

complexpack user manual

Title	complexpack (VHDL complex arithmetic package).
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1. Introduction

`complexpack` is a simple complex arithmetic package written in VHDL. It is based on a code example present in the RASSP series of VHDL lectures. Compared to the RASSP version, the following have been added:

- conjugate function.

A complex number is defined by the pair (real-part, imaginary-part) where both items of the pair are numbers. A common algebraic representation for complex numbers is:

$$z = a + i*b,$$

where:

- z is the resulting complex number
- a is the real part of the number also written as $a = \text{Re}(z)$
- b is the imaginary part of the number also written as $b = \text{Im}(z)$
- i is the imaginary unit and has the value of $\text{sqrt}(-1)$.

Currently, the `complexpack` package implements the following:

- the constants `re` and `im`, which specify addresses for an array-based representation of a complex number

- type definition for a complex number
- interface and implementation for complex arithmetic functionality
 - `to_complex (real, real)`: form a complex number
 - `+`: add two complex numbers
 - `-`: subtract one complex number from another
 - `*`: multiply two complex numbers
 - `/`: divide two complex numbers
 - `conjugate (complex)`: return the conjugate of the given complex number

All of the above functions return an item of the complex data type.

`complexpack` is distributed along with a simple VHDL testbench exercising basic functionalities.

2. File listing

The `complexpack` distribution includes the following files:

<code>/complexpack</code>	Top-level directory
<code>/bench/vhdl</code>	Benchmarks VHDL directory
<code>complexpack_tb.vhd</code>	A simple testbench.
<code>/doc</code>	Documentation directory
<code>AUTHORS</code>	List of <code>complexpack</code> authors.
<code>BUGS</code>	Bug list.
<code>ChangeLog</code>	A log for code changes.
<code>COPYING</code>	The LGPL, version 3, governs <code>complexpack</code> .
<code>README</code>	This file.
<code>README.html</code>	HTML version of README.
<code>README.pdf</code>	PDF version of README.
<code>rst2docs.sh</code>	Bash script for generating the HTML and PDF versions.
<code>THANKS</code>	Acknowledgements.
<code>TODO</code>	A list of future enhancements.
<code>VERSION</code>	Current version of the project sources.
<code>/rtl/vhdl</code>	RTL source code directory for the package
<code>complexpack.vhd</code>	The complex arithmetic package.
<code>/sim/rtl_sim</code>	RTL simulation files directory
<code>/sim/rtl_sim/out</code>	RTL simulation output files directory
<code>complexpack_results.txt</code>	Output generated by the <code>complexpack_tb.vhd</code> test.
<code>/sim/rtl_sim/run</code>	RTL simulation run scripts directory
<code>complexpack.mk</code>	GNU Makefile for running GHDL simulations.
<code>run.sh</code>	A bash script for running the GNU Makefile for GHDL.

3. complexpack usage

The complexpack package test script can be used as follows:

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$. /run.sh
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as run from within the `./sim/rtl_sim/run` subdirectory.

After this process, the `complexpack_results.txt` file is generated containing simulation results.

4. Prerequisites

- Standard UNIX-based tools (tested on cygwin/x86 and MinGW/x86 and MinGW/x64)
 - make
 - bash
- GHDL simulator (<http://ghdl.free.fr>)

Provides the "ghdl" executable and corresponding simulation environment. Versions throughout 0.26 to 0.31 (mcode) have been used for testing.