
exercise: calculator state

DO NOT look at succeeding pages yet

for a 4 function calculator

- ① write a description of the state
- ② define the effect of the following actions:
 - type_digit(d) – user presses single digit
 - equals – user presses '=' button
 - op(p) – user presses '+', '-', '*', or '/' button

HINTS:

- interleave 1 & 2
as you try to define operations you will find what you need to have in the state
- use scenarios to test your definitions of the operations
run through the scenario writing down the operation that would happen and the new state at each step

calculator state – first attempt

total:	Nat	–	running total (accumulator)
disp:	Nat	–	number currently displayed
pend_op:	{+,-,*,/}	–	pending operation

pending operation needed when '=' is pressed)

actions – first attempt

type_digit(d):

add d to the end of disp total and pend_op unchanged

equals:

do pend_op to disp and total put result in both disp and total set pend_op to none
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op(o):

do pend_op to disp and total put result in both disp and total put o into pend_op

scenario

user types: $1 + 27 = - 3$

start after $1 + 2$

action	total	disp	pend_op
type_digit(7)	1	2	+
	1	27	+
equals	28	28	none
op(-)	28	28	–
type_digit(3)	28	283 !!!	–

calculator state – second attempt

total:	Nat	–	running total (accumulator)
disp:	Nat	–	number currently displayed
pend_op:	{+,-,*,/}	–	pending operation
typing:	Bool	–	flag

typing flag – user in the middle of typing a number

actions – second attempt

type_digit(d):

if typing then add d to the end of disp otherwise clear disp and put d in it also set typing to true total and pend_op unchanged
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equals and op(o):

as before except both

set typing to false

scenario revisited

user types: $1 + 27 = - 3$

start after $1 + 2$

action	total	disp	pend_op	typing
type_digit(7)	1	2	+	yes
	1	27	+	yes
equals	28	28	none	no
op(–)	28	28	–	no
type_digit(3)	28	3	–	yes