

4.4.14 Constant versus dynamic arguments

Some of the arguments to the analog operators described in this section and the events described in Section 6 expect dynamic expressions and others expect constant expressions. The dynamic expressions can be functions of circuit quantities and can change during an analysis. The constant expressions remain static throughout an analysis.

Issue #44a: delay to absdelay in table below

Table 4-21 summarizes the arguments of the analog operators defined in this section.

Table 4-21—Analog operator arguments

Operator	Constant expression arguments	Dynamic expression arguments
<code>ddt</code>	<code>abstol</code>	<code>expr</code>
<code>idt</code>	<code>abstol</code>	<code>expr_ic, assert</code>
<code>idtmod</code>	<code>abstol</code>	<code>expr_ic, modulus, offset</code>
<code>cross</code>	<code>expr_tol, time_tol</code>	<code>expr_dir</code>
<code>last_crossing</code>		<code>expr_dir</code>
<code>delay</code>	<code>maxdelay</code>	<code>expr_t@</code>
<code>absdelay</code>	<code>maxdelay</code>	<code>expr_td</code>
<code>transition</code>		<code>expr_td.rise_time,</code> <code>fall_time</code>
<code>slew</code>		<code>expr_max_pos_slew_rate,</code> <code>max_neg_slew_rate</code>
<code>i_zp</code>	<code>zeros, poles, T, t0</code>	<code>expr_T</code>
<code>i_zd</code>		
<code>i_ip</code>		
<code>i_nd</code>		
<code>laplace_zp</code>	<code>poles, abstol, zero</code>	<code>expr</code>
<code>laplace_zd</code>		
<code>laplace_ip</code>		
<code>laplace_nd</code>		
<code>timer</code>	<code>time_iol</code>	<code>start_time, period</code>
<code>linexp</code>		<code>expr</code>

If a dynamic expression is passed as an argument which expects a constant expression, the value of the dynamic expression at the start of the analysis defaults to the constant value of the argument. Any further change in value of that expression is ignored during the iterative analysis.