [ range ] }
list_of_defparam_assignments ::= defparam_assignment { , defparam_assignment }
list_of_event_identifiers ::= event_identifier { dimension } { , event_identifier { dimension } }
list_of_net_decl_assignments ::= net_decl_assignment { , net_decl_assignment }
list_of_net_identifiers ::= ams_net_identifier { , ams_net_identifier }
list_of_param_assignments ::= param_assignment { , param_assignment }
list_of_port_identifiers ::= port_identifier { , port_identifier }
list_of_real_identifiers ::= real_type { , real_type }
list_of_specparam_assignments ::= specparam_assignment { , specparam_assignment }
list_of_variable_identifiers ::= variable_type { , variable_type }
list_of_variable_port_identifiers ::= port_identifier [ = constant_expression ]
    { , port_identifier [ = constant_expression ] }

```

A.2.4 Declaration assignments

```

defparam_assignment ::= hierarchical_parameter_identifier = constant_mintypmax_expression
net_decl_assignment ::=
    net_identifier = expression
    | net_identifier { dimension } = constant_optional_arrayinit
ams_net_identifier ::=
    net_identifier { dimension }
    | hierarchical_net_identifier
param_assignment ::=
    parameter_identifier = constant_mintypmax_expression { value_range }
    | parameter_identifier range = constant_arrayinit { value_range }
specparam_assignment ::=
    specparam_identifier = constant_mintypmax_expression
    | pulse_control_specparam
pulse_control_specparam ::=
    PATHPULSE$ = ( reject_limit_value [ , error_limit_value ] )

```

```
| PATHPULSE$specify_input_terminal_descriptor$specify_output_terminal_descriptor
  = ( reject_limit_value [ , error_limit_value ] )

error_limit_value ::= limit_value
reject_limit_value ::= limit_value
limit_value ::= constant_mintypmax_expression
```

A.2.5 Declaration ranges

```
dimension ::= [ dimension_constant_expression : dimension_constant_expression ]
range ::= [ msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression ]
value_range ::= 
  value_range_type ( value_range_expression : value_range_expression )
  | value_range_type ( value_range_expression : value_range_expression )
  | value_range_type [ value_range_expression : value_range_expression ]
  | value_range_type [ value_range_expression : value_range_expression ]
  | value_range_type '{ string { , string } }
  | exclude constant_expression
value_range_type ::= from | exclude
value_range_expression ::= constant_expression | -inf | inf
variable_dimension ::= 
  dimension
  | [ dimension_constant_expression ]
```

A.2.6 Function declarations

```
analog_function_declaration ::= 
  analog function [ analog_function_type ] analog_function_identifier ;
  analog_function_item_declaration { analog_function_item_declaration }
  analog_function_statement
  endfunction
analog_function_type ::= integer | real
analog_function_item_declaration ::= 
  analog_block_item_declaration
  | input_declaration ;
  | output_declaration ;
  | inout_declaration ;
function_declaration ::= 
  function [ automatic ] [ function_range_or_type ] function_identifier ;
  function_item_declaration { function_item_declaration }
  function_statement
  endfunction
  | function [ automatic ] [ function_range_or_type ] function_identifier ( function_port_list ) ;
    { block_item_declaration }
    function_statement
    endfunction
function_item_declaration ::= 
  block_item_declaration
  | { attribute_instance } tf_input_declaration ;
function_port_list ::=
```

```

{ attribute_instance } tf_input_declaration { , { attribute_instance } tf_input_declaration }

function_range_or_type ::= 
  [ signed ] [ range ]
  | integer
  | real
  | realtime
  | time

```

A.2.7 Task declarations

```

task_declaration ::= 
  task [ automatic ] task_identifier ;
  { task_item_declaration }
  statement_or_null
  endtask
  | task [ automatic ] task_identifier ( [ task_port_list ] ) ;
  { block_item_declaration }
  statement_or_null
  endtask

task_item_declaration ::= 
  block_item_declaration
  | { attribute_instance } tf_input_declaration ;
  | { attribute_instance } tf_output_declaration ;
  | { attribute_instance } tf_inout_declaration ;

task_port_list ::= task_port_item { , task_port_item }

task_port_item ::= 
  { attribute_instance } tf_input_declaration
  | { attribute_instance } tf_output_declaration
  | { attribute_instance } tf_inout_declaration

tf_input_declaration ::= 
  input [ discipline_identifier ] [ reg ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers
  | input task_port_type list_of_port_identifiers

tf_output_declaration ::= 
  output [ discipline_identifier ] [ reg ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers
  | output task_port_type list_of_port_identifiers

tf_inout_declaration ::= 
  inout [ discipline_identifier ] [ reg ] [ signed ] [ range ] list_of_port_identifiers
  | inout task_port_type list_of_port_identifiers

task_port_type ::= 
  integer | real | realtime | time

```

A.2.8 Block item declarations

```

analog_block_item_declaration ::= 
  { attribute_instance } parameter_declaration ;
  | { attribute_instance } integer_declaration
  | { attribute_instance } real_declaration

block_item_declaration ::= 
  { attribute_instance } reg [ discipline_identifier ] [ signed ] [ range ]
  list_of_block_variable_identifiers ;

```

```

| { attribute_instance } integer list_of_block_variable_identifiers ;
| { attribute_instance } time list_of_block_variable_identifiers ;
| { attribute_instance } real list_of_block_real_identifiers ;
| { attribute_instance } realtime list_of_block_real_identifiers ;
| { attribute_instance } event_declaraction
| { attribute_instance } local_parameter_declaration ;
| { attribute_instance } parameter_declaration ;

list_of_block_variable_identifiers ::= block_variable_type { , block_variable_type }
list_of_block_real_identifiers ::= block_real_type { , block_real_type }
block_variable_type ::= variable_identifier { dimension }
block_real_type ::= real_identifier { dimension }

```

A.2.9 Assertion declarations

```

concurrent_assertion_item ::= 
    [ block_identifier : ] concurrent_assertion_statement
    | checker_instantiation

concurrent_assertion_statement ::= 
    assert_property_statement
    | assume_property_statement
    | cover_property_statement
    | cover_sequence_statement
    | restrict_property_statement

assert_property_statement ::= 
    assert property ( property_spec ) action_block

assume_property_statement ::= 
    assume property ( property_spec ) action_block

cover_property_statement ::= 
    cover property ( property_spec ) statement_or_null

expect_property_statement ::= 
    expect ( property_spec ) action_block

cover_sequence_statement ::= 
    cover sequence ( [clocking_event] [ disable iff ( expression_or_dist ) ]
        sequence_expr ) statement_or_null

restrict_property_statement ::= 
    restrict property ( property_spec ) ;

property_instance ::= 
    hierarchical_property_identifier [ ( [ property_list_of_arguments ] ) ]

property_list_of_arguments ::= 
    [property_actual_arg] { , [property_actual_arg] } { , . identifier ( [property_actual_arg] ) }
    | . identifier ( [property_actual_arg] ) { , . identifier ( [property_actual_arg] ) }

property_actual_arg ::= 
    property_expr
    | sequence_actual_arg

assertion_item_declaration ::= 
    property_declaration
    | sequence_declaration
    | let_declaration

property_declaration ::= 

```

```
property property_identifier [ ( [ property_port_list ] ) ] ;
    { assertion_variable_declaration }
    property_statement_spec
endproperty [ : property_identifier ]

property_port_list ::= 
    property_port_item { , property_port_item }

property_port_item ::= 
    { attribute_instance } [ local [ property_lvar_port_direction ] ] property_formal_type
        port_identifier {variable_dimension} [ = property_actual_arg ]

property_lvar_port_direction ::= input

property_formal_type ::= 
    sequence_formal_type
    | property

property_spec ::= 
    [clocking_event] [ disable iff ( expression_or_dist ) ] property_expr

property_statement_spec ::= 
    [ clocking_event ] [ disable iff ( expression_or_dist ) ] property_statement

property_statement ::= 
    property_expr ;
    | case ( expression_or_dist ) property_case_item { property_case_item } endcase
    | if ( expression_or_dist ) property_expr [ else property_expr ]

property_case_item ::= 
    expression_or_dist { , expression_or_dist } : property_statement
    | default [ : ] property_statement

property_expr ::= 
    sequence_expr
    | strong ( sequence_expr )
    | weak ( sequence_expr )
    | ( property_expr )
    | not property_expr
    | property_expr or property_expr
    | property_expr and property_expr
    | sequence_expr | -> property_expr
    | sequence_expr | => property_expr
    | property_statement
    | sequence_expr #--# property_expr
    | sequence_expr #==# property_expr
    | nexttime property_expr
    | nexttime [ constant_expression ] property_expr
    | s_nexttime property_expr
    | s_nexttime [ constant_expression ] property_expr
    | always property_expr
    | always [ cycle_delay_const_range_expression ] property_expr
    | s_always [ constant_range ] property_expr
    | s_eventually property_expr
    | eventually [ constant_range ] property_expr
    | s_eventually [ cycle_delay_const_range_expression ] property_expr
    | property_expr until property_expr
    | property_expr s_until property_expr
    | property_expr until_with property_expr
    | property_expr s_until_with property_expr
```

```

| property_expr implies property_expr
| property_expr iff property_expr
| accept_on ( expression_or_dist ) property_expr
| reject_on ( expression_or_dist ) property_expr
| sync_accept_on ( expression_or_dist ) property_expr
| sync Reject_on ( expression_or_dist ) property_expr
| property_instance
| clocking_event property_expr

sequence_declaration ::=

sequence sequence_identifier [ ( [ sequence_port_list ] ) ] ;
    { assertion_variable_declaration }
    sequence_expr ;
endsequence [ : sequence_identifier ]

sequence_port_list ::=

sequence_port_item { , sequence_port_item }

sequence_port_item ::=

{ attribute_instance } [ local [ sequence_lvar_port_direction ] ] sequence_formal_type
    port_identifier {variable_dimension} [ = sequence_actual_arg ]

sequence_lvar_port_direction ::= input | inout | output

sequence_formal_type ::=

    data_type_or_implicit
| sequence
| event
| untyped

sequence_expr ::=

    cycle_delay_range sequence_expr { cycle_delay_range sequence_expr }
| sequence_expr cycle_delay_range sequence_expr { cycle_delay_range sequence_expr }
| expression_or_dist [ boolean_abbrev ]
| sequence_instance [ sequence_abbrev ]
| ( sequence_expr { , sequence_match_item } ) [ sequence_abbrev ]
| sequence_expr and sequence_expr
| sequence_expr intersect sequence_expr
| sequence_expr or sequence_expr
| first_match ( sequence_expr { , sequence_match_item } )
| expression_or_dist throughout sequence_expr
| sequence_expr within sequence_expr
| clocking_event sequence_expr

cycle_delay_range ::=

    ## constant_primary
| ## [ cycle_delay_const_range_expression ]
| ##[*]
| ##[+]

sequence_method_call ::=

    sequence_instance . method_identifier

sequence_match_item ::=

    variable_assignment
| operator_assignment
| ine_or_dee_expression
| subroutine_call

sequence_instance ::=

    hierarchical_sequence_identifier [ ( [ sequence_list_of_arguments ] ) ]

```

```

sequence_list_of_arguments ::=  

    [sequence_actual_arg] { , [sequence_actual_arg] } { , . identifier ( [sequence_actual_arg] ) }  

    | . identifier ( [sequence_actual_arg] ) { , . identifier ( [sequence_actual_arg] ) }  

sequence_actual_arg ::=  

    event_expression  

    | sequence_expr  

boolean_abbrev ::=  

    consecutive_repetition  

    | non_consecutive_repetition  

    | goto_repetition  

sequence_abbrev ::= consecutive_repetition  

consecutive_repetition ::=  

    [* const_or_range_expression ]  

    | [*]  

    | [+]  

non_consecutive_repetition ::= [= const_or_range_expression ]  

goto_repetition ::= [-> const_or_range_expression ]  

const_or_range_expression ::=  

    constant_expression  

    | cycle_delay_const_range_expression  

cycle_delay_const_range_expression ::=  

    constant_expression : constant_expression  

    | constant_expression : $  

expression_or_dist ::= expression [ dist { dist_list } ]  

assertion_variable_declaration ::=  

    var_data_type list_of_variable_identifiers ;  

let_declaration ::=  

    let let_identifier [ ( [ let_port_list ] ) ] = expression ;  

let_identifier ::=  

    identifier  

let_port_list ::=  

    let_port_item { , let_port_item}  

let_port_item ::=  

    { attribute_instance } let_formal_type port_identifier { variable_dimension } [ = expression ]  

let_formal_type ::=  

    data_type_or_implicit  

let_expression ::=  

    { package_scope } let_identifier [ ( [ let_list_of_arguments ] ) ]  

let_list_of_arguments ::=  

    [ let_actual_arg ] { , [ let_actual_arg ] } { , . identifier ( [ let_actual_arg ] ) }  

    | . identifier ( [ let_actual_arg ] ) { , . identifier ( [ let_actual_arg ] ) }  

let_actual_arg ::=  

    expression

```

A.3 Primitive instances

A.3.1 Primitive instantiation and instances

```

gate_instantiation ::=

    cmos_switchtype [delay3] cmos_switch_instance { , cmos_switch_instance } ;
    | enable_gatetype [drive_strength] [delay3] enable_gate_instance { , enable_gate_instance } ;
    | mos_switchtype [delay3] mos_switch_instance { , mos_switch_instance } ;
    | n_input_gatetype [drive_strength] [delay2] n_input_gate_instance { , n_input_gate_instance } ;
    | n_output_gatetype [drive_strength] [delay2] n_output_gate_instance { , n_output_gate_instance } ;
    | pass_en_switchtype [delay2] pass_enable_switch_instance { , pass_enable_switch_instance } ;
    | pass_switchtype pass_switch_instance { , pass_switch_instance } ;
    | pulldown [pulldown_strength] pull_gate_instance { , pull_gate_instance } ;
    | pullup [pullup_strength] pull_gate_instance { , pull_gate_instance } ;

cmos_switch_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal , input_terminal ,
    ncontrol_terminal , pcontrol_terminal )

enable_gate_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal , input_terminal , enable_terminal )

mos_switch_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal , input_terminal , enable_terminal )

n_input_gate_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal , input_terminal
    { , input_terminal } )

n_output_gate_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal { , output_terminal } ,
    input_terminal )

pass_switch_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( inout_terminal , inout_terminal )

pass_enable_switch_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( inout_terminal , inout_terminal ,
    enable_terminal )

pull_gate_instance ::= [ name_of_gate_instance ] ( output_terminal )

name_of_gate_instance ::= gate_instance_identifier [ range ]

```

A.3.2 Primitive strengths

```

pulldown_strength ::=

    ( strength0 , strength1 )
    | ( strength1 , strength0 )
    | ( strength0 )

pullup_strength ::=

    ( strength0 , strength1 )
    | ( strength1 , strength0 )
    | ( strength1 )

```

A.3.3 Primitive terminals

```

enable_terminal ::= expression

inout_terminal ::= net_lvalue

input_terminal ::= expression

ncontrol_terminal ::= expression

output_terminal ::= net_lvalue

pcontrol_terminal ::= expression

```

A.3.4 Primitive gate and switch types

```

cmos_switchtype ::= cmos | rcmos

enable_gatetype ::= bufif0 | bufif1 | notif0 | notif1

```

```

mos_switchtype ::= nmos | pmos | rnmos | rmos
n_input_gatetype ::= and | nand | or | nor | xor | xnor
n_output_gatetype ::= buf | not
pass_en_switchtype ::= tranif0 | tranif1 | rtranif1 | rtranif0
pass_switchtype ::= tran | rtran

```

A.4 Module instantiation and generate construct

A.4.1 Module instantiation

```

module_instantiation ::= 
    module_or_paramset_identifier [ parameter_value_assignment ]
        module_instance { , module_instance } ,
parameter_value_assignment ::= # ( list_of_parameter_assignments )
list_of_parameter_assignments ::= 
    ordered_parameter_assignment { , ordered_parameter_assignment }
    | named_parameter_assignment { , named_parameter_assignment }
ordered_parameter_assignment ::= expression
named_parameter_assignment ::= 
    . parameter_identifier ( [ mintypmax_expression ] )
    | . system_parameter_identifier ( [ constant_expression ] )
module_instance ::= name_of_module_instance ( [ list_of_port_connections ] )
name_of_module_instance ::= module_instance_identifier [ range ]
list_of_port_connections ::= 
    ordered_port_connection { , ordered_port_connection }
    | named_port_connection { , named_port_connection }
ordered_port_connection ::= { attribute_instance } [ expression ]
named_port_connection ::= { attribute_instance } . port_identifier ( [ expression ] )

```

A.4.2 Generate construct

```

generate_region ::=
    generate { module_or_generate_item } endgenerate
genvar_declaration ::=
    genvar list_of_genvar_identifiers ;
list_of_genvar_identifiers ::=
    genvar_identifier { , genvar_identifier }
analog_loop_generate_statement ::=
    for ( genvar_initialization ; genvar_expression ; genvar_iteration )
        analog_statement
loop_generate_construct ::=
    for ( genvar_initialization ; genvar_expression ; genvar_iteration )
        generate_block
genvar_initialization ::=
    genvar_identifier = constant_expression
genvar_expression ::=
    genvar_primary

```

```

| unary_operator { attribute_instance } genvar_primary
| genvar_expression binary_operator { attribute_instance } genvar_expression
| genvar_expression ? { attribute_instance } genvar_expression : genvar_expression

genvar_iteration ::= 
    genvar_identifier = genvar_expression

genvar_primary ::= 
    constant_primary
    | genvar_identifier

conditional_generate_construct ::= 
    if_generate_construct
    | case_generate_construct

if_generate_construct ::= 
    if ( constant_expression ) generate_block_or_null
    [ else generate_block_or_null ]

case_generate_construct ::= 
    case ( constant_expression ) case_generate_item { case_generate_item } endcase

case_generate_item ::= 
    constant_expression { , constant_expression } : generate_block_or_null
    | default [ : ] generate_block_or_null

generate_block ::= 
    module_or_generate_item
    | begin [ : generate_block_identifier ] { module_or_generate_item } end

generate_block_or_null ::= 
    generate_block
    | ;

```

A.4.3 Checker instantiation

```

checker_instantiation ::= 
    checker_identifier name_of_module_instance ( [list_of_checker_port_connections] ) ;

list_of_checker_port_connections ::= 
    ordered_checker_port_connection { , ordered_checker_port_connection }
    | named_checker_port_connection { , named_checker_port_connection }

ordered_checker_port_connection ::= { attribute_instance } [ property_actual_arg ]
named_checker_port_connection ::= 
    { attribute_instance } . port_identifier [ ( [ property_actual_arg ] ) ]
    | { attribute_instance } . *

```

A.5 UDP declaration and instantiation

A.5.1 UDP declaration

```

udp_declaration ::= 
    { attribute_instance } primitive udp_identifier ( udp_port_list ) ;
        udp_port_declaration { udp_port_declaration }
        udp_body
    endprimitive
    | { attribute_instance } primitive udp_identifier ( udp_declaration_port_list ) ;
        udp_body

```

```
endprimitive
```

A.5.2 UDP ports

```
udp_port_list ::= output_port_identifier , input_port_identifier { , input_port_identifier }
udp_declaration_port_list ::= 
    udp_output_declaration , udp_input_declaration { , udp_input_declaration }
udp_port_declaration ::= 
    udp_output_declaration ;
| udp_input_declaration ;
| udp_reg_declaration ;
udp_output_declaration ::= 
    { attribute_instance } output port_identifier
    | { attribute_instance } output [ discipline_identifier ] reg port_identifier [ = constant_expression ]
udp_input_declaration ::= { attribute_instance } input list_of_port_identifiers
udp_reg_declaration ::= { attribute_instance } reg [ discipline_identifier ] variable_identifier
```

A.5.3 UDP body

```
udp_body ::= combinational_body | sequential_body
combinational_body ::= table combinational_entry { combinational_entry } endtable
combinational_entry ::= level_input_list : output_symbol ;
sequential_body ::= [ udp_initial_statement ] table sequential_entry { sequential_entry } endtable
udp_initial_statement ::= initial output_port_identifier = init_val ;
init_val ::= 1'b0 | 1'b1 | 1'bX | 1'bx | 1'B0 | 1'B1 | 1'Bx | 1'bx | 1'BX | 1'0
sequential_entry ::= seq_input_list : current_state : next_state ;
seq_input_list ::= level_input_list | edge_input_list
level_input_list ::= level_symbol { level_symbol }
edge_input_list ::= { level_symbol } edge_indicator { level_symbol }
edge_indicator ::= ( level_symbol level_symbol ) | edge_symbol
current_state ::= level_symbol
next_state ::= output_symbol | -
output_symbol ::= 0 | 1 | x | X
level_symbol ::= 0 | 1 | x | X | ? | b | B
edge_symbol ::= r | R | f | F | p | P | n | N | *
```

A.5.4 UDP instantiation

```
udp_instantiation ::= udp_identifier [ drive_strength ] [ delay2 ] udp_instance { , udp_instance } ;
udp_instance ::= [ name_of_udp_instance ] ( output_terminal , input_terminal { , input_terminal } )
name_of_udp_instance ::= udp_instance_identifier [ range ]
```

A.6 Behavioral statements

A.6.1 Continuous assignment statements

```
continuous_assign ::= assign [ drive_strength ] [ delay3 ] list_of_net_assignments ;
list_of_net_assignments ::= net_assignment { , net_assignment }
net_assignment ::= net_lvalue = expression
```

A.6.2 Procedural blocks and assignments

```
analog_construct ::=  
    analog analog_statement  
    | analog initial analog_function_statement  
analog_procedural_assignment ::= analog_variable_assignment ;  
analog_variable_assignment ::= analog_variable_lvalue = analog_expression  
initial_construct ::= initial statement  
always_construct ::= always statement  
blocking_assignment ::= variable_lvalue = [ delay_or_event_control ] expression  
nonblocking_assignment ::= variable_lvalue <= [ delay_or_event_control ] expression  
procedural_continuous_assignments ::=  
    assign variable_assignment  
    | deassign variable_lvalue  
    | force variable_assignment  
    | force net_assignment  
    | release variable_lvalue  
    | release net_lvalue  
variable_assignment ::= variable_lvalue = expression
```

A.6.3 Parallel and sequential blocks

```
analog_seq_block ::= begin [ : analog_block_identifier { analog_block_item_declaration } ]  
    { analog_statement } end  
analog_event_seq_block ::=  
    begin [ : analog_block_identifier { analog_block_item_declaration } ]  
    { analog_event_statement } end  
analog_function_seq_block ::= begin [ : analog_block_identifier { analog_block_item_declaration } ]  
    { analog_function_statement } end  
par_block ::= fork [ : block_identifier  
    { block_item_declaration } ] { statement } join  
seq_block ::= begin [ : block_identifier  
    { block_item_declaration } ] { statement } end  
action_block ::=  
    statement_or_null  
    | [ statement ] else statement_or_null
```

A.6.4 Statements

```
analog_statement ::=  
    { attribute_instance } analog_loop_generate_statement  
    | { attribute_instance } analog_loop_statement  
    | { attribute_instance } analog_case_statement  
    | { attribute_instance } analog_conditional_statement
```

```
| { attribute_instance } analog_procedural_assignment
| { attribute_instance } analog_seq_block
| { attribute_instance } analog_system_task_enable
| { attribute_instance } contribution_statement
| { attribute_instance } indirect_contribution_statement
| { attribute_instance } analog_event_control_statement

analog_statement_or_null ::= 
    analog_statement
    | { attribute_instance } ;

analog_event_statement ::= 
    { attribute_instance } analog_loop_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_case_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_conditional_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_procedural_assignment
    | { attribute_instance } analog_event_seq_block
    | { attribute_instance } analog_system_task_enable
    | { attribute_instance } disable_statement
    | { attribute_instance } event_trigger
    | { attribute_instance } ;
    
analog_function_statement ::= 
    { attribute_instance } analog_function_case_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_function_conditional_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_function_loop_statement
    | { attribute_instance } analog_function_seq_block
    | { attribute_instance } analog_procedural_assignment
    | { attribute_instance } analog_system_task_enable

analog_function_statement_or_null ::= 
    analog_function_statement
    | { attribute_instance } ;

statement ::= 
    { attribute_instance } blocking_assignment ;
    | { attribute_instance } case_statement
    | { attribute_instance } conditional_statement
    | { attribute_instance } disable_statement
    | { attribute_instance } event_trigger
    | { attribute_instance } loop_statement
    | { attribute_instance } nonblocking_assignment ;
    | { attribute_instance } par_block
    | { attribute_instance } procedural_continuous_assignments ;
    | { attribute_instance } procedural_timing_control_statement
    | { attribute_instance } seq_block
    | { attribute_instance } system_task_enable
    | { attribute_instance } task_enable
    | { attribute_instance } wait_statement
    | { attribute_instance } procedural_assertion_statement
    | { attribute_instance } expect_property_statement
    | { attribute_instance } clocking_drive

statement_or_null ::= 
    statement
    | { attribute_instance } ;

function_statement1 ::= statement
```

A.6.5 Timing control statements

```
analog_event_control_statement ::= analog_event_control analog_event_statement
analog_event_control ::=  
    @ hierarchical_event_identifier  
    | @ ( analog_event_expression )
analog_event_expression ::=  
    expression  
    | posedge expression  
    | negedge expression  
    | hierarchical_event_identifier  
    | initial_step [ ( "analysis_identifier" { , "analysis_identifier" } ) ]  
    | final_step [ ( "analysis_identifier" { , "analysis_identifier" } ) ]  
    | analog_event_functions  
    | analog_event_expression or analog_event_expression  
    | analog_event_expression , analog_event_expression
analog_event_functions ::=  
    cross ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression_or_null  
        [ , constant_expression_or_null [ , constant_expression_or_null [ , analog_expression ] ] ] ] )  
    | above ( analog_expression [ , constant_expression_or_null  
        [ , constant_expression_or_null [ , analog_expression ] ] ] )  
    | timer ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression_or_null  
        [ , constant_expression_or_null [ , analog_expression ] ] ] )
delay_control ::=  
    # delay_value  
    | # ( mintypmax_expression )
delay_or_event_control ::=  
    delay_control  
    | event_control  
    | repeat ( expression ) event_control
disable_statement ::=  
    disable hierarchical_task_identifier ;  
    | disable hierarchical_block_identifier ;
event_control ::=  
    @ hierarchical_event_identifier  
    | @ ( event_expression )  
    | @ *  
    | @ ( * )
event_trigger ::=  
    -> hierarchical_event_identifier { [ expression ] } ;
event_expression ::=  
    expression  
    | posedge expression  
    | negedge expression  
    | hierarchical_event_identifier  
    | event_expression or event_expression  
    | event_expression , event_expression  
    | analog_event_functions  
    | driver_update expression  
    | analog_variable_lvalue
procedural_timing_control ::=
```

```

    delay_control
    | event_control
procedural_timing_control_statement ::= procedural_timing_control_statement_or_null
wait_statement ::= wait ( expression ) statement_or_null

```

A.6.6 Conditional statements

```

analog_conditional_statement ::= if ( analog_expression ) analog_statement_or_null
{ else if ( analog_expression ) analog_statement_or_null }
[ else analog_statement_or_null ]
analog_function_conditional_statement ::= if ( analog_expression ) analog_function_statement_or_null
{ else if ( analog_expression ) analog_function_statement_or_null }
[ else analog_function_statement_or_null ]
conditional_statement ::= if ( expression )
    statement_or_null
[ else statement_or_null ]
| if_else_if_statement
if_else_if_statement ::= if ( expression ) statement_or_null
{ else if ( expression ) statement_or_null }
[ else statement_or_null ]

```

A.6.7 Case statements

```

analog_case_statement ::= case ( analog_expression ) analog_case_item { analog_case_item } endcase
| casex ( analog_expression ) analog_case_item { analog_case_item } endcase
| casez ( analog_expression ) analog_case_item { analog_case_item } endcase
analog_case_item ::= analog_expression { , analog_expression } : analog_statement_or_null
| default [ : ] analog_statement_or_null
analog_function_case_statement ::= case ( analog_expression ) analog_function_case_item { analog_function_case_item } endcase
analog_function_case_item ::= analog_expression { analog_expression } : analog_function_statement_or_null
| default [ : ] analog_function_statement_or_null
case_statement ::= case ( expression ) case_item { case_item } endcase
| casez ( expression ) case_item { case_item } endcase
| casex ( expression ) case_item { case_item } endcase
case_item ::= expression { , expression } : statement_or_null
| default [ : ] statement_or_null

```

A.6.8 Looping statements

```
analog_loop_statement ::=  
    repeat ( analog_expression ) analog_statement  
    | while ( analog_expression ) analog_statement  
    | for ( analog_variable_assignment ; analog_expression ; analog_variable_assignment )  
        analog_statement  
analog_function_loop_statement ::=  
    repeat ( analog_expression ) analog_function_statement  
    | while ( analog_expression ) analog_function_statement  
    | for ( analog_variable_assignment ; analog_expression ; analog_variable_assignment )  
        analog_function_statement  
loop_statement ::=  
    forever statement  
    | repeat ( expression ) statement  
    | while ( expression ) statement  
    | for ( variable_assignment ; expression ; variable_assignment ) statement
```

A.6.9 Task enable statements

```
analog_system_task_enable ::=  
    analog_system_task_identifier [ ( [ analog_expression ] { , [ analog_expression ] } ) ] ;  
system_task_enable ::= system_task_identifier [ ( [ expression ] { , [ expression ] } ) ] ;  
task_enable ::= hierarchical_task_identifier [ ( expression { , expression } ) ] ;
```

A.6.10 Contribution statements

```
contribution_statement ::= branch_lvalue <+ analog_expression ;  
indirect_contribution_statement ::= branch_lvalue : indirect_expression == analog_expression ;
```

A.6.11 Assertion statements

```
assertion_item ::=  
    concurrent_assertion_item  
    | deferred_immediate_assertion_item  
deferred_immediate_assertion_item ::= [ block_identifier : ] deferred_immediate_assertion_statement  
procedural_assertion_statement ::=  
    concurrent_assertion_statement  
    | immediate_assertion_statement  
    | checker_instantiation  
immediate_assertion_statement ::=  
    simple_immediate_assertion_statement  
    | deferred_immediate_assertion_statement  
simple_immediate_assertion_statement ::=  
    simple_immediate_assert_statement  
    | simple_immediate_assume_statement  
    | simple_immediate_cover_statement  
simple_immediate_assert_statement ::=  
    assert ( expression ) action_block
```

```

simple_immediate_assume_statement ::=  

    assume ( expression ) action_block  

simple_immediate_cover_statement ::=  

    cover ( expression ) statement_or_null  

deferred_immediate_assertion_statement ::=  

    deferred_immediate_assert_statement  

    | deferred_immediate_assume_statement  

    | deferred_immediate_cover_statement  

deferred_immediate_assert_statement ::=  

    assert #0 ( expression ) action_block  

deferred_immediate_assume_statement ::=  

    assume #0 ( expression ) action_block  

deferred_immediate_cover_statement ::=  

    cover #0 ( expression ) statement_or_null

```

A.6.12 Clocking block

```

clocking_declaration ::= [ default ] clocking [ clocking_identifier ] clocking_event ;  

    { clocking_item }  

    endclocking [ : clocking_identifier ]  

    | global clocking [ clocking_identifier ] clocking_event ;  

        endclocking [ : clocking_identifier ]  

clocking_event ::=  

    @ identifier  

    | @ ( event_expression )  

clocking_item ::=  

    default default_skew ;  

    | clocking_direction list_of_clocking_decl_assign ;  

    | { attribute_instance } assertion_item_declaration  

default_skew ::=  

    input clocking_skew  

    | output clocking_skew  

    | input clocking_skew output clocking_skew  

clocking_direction ::=  

    input [ clocking_skew ]  

    | output [ clocking_skew ]  

    | input [ clocking_skew ] output [ clocking_skew ]  

    | inout  

list_of_clocking_decl_assign ::= clocking_decl_assign { , clocking_decl_assign }  

clocking_decl_assign ::= signal_identifier [ = expression ]  

clocking_skew ::=  

    edge_identifier [ delay_control ]  

    | delay_control  

clocking_drive ::=  

    clockvar_expression <= [ cycle_delay ] expression  

cycle_delay ::=  

    ## integral_number  

    | ## identifier  

    | ## ( expression )

```

```
clockvar ::= hierarchical_identifier
clockvar_expression ::=  
    clockvar hierarchical_identifier [ { expression } ] [ range_expression ]
```

A.7 Specify section

A.7.1 Specify block declaration

```
specify_block ::= specify { specify_item } endspecify
specify_item ::=  
    specparam_declaration  
    | pulsetime_declaration  
    | showcancelled_declaration  
    | path_declaration  
    | system_timing_check
pulsetime_declaration ::=  
    pulsetime_onetime list_of_path_outputs ;  
    | pulsetime_ondetect list_of_path_outputs ;
showcancelled_declaration ::=  
    showcancelled list_of_path_outputs ;  
    | noshowcancelled list_of_path_outputs ;
```

A.7.2 Specify path declarations

```
path_declaration ::=  
    simple_path_declaration ;  
    | edge_sensitive_path_declaration ;  
    | state_dependent_path_declaration ;
simple_path_declaration ::=  
    parallel_path_description = path_delay_value  
    | full_path_description = path_delay_value
parallel_path_description ::=  
    ( specify_input_terminal_descriptor [ polarity_operator ] => specify_output_terminal_descriptor )
full_path_description ::=  
    ( list_of_path_inputs [ polarity_operator ] *-> list_of_path_outputs )
list_of_path_inputs ::=  
    specify_input_terminal_descriptor { , specify_input_terminal_descriptor }
list_of_path_outputs ::=  
    specify_output_terminal_descriptor { , specify_output_terminal_descriptor }
```

A.7.3 Specify block terminals

```
specify_input_terminal_descriptor ::=  
    input_identifier [ constant_range_expression ]
specify_output_terminal_descriptor ::=  
    output_identifier [ constant_range_expression ]
input_identifier ::= input_port_identifier | inout_port_identifier
output_identifier ::= output_port_identifier | inout_port_identifier
```

A.7.4 Specify path delays

```

path_delay_value ::=  

    list_of_path_delay_expressions  

    | ( list_of_path_delay_expressions )  

list_of_path_delay_expressions ::=  

    t_path_delay_expression  

    | trise_path_delay_expression , tfall_path_delay_expression  

    | trise_path_delay_expression , tfall_path_delay_expression , tz_path_delay_expression  

    | t01_path_delay_expression , t10_path_delay_expression , t0z_path_delay_expression ,  

        tz1_path_delay_expression , t1z_path_delay_expression , tz0_path_delay_expression  

    | t01_path_delay_expression , t10_path_delay_expression , t0z_path_delay_expression ,  

        tz1_path_delay_expression , t1z_path_delay_expression , tz0_path_delay_expression ,  

        t0x_path_delay_expression , tx1_path_delay_expression , t1x_path_delay_expression ,  

        tx0_path_delay_expression , txz_path_delay_expression , tzx_path_delay_expression  

t_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

trise_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tfall_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tz_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t01_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t10_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t0z_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tz1_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t1z_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tz0_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t0x_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tx1_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

t1x_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tx0_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

txz_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

tzx_path_delay_expression ::= path_delay_expression  

path_delay_expression ::= constant_mintypmax_expression  

edge_sensitive_path_declaration ::=  

    parallel_edge_sensitive_path_description = path_delay_value  

    | full_edge_sensitive_path_description = path_delay_value  

parallel_edge_sensitive_path_description ::=  

    ( [ edge_identifier ] specify_input_terminal_descriptor =>  

        ( specify_output_terminal_descriptor [ polarity_operator ] : data_source_expression ) )  

full_edge_sensitive_path_description ::=  

    ( [ edge_identifier ] list_of_path_inputs *>  

        ( list_of_path_outputs [ polarity_operator ] : data_source_expression ) )  

data_source_expression ::= expression  

edge_identifier ::= posedge | negedge  

state_dependent_path_declaration ::=  

    if ( module_path_expression ) simple_path_declaration  

    | if ( module_path_expression ) edge_sensitive_path_declaration  

    | ifnone simple_path_declaration

```

polarity_operator ::= + | -

A.7.5 System timing checks

A.7.5.1 System timing check commands

```
system_timing_check ::=  
    $setup_timing_check  
    | $hold_timing_check  
    | $setuphold_timing_check  
    | $recovery_timing_check  
    | $removal_timing_check  
    | $recrem_timing_check  
    | $skew_timing_check  
    | $timeskew_timing_check  
    | $fullskew_timing_check  
    | $period_timing_check  
    | $width_timing_check  
    | $nochange_timing_check  
  
$setup_timing_check ::=  
    $setup ( data_event , reference_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$hold_timing_check ::=  
    $hold ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$setuphold_timing_check ::=  
    $setuphold ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit , timing_check_limit  
        [ , [ notifier ] [ , [ stamptime_condition ] [ , [ checktime_condition ]  
            [ , [ delayed_reference ] [ , [ delayed_data ] ] ] ] ] ] ) ;  
  
$recovery_timing_check ::=  
    $recovery ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$removal_timing_check ::=  
    $removal ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$recrem_timing_check ::=  
    $recrem ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit , timing_check_limit  
        [ , [ notifier ] [ , [ stamptime_condition ] [ , [ checktime_condition ]  
            [ , [ delayed_reference ] [ , [ delayed_data ] ] ] ] ] ] ) ;  
  
$skew_timing_check ::=  
    $skew ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$timeskew_timing_check ::=  
    $timeskew ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit  
        [ , [ notifier ] [ , [ event_based_flag ] [ , [ remain_active_flag ] ] ] ] ) ;  
  
$fullskew_timing_check ::=  
    $fullskew ( reference_event , data_event , timing_check_limit , timing_check_limit  
        [ , [ notifier ] [ , [ event_based_flag ] [ , [ remain_active_flag ] ] ] ] ) ;  
  
$period_timing_check ::=  
    $period ( controlled_reference_event , timing_check_limit [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$width_timing_check ::=  
    $width ( controlled_reference_event , timing_check_limit [ , threshold [ , notifier ] ] ) ;  
  
$nochange_timing_check ::=  
    $nochange ( reference_event , data_event , start_edge_offset ,  
        end_edge_offset [ , [ notifier ] ] ) ;
```

A.7.5.2 System timing check command arguments

```

checktime_condition ::= mintypmax_expression
controlled_reference_event ::= controlled_timing_check_event
data_event ::= timing_check_event
delayed_data ::=
    terminal_identifier
    | terminal_identifier [ constant_mintypmax_expression ]
delayed_reference ::=
    terminal_identifier
    | terminal_identifier [ constant_mintypmax_expression ]
end_edge_offset ::= mintypmax_expression
event_based_flag ::= constant_expression
notifier ::= variable_identifier
reference_event ::= timing_check_event
remain_active_flag ::= constant_expression
stamptime_condition ::= mintypmax_expression
start_edge_offset ::= mintypmax_expression
threshold ::= constant_expression
timing_check_limit ::= expression

```

A.7.5.3 System timing check event definitions

```

timing_check_event ::=
    [timing_check_event_control] specify_terminal_descriptor [ && timing_check_condition ]
controlled_timing_check_event ::=
    timing_check_event_control specify_terminal_descriptor [ && timing_check_condition ]
timing_check_event_control ::=
    posedge
    | negedge
    | edge_control_specifier
specify_terminal_descriptor ::=
    specify_input_terminal_descriptor
    | specify_output_terminal_descriptor
edge_control_specifier ::= edge [ edge_descriptor { , edge_descriptor } ]
edge_descriptor2 ::=
    01
    | 10
    | z_or_x zero_or_one
    | zero_or_one z_or_x
zero_or_one ::= 0 | 1
z_or_x ::= x | x | z | z
timing_check_condition ::=
    scalar_timing_check_condition
    | ( scalar_timing_check_condition )
scalar_timing_check_condition ::=
    expression
    | ~ expression
    | expression == scalar_constant

```

```

| expression ==> scalar_constant
| expression != scalar_constant
| expression !== scalar_constant

scalar_constant ::=

    1'b0 | 1'b1 | 1'B0 | 1'B1 | 'b0 | 'b1 | 'B0 | 'B1 | 1 | 0

```

A.8 Expressions

A.8.1 Concatenations

```

analog_concatenation ::= { analog_expression { , analog_expression } }
analog_multiple_concatenation ::= { constant_expression analog_concatenation }
analog_filter_function_arg ::=
    parameter_identifier
    | parameter_identifier [ msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression ]
    | constant_optional_arrayinit

concatenation ::= { expression { , expression } }

constant_concatenation ::= { constant_expression { , constant_expression } }

constant_multiple_concatenation ::= { constant_expression constant_concatenation }

module_path_concatenation ::= { module_path_expression { , module_path_expression } }

module_path_multiple_concatenation ::= { constant_expression module_path_concatenation }

multiple_concatenation ::= { constant_expression concatenation }

constant_arrayinit ::= '{ constant_expression { , constant_expression } }

constant_optional_arrayinit ::= '{ [ constant_expression ] { , [ constant_expression ] } }

```

A.8.2 Function calls

```

analog_function_call ::=
    analog_function_identifier { attribute_instance } ( analog_expression { , analog_expression } )

analog_system_function_call ::=
    analog_system_function_identifier [ ( [ analog_expression ] { , [ analog_expression ] } ) ]

analog_built_in_function_call ::=
    analog_built_in_function_name ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression ] )

analog_built_in_function_name ::=
    ln | log | exp | sqrt | min | max | abs | pow | floor | ceil
    | sin | cos | tan | asin | acos | atan | atan2
    | hypot | sinh | cosh | tanh | asinh | acosh | atanh

analysis_function_call ::= analysis ( "analysis_identifier" { , "analysis_identifier" } )

analog_filter_function_call ::=
    ddt ( analog_expression [ , abstol_expression ] )
    | ddx ( analog_expression , branch_probe_function_call )
    | idt ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] )
    | idtmod ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression
        [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] ] )
    | absdelay ( analog_expression , analog_expression [ , constant_expression ] )
    | transition ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression
        [ , analog_expression [ , constant_expression ] ] ] ] )

```

```

| slew ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression ] ] )
| last_crossing ( analog_expression [ , analog_expression ] )
| limexp ( analog_expression )
| laplace_filter_name ( analog_expression , [ analog_filter_function_arg ] ,
    [ analog_filter_function_arg ] [ , constant_expression ] )
| zi_filter_name ( analog_expression , [ analog_filter_function_arg ] ,
    [ analog_filter_function_arg ] , constant_expression
    [ , analog_expression [ , constant_expression ] ] )

analog_small_signal_function_call ::=

    ac_stim ( [ "analysis_identifier" [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression ] ] ] )
    | white_noise ( analog_expression [ , string ] )
    | flicker_noise ( analog_expression , analog_expression [ , string ] )
    | noise_table ( noise_table_input_arg [ , string ] )

noise_table_input_arg ::=

    parameter_identifier
    | parameter_identifier [ msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression ]
    | string
    | constant_arrayinit

laplace_filter_name ::= laplace_zd | laplace_zp | laplace_np | laplace_nd

zi_filter_name ::= zi_zp | zi_zd | zi_np | zi_nd

branch_probe_function_call ::=

    nature_attribute_identifier ( branch_reference )
    | nature_attribute_identifier ( analog_net_reference [ , analog_net_reference ] )

port_probe_function_call ::= nature_attribute_identifier ( <analog_port_reference> )

constant_analog_function_call ::=

    analog_function_identifier { attribute_instance } ( constant_expression { , constant_expression } )

constant_function_call ::= function_identifier { attribute_instance }

    ( constant_expression { , constant_expression } )

constant_system_function_call ::= system_function_identifier

    ( constant_expression { , constant_expression } )

constant_analog_builtin_function_call ::=

    analog_builtin_function_name ( constant_expression [ , constant_expression ] )

function_call ::= hierarchical_function_identifier{ attribute_instance }

    ( expression { , expression } )

system_function_call ::= system_function_identifier

    [ ( expression { , expression } ) ]

```

A.8.3 Expressions

```

abstol_expression ::=

    constant_expression
    | nature_identifier

analog_conditional_expression ::=

    analog_expression ? { attribute_instance } analog_expression : analog_expression

analog_range_expression ::=

    analog_expression
    | msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression

analog_expression_or_null ::= [ analog_expression ]

analog_expression ::=
```

```
analog_primary
| unary_operator { attribute_instance } analog_primary
| analog_expression binary_operator { attribute_instance } analog_expression
| analog_conditional_expression
| string

base_expression ::= expression

conditional_expression ::= expression1 ? { attribute_instance } expression2 : expression3

constant_base_expression ::= constant_expression

constant_expression_or_null ::= [ constant_expression ]

constant_expression ::=
    constant_primary
    | unary_operator { attribute_instance } constant_primary
    | constant_expression binary_operator { attribute_instance } constant_expression
    | constant_expression ? { attribute_instance } constant_expression : constant_expression

analysis_or_constant_expression ::=
    constant_primary
    | analysis_function_call
    | unary_operator { attribute_instance } analysis_or_constant_primary
    | analysis_or_constant_expression binary_operator { attribute_instance }
        analysis_constant_expression
    | analysis_or_constant_expression ? { attribute_instance } analysis_or_constant_expression :
        analysis_or_constant_expression

constant_mintypmax_expression ::=
    constant_expression
    | constant_expression : constant_expression : constant_expression

constant_range_expression ::=
    constant_expression
    | msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression
    | constant_base_expression +: width_constant_expression
    | constant_base_expression -: width_constant_expression

dimension_constant_expression ::= constant_expression

expression ::=

    primary
    | unary_operator { attribute_instance } primary
    | expression binary_operator { attribute_instance } expression
    | conditional_expression

expression1 ::= expression

expression2 ::= expression

expression3 ::= expression

indirect_expression ::=
    branch_probe_function_call
    | port_probe_function_call
    | dt ( branch_probe_function_call [ , abstol_expression ] )
    | dt ( port_probe_function_call [ , abstol_expression ] )
    | it ( branch_probe_function_call [ , analog_expression
        [ , analog_expression [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] )
    | it ( port_probe_function_call [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression
        [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] )
    | itmod ( branch_probe_function_call [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression
        [ , analog_expression [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] ] )
```

```

| idtmod ( port_probe_function_call [ , analog_expression [ , analog_expression
    [ , analog_expression [ , abstol_expression ] ] ] ] )

lsb_constant_expression ::= constant_expression
mintypmax_expression ::= expression
| expression : expression : expression
module_path_conditional_expression ::= module_path_expression ? { attribute_instance }
    module_path_expression : module_path_expression
module_path_expression ::= module_path_primary
| unary_module_path_operator { attribute_instance } module_path_primary
| module_path_expression binary_module_path_operator { attribute_instance }
    module_path_expression
| module_path_conditional_expression
module_path_mintypmax_expression ::= module_path_expression
| module_path_expression : module_path_expression : module_path_expression
msb_constant_expression ::= constant_expression
nature_attribute_expression ::= constant_expression
| nature_identifier
| nature_access_identifier
range_expression ::= expression
| msb_constant_expression : lsb_constant_expression
| base_expression +: width_constant_expression
| base_expression -: width_constant_expression
width_constant_expression ::= constant_expression

```

A.8.4 Primaries

```

analog_primary ::= number
| analog_concatenation
| analog_multiple_concatenation
| variable_reference
| net_reference
| genvar_identifier
| parameter_reference
| nature_attribute_reference
| branch_probe_function_call
| port_probe_function_call
| analog_function_call
| analog_system_function_call
| analog_built_in_function_call
| analog_filter_function_call
| analog_small_signal_function_call
| analysis_function_call
| ( analog_expression )

```

```

constant_primary ::= number

```

```

| parameter_identifier [ [ constant_range_expression ] ]
| specparam_identifier [ [ constant_range_expression ] ]
| constant_concatenation
| constant_multiple_concatenation
| constant_function_call
| constant_system_function_call
| constant_analog_builtin_function_call
| ( constant_mintypmax_expression )
| string
| system_parameter_identifier
| nature_attribute_reference
| constant_analog_function_call
| constant_let_expression

module_path_primary ::=

    number
| identifier
| module_path_concatenation
| module_path_multiple_concatenation
| function_call
| system_function_call
| ( module_path_mintypmax_expression )

primary ::=

    number
| hierarchical_identifier [ { [ expression ] } [ range_expression ] ]
| concatenation
| multiple_concatenation
| function_call
| system_function_call
| ( mintypmax_expression )
| string
| branch_probe_function_call
| port_probe_function_call
| nature_attribute_reference
| analog_function_call
| analog_builtin_function_call
| sequence_method_call
| let_expression

constant_let_expression ::= let_expression1

```

A.8.5 Expression left-side values

```

analog_variable_lvalue ::=

    variable_identifier
| variable_identifier [ analog_expression ] { [ analog_expression ] }

branch_lvalue ::= branch_probe_function_call

net_lvalue ::=

    hierarchical_net_identifier [ { [ constant_expression ] } [ constant_range_expression ] ]
    | { net_lvalue { , net_lvalue } }

variable_lvalue ::=

```

¹In a constant_let_expression all arguments shall be constant_expressions and its right hand side shall be a constant_expression itself provided that its formal arguments are treated as constant_primary there.

```

hierarchical_variable_identifier [ { expression } [ range_expression ] ]
| { variable_lvalue { , variable_lvalue } }

```

A.8.6 Operators

```

unary_operator ::= + | - | ! | ~ | & | ~& | | | ~ | | ^ | ~^ | ^~
binary_operator ::= + | - | * | / | % | == | != | === | !== | && | || | **
| < | <= | > | >= | & | | ^ | ^~ | ~^ | >> | << | >>> | <<<
unary_module_path_operator ::= ! | ~ | & | ~& | | | ~ | | ^ | ~^ | ^~
binary_module_path_operator ::= == | != | && | || | & | | ^ | ^~ | ~^

```

A.8.7 Numbers

```

number ::= decimal_number
| octal_number
| binary_number
| hex_number
| real_number

real_number2 ::= unsigned_number . unsigned_number
| unsigned_number [ . unsigned_number ] exp [ sign ] unsigned_number
| unsigned_number [ . unsigned_number ] scale_factor

exp ::= e | E

scale_factor ::= T | G | M | K | k | m | u | n | p | f | a

decimal_number ::= unsigned_number
| [ size ] decimal_base unsigned_number
| [ size ] decimal_base x_digit { _ }
| [ size ] decimal_base z_digit { _ }

binary_number ::= [ size ] binary_base binary_value

octal_number ::= [ size ] octal_base octal_value

hex_number ::= [ size ] hex_base hex_value

sign ::= + | -

size ::= non_zero_unsigned_number

non_zero_unsigned_number2 ::= non_zero_decimal_digit { _ | decimal_digit }

unsigned_number2 ::= decimal_digit { _ | decimal_digit }

binary_value2 ::= binary_digit { _ | binary_digit }

octal_value2 ::= octal_digit { _ | octal_digit }

hex_value2 ::= hex_digit { _ | hex_digit }

decimal_base2 ::= '[s|s]d' | '[s|s]D'

binary_base2 ::= '[s|s]b' | '[s|s]B'

```

```
octal_base2 ::= '[s|S]o | '[s|S]o
hex_base2 ::= '[s|S]h | '[s|S]H
non_zero_decimal_digit ::= 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
decimal_digit ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
binary_digit ::= x_digit | z_digit | 0 | 1
octal_digit ::= x_digit | z_digit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7
hex_digit ::=
    x_digit | z_digit | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9
    | a | b | c | d | e | f | A | B | C | D | E | F
x_digit ::= x | X
z_digit ::= z | Z | ?
```

A.8.8 Strings

```
string ::= " { Any_ASCII_Characters } "
```

A.8.9 Analog references

```
nature_attribute_reference ::= net_identifier . potential_or_flow . nature_attribute_identifier
analog_port_reference ::=
    port_identifier
    | port_identifier [ constant_expression ]
analog_net_reference ::=
    port_identifier
    | port_identifier [ constant_expression ]
    | net_identifier
    | net_identifier [ constant_expression ]
branch_reference ::=
    hierarchical_branch_identifier
    | hierarchical_branch_identifier [ constant_expression ]
parameter_reference ::=
    parameter_identifier
    | parameter_identifier [ analog_expression ]
variable_reference ::=
    variable_identifier
    | variable_identifier [ analog_expression ] { [ analog_expression ] }
    | real_identifier
    | real_identifier [ analog_expression ] { [ analog_expression ] }
net_reference ::=
    hierarchical_net_identifier
    | hierarchical_net_identifier [ analog_range_expression ]
    | hierarchical_port_identifier
    | hierarchical_port_identifier [ analog_range_expression ]
```

A.9 General

A.9.1 Attributes

```
attribute_instance ::= (* attr_spec { , attr_spec } *)
attr_spec ::= attr_name [ = constant_expression ]
attr_name ::= identifier
```

A.9.2 Comments

```
comment ::=  
    one_line_comment  
    | block_comment  
one_line_comment ::= // comment_text \n  
block_comment ::= /* comment_text */  
comment_text ::= { Any_ASCII_character }
```

A.9.3 Identifiers

```
analog_block_identifier ::= block_identifier
analog_function_identifier ::= identifier
analog_system_task_identifier ::= system_task_identifier
analog_system_function_identifier ::= system_function_identifier
analysis_identifier ::= identifier
block_identifier ::= identifier
branch_identifier ::= identifier
cell_identifier ::= identifier
checker_identifier ::= identifier
clocking_identifier ::= identifier
config_identifier ::= identifier
connectmodule_identifier ::= module_identifier
connectrules_identifier ::= identifier
discipline_identifier ::= identifier
escaped_identifier ::= \ {Any_ASCII_character_except_white_space} white_space
event_identifier ::= identifier
function_identifier ::= identifier
gate_instance_identifier ::= identifier
generate_block_identifier ::= identifier
genvar_identifier ::= identifier
hierarchical_block_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_branch_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_event_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_function_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_identifier ::= { identifier [ `constant_expression ` ] . } identifier
hierarchical_net_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_parameter_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_port_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_property_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
```

```
hierarchical_sequence_identifier :: hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_task_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
hierarchical_variable_identifier ::= hierarchical_identifier
identifier ::= 
    simple_identifier
    | escaped_identifier
inout_port_identifier ::= identifier
input_port_identifier ::= identifier
instance_identifier ::= identifier
library_identifier ::= identifier
module_identifier ::= identifier
module_instance_identifier ::= identifier
module_or_paramset_identifier ::= 
    module_identifier
    | paramset_identifier
module_parameter_identifier ::= identifier
nature_identifier ::= identifier
nature_access_identifier ::= identifier
nature_attribute_identifier ::= abstol | access | ddt_nature | idt_nature | units | identifier
net_identifier ::= identifier
output_port_identifier ::= identifier
parameter_identifier ::= identifier
paramset_identifier ::= identifier
port_identifier ::= identifier
property_identifier ::= identifier
real_identifier ::= identifier
signal_identifier ::= identifier
simple_identifier3 ::= [ a-zA-Z_ ] { [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] }
specparam_identifier ::= identifier
system_function_identifier4 ::= $ [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] { [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] }
system_parameter_identifier ::= $ [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] { [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] }
system_task_identifier4 ::= $ [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] { [ a-zA-Z0-9_$ ] }
task_identifier ::= identifier
terminal_identifier ::= identifier
text_macro_identifier ::=
    identifier
    | __VAMS_ENABLE__
    | __VAMS_COMPACT_MODELING__
topmodule_identifier ::= identifier
udp_identifier ::= identifier
udp_instance_identifier ::= identifier
variable_identifier ::= identifier
```

A.9.4 White space

white_space ::= space | tab | newline | eof⁵

A.10 Details

- 1) Function statements are limited by the rules of [4.7.1](#).
- 2) Embedded spaces are illegal.
- 3) A simple_identifier shall start with an alpha or underscore (_) character, shall have at least one character, and shall not have any spaces.
- 4) The \$ character in a system_function_identifier or system_task_identifier shall not be followed by white_space. A system_function_identifier or system_task_identifier shall not be escaped.
- 5) End of file.