

Deductive Verification of Programs

6.0 VU Formal Methods in Computer Science

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Organisational issues

Lecture

- Today is the last day ... of block 3.
- Helmut Veith (block 4) starts on Wednesday, Nov 27!

Exercises block 3

- Discussion of exercises: Tuesday, Nov 26, 17:00–19:00, EI 9
- Submission of solutions: Sunday, Dec 1
On a voluntary basis, no extra points
- Discussion of solutions: Monday, Dec 9, 13:00–15:00, EI 10

Questions regarding block 3

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Topics last time

1. Why formal methods?
2. Syntax of TPL(toy programming language)
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5. How to prove correctness assertions
6. Assignments
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Three ways to prove correctness assertions

Task: Show that $\{ F \} p \{ G \}$ is partially/totally correct.

Method 1: Hoare calculus.

Decompose correctness assertion into simpler ones (guided by rules) until we obtain true assertions (instances of axioms) and valid formulas.

Method 2: Weakest (liberal) precondition.

Compute the weakest formula F' such that $\{ F' \} p \{ G \}$ is true, and show that F implies F' .

Method 3: Strongest postcondition.

Compute the strongest formula G' such that $\{ F \} p \{ G' \}$ is true, and show that G' implies G .

Annotation calculus.

No new method, just combines the above methods for practical usage.

Hoare Calculus

- finite collection of axioms and rules for deriving correctness assertions
- two calculi: one for partial correctness, one for total correctness
- is sound and complete (with restrictions)

“Sound” means: Every derivable correctness assertion is true.

“Complete” means: Every true correctness assertion is derivable.

Admissible (sound) axiom

Let F and G be formula schemas and p be a program schema.

$\{ F \} p \{ G \}$ is an admissible axiom if all assertions of this form are true.

Admissible (sound) rule

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be schemas for formulas or correctness assertions.

$\frac{X_1 \cdots X_n}{\{ F \} p \{ G \}}$ is an admissible rule if for all valid/true instances

$\hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n, \hat{F}, \hat{p}, \hat{G}$ it holds that:

If $\hat{X}_1, \dots, \hat{X}_n$ are valid/true then $\{ \hat{F} \} \hat{p} \{ \hat{G} \}$ is true.

“Whenever the premises hold, the conclusion has to hold.”

Weakest Precondition

$\text{wp}(p, \mathcal{S}_{\text{out}})$... maximal set of states such that
 $\text{wp}(p, \mathcal{S}_{\text{out}}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_{\text{out}}$ is totally correct

$$\begin{aligned}\text{wp}(p, \mathcal{S}_{\text{out}}) &= \{ \sigma \in \mathcal{S} \mid [p] \sigma \text{ defined and } [p] \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{out}} \} \\ &= [p]^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{\text{out}})\end{aligned}$$

$\text{wp}(p, G)$... weakest formula such that
 $\{ \text{wp}(p, G) \} p \{ G \}$ is totally correct

$\{ F \} p \{ G \}$ is totally correct if and only if $F \Rightarrow \text{wp}(p, G)$ is valid.

Weakest Liberal Precondition

$wlp(p, \mathcal{S}_{out})$... maximal set of states such that
 $wlp(p, \mathcal{S}_{out}) \ p \ \mathcal{S}_{out}$ is partially correct

$$\begin{aligned} wlp(p, \mathcal{S}_{out}) &= \{ \sigma \in \mathcal{S} \mid [p] \sigma \text{ undefined or } [p] \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{out} \} \\ &= \{ \sigma \in \mathcal{S} \mid [p] \sigma \text{ undefined} \} \cup [p]^{-1}(\mathcal{S}_{out}) \\ &= \{ \sigma \in \mathcal{S} \mid [p] \sigma \text{ undefined} \} \cup wp(p, \mathcal{S}_{out}) \end{aligned}$$

$wlp(p, G)$... weakest formula such that
 $\{ wlp(p, G) \} \ p \ \{ G \}$ is partially correct

$\{ F \} \ p \ \{ G \}$ is partially correct if and only if $F \Rightarrow wlp(p, G)$ is valid.

Strongest Postcondition

$\text{sp}(\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}}, p) \dots$ minimal set of states such that
 $\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}} \ p \ \text{sp}(\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}}, p)$ is partially correct

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sp}(\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}}, p) &= \{ [p] \sigma \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{\text{in}} \text{ and } [p] \sigma \text{ defined} \} \\ &= [p](\mathcal{S}_{\text{in}})\end{aligned}$$

$\text{sp}(F, p) \dots$ strongest formula such that
 $\{ F \} \ p \ \{ \text{sp}(F, p) \}$ is partially correct

$\{ F \} \ p \ \{ G \}$ is partially correct if and only if $\text{sp}(F, p) \Rightarrow G$ is valid.

Weakest precondition

$$\text{wp}(\mathbf{skip}, G) = G$$

$$\text{wp}(v := e, G) = G[v/e]$$

$$\text{wp}(p; q, G) = \text{wp}(p, \text{wp}(q, G))$$

$$\text{wp}(\mathbf{if } e \mathbf{ then } p \mathbf{ else } q \mathbf{ fi}, G)$$

$$= (e \Rightarrow \text{wp}(p, G)) \wedge$$
$$(\neg e \Rightarrow \text{wp}(q, G))$$

$$= (e \wedge \text{wp}(p, G)) \vee$$
$$(\neg e \wedge \text{wp}(q, G))$$

$$\text{wp}(\mathbf{abort}, G) = \text{false}$$

Weakest liberal precondition

$$\text{wlp}(\mathbf{skip}, G) = G$$

$$\text{wlp}(v := e, G) = G[v/e]$$

$$\text{wlp}(p; q, G) = \text{wlp}(p, \text{wlp}(q, G))$$

$$\text{wlp}(\mathbf{if } e \mathbf{ then } p \mathbf{ else } q \mathbf{ fi}, G)$$

$$= (e \Rightarrow \text{wlp}(p, G)) \wedge$$
$$(\neg e \Rightarrow \text{wlp}(q, G))$$

$$= (e \wedge \text{wlp}(p, G)) \vee$$
$$(\neg e \wedge \text{wlp}(q, G))$$

$$\text{wlp}(\mathbf{abort}, G) = \text{true}$$

Strongest postcondition

$$\text{sp}(F, \mathbf{skip}) = F$$

$$\text{sp}(F, v := e) = \exists v' (F[v/v'] \wedge v = e[v/v'])$$

where v' does not occur in F and e

$$\text{sp}(F, p; q) = \text{sp}(\text{sp}(F, p), q)$$

$$\text{sp}(F, \mathbf{if } e \mathbf{ then } p \mathbf{ else } q \mathbf{ fi}) = \text{sp}(F \wedge e, p) \vee \text{sp}(F \wedge \neg e, q)$$

$$\text{sp}(F, \mathbf{abort}) = \text{false}$$

Hoare calculus

$$\{ F \} \mathbf{skip} \{ F \} \text{ (sk)}$$

$$\{ F[v/e] \} v := e \{ F \} \text{ (as)}$$

$$\frac{\{ F \} p \{ G \} \quad \{ G \} q \{ H \}}{\{ F \} p; q \{ H \}} \text{ (sc)}$$

$$\frac{\{ F \wedge e \} p \{ G \} \quad \{ F \wedge \neg e \} q \{ G \}}{\{ F \} \mathbf{if } e \mathbf{ then } p \mathbf{ else } q \mathbf{ fi } \{ G \}} \text{ (if)}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \{ F \} \mathbf{abort} \{ G \} \text{ (ab)} & \text{(partial correctness)} \\ \{ \text{false} \} \mathbf{abort} \{ G \} \text{ (abt)} & \text{(total correctness)} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{F \Rightarrow F' \quad \{ F' \} p \{ G' \} \quad G' \Rightarrow G}{\{ F \} p \{ G \}} \text{ (lc)}$$

Annotation rules

$$\text{skip} \quad \{F\} \mapsto \text{skip} \quad \{F\} \quad \text{sk} \uparrow$$

$$\text{skip} \quad \{F\} \mapsto \text{skip} \quad \{F\} \quad \text{sk} \downarrow$$

$$v := e \quad \{F\} \mapsto v := e \quad \{F[v/e]\} \quad \text{as} \uparrow$$

$$v := e \quad \{F\} \mapsto v := e \quad \{F\} \quad \text{as} \downarrow$$

$$\{ \exists v' (F[v/v'] \wedge v = e[v/v']) \}$$

$$\text{if } v \text{ not free in } F \text{ and } e: \quad \{ F \wedge v = e \} \quad \text{as}' \downarrow$$

Partial correctness:

$$\text{abort} \quad \{ \text{true} \} \quad \text{ab} \mapsto \text{abort} \quad \{ \text{false} \} \quad \text{ab}$$

Total correctness:

$$\text{abort} \quad \{ \text{false} \} \quad \text{abt} \mapsto \text{abort} \quad \{ \text{false} \} \quad \text{abt}$$

$$\{ F \} \quad \{ G \} \mapsto \{ F \} \quad \{ G \} \quad \text{Prove } F \Rightarrow G \quad \text{lc}$$

		$\{ (e \Rightarrow F) \wedge (\neg e \Rightarrow G) \}$	if \uparrow	$\{ F \}$		$\{ F \}$
if e then		if e then		if e then		if e then
$\{ F \}$	\mapsto	$\{ F \}$		$\{ F \}$		$\{ F \}$
\dots		\dots		\dots	\mapsto	$\{ F \wedge e \}$ if \downarrow
else		else		else		else
$\{ G \}$		$\{ G \}$				$\{ F \wedge \neg e \}$ if \downarrow

		$\{ G \}$ fi \uparrow		$\{ G_1 \}$		$\{ G_1 \}$
else		else		else		else
\dots	\mapsto	\dots		\dots	\mapsto	\dots
		$\{ G \}$ fi \uparrow		$\{ G_2 \}$		$\{ G_2 \}$
fi		fi		fi		fi
$\{ G \}$		$\{ G \}$				$\{ G_1 \vee G_2 \}$ fi \downarrow

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$$\text{wp}(z := z + x; y := y - 1, xy + z = c)$$

$$= \text{wp}(z := z + x, \text{wp}(y := y - 1, xy + z = c))$$

$$= \text{wp}(z := z + x, x(y - 1) + z = c)$$

$$= (x(y - 1) + (z + x) = c)$$

$$= (xy + z = c)$$

$$\text{sp}(xy + z = c, z := z + x; y := y - 1)$$

$$= \text{sp}(\text{sp}(xy + z = c, z := z + x), y := y - 1)$$

$$= \text{sp}(\exists z'(xy + z' = c \wedge z = z' + x), y := y - 1)$$

$$= \text{sp}(\exists z'(xy + (z - x) = c \wedge z - x = z'), y := y - 1)$$

$$= \text{sp}(xy + (z - x) = c \wedge \exists z' z - x = z', y := y - 1)$$

$$= \text{sp}(xy + (z - x) = c, y := y - 1)$$

$$= \exists y'(xy' + (z - x) = c \wedge y = y' - 1)$$

$$= \exists y'(x(y + 1) + (z - x) = c \wedge y + 1 = y')$$

$$= x(y + 1) + (z - x) = c \wedge \exists y' y + 1 = y'$$

$$= (xy + z = c)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{wp}(d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi}, am \leq n < bm) \\
&= \text{wp}(d := a+b/2, \\
&\quad \text{wp}(\text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi}, am \leq n < bm)) \\
&= \text{wp}(d := a+b/2, (dm \leq n \wedge \text{wp}(a := d, am \leq n < bm)) \\
&\quad \vee (dm \not\leq n \wedge \text{wp}(b := d, am \leq n < bm))) \\
&= \text{wp}(d := a+b/2, (dm \leq n \wedge dm \leq n < bm) \\
&\quad \vee (dm > n \wedge am \leq n < dm)) \\
&= \text{wp}(d := a+b/2, dm \leq n < bm \vee am \leq n < dm) \\
&= ((a+b)/2)m \leq n < bm \quad \vee \quad am \leq n < ((a+b)/2)m
\end{aligned}$$

$$\{ am \leq n < bm \} \quad d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi} \quad \{ am \leq n < bm \}$$

$$am \leq n < bm \Rightarrow \text{wp}(d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi}, am \leq n < bm)$$

$$am \leq n < bm \Rightarrow ((a+b)/2)m \leq n < bm \vee am \leq n < ((a+b)/2)m$$

$$am \leq n < bm \Rightarrow ((a+b)/2)m \leq n \vee n < ((a+b)/2)m$$

$$am \leq n < bm \Rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\text{true}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{sp}(am \leq n < bm, d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi}) \\
&= \text{sp}(\text{sp}(am \leq n < bm, d := (a+b)/2), \\
&\quad \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi}) \\
&= \text{sp}(am \leq n < bm \wedge d = (a+b)/2, \\
&\quad \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi}) \\
&= \text{sp}(am \leq n < bm \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm \leq n, a := d) \\
&\quad \vee \text{sp}(am \leq n < bm \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm > n, b := d) \\
&= \exists a' (a'm \leq n < bm \wedge d = (a'+b)/2 \wedge dm \leq n \wedge a = d) \\
&\quad \vee \exists b' (am \leq n < b'm \wedge d = (a+b')/2 \wedge dm > n \wedge b = d) \\
&= dm \leq n < bm \wedge a = d \wedge \exists a' (a'm \leq n \wedge d = (a'+b)/2) \\
&\quad \vee am \leq n < dm \wedge b = d \wedge \exists b' (n < b'm \wedge d = (a+b')/2) \\
&= am \leq n < bm \wedge (\quad (a = d \wedge \exists a' (a'm \leq n \wedge d = (a'+b)/2)) \\
&\quad \vee (b = d \wedge \exists b' (n < b'm \wedge d = (a+b')/2)))
\end{aligned}$$

$$\{ am \leq n < bm \} \quad d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi} \quad \{ am \leq n < bm \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{sp}(am \leq n < bm, d := (a+b)/2; \text{if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi}) \Rightarrow am \leq n < bm \\
& am \leq n < bm \wedge \dots \Rightarrow am \leq n < bm \\
& \text{true}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\{ xy + z = c \} z := z + x; y := y - 1 \{ xy + z = c \}$$

$$H = x(y - 1) + (z + x) = c$$

$$G = x(y - 1) + z = c$$

(1)

(as)

$$\frac{xy+z=c \Rightarrow H \quad \{ H \} z := z+x \{ G \}}{\{ xy+z=c \} z := z+x \{ G \}} \quad (\text{lc})$$

(as)

$$\frac{\{ xy+z=c \} z := z+x \{ G \} \quad \{ G \} y := y-1 \{ xy+z=c \}}{\{ xy+z=c \} z := z+x; y := y-1 \{ xy+z=c \}} \quad (\text{sc})$$

Prove validity of ...

$$(1) \quad xy+z=c \Rightarrow x(y-1) + (z+x) = c$$

$\{ am \leq n < bm \} \quad d := (a+b)/2; \text{ if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi } \{ am \leq n < bm \}$

$$F_a = F[a/d]$$

$$F_b = F[b/d]$$

(2)

(as)

(3)

(as)

$$\frac{\frac{G \wedge dm \leq n \Rightarrow F_a \quad \{ F_a \} a := d \{ F \}}{\{ G \wedge dm \leq n \} a := d \{ F \}} \quad (lc) \quad \frac{G \wedge dm \not\leq n \Rightarrow F_b \quad \{ F_b \} b := d \{ F \}}{\{ G \wedge dm \not\leq n \} b := d \{ F \}} \quad (lc)}{\{ G \} \text{ if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi } \{ F \}} \quad (if)$$

$$F = am \leq n < bm$$

$$H = G[d/\frac{a+b}{2}]$$

$$G = F \wedge d = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

(1)

(as)

$$\frac{\frac{F \Rightarrow H \quad \{ H \} d := \frac{a+b}{2} \{ G \}}{\{ F \} d := \frac{a+b}{2} \{ G \}} \quad (lc) \quad \{ G \} \text{ if } dm \leq n \text{ then } \dots \text{ fi } \{ F \}}{\{ F \} d := \frac{a+b}{2}; \text{ if } dm \leq n \text{ then } a := d \text{ else } b := d \text{ fi } \{ F \}} \quad (sc)$$

Prove validity of ...

$$(1) \quad F \Rightarrow G[d/\frac{a+b}{2}]$$

$$(2) \quad (G \wedge dm \leq n) \Rightarrow F[a/d]$$

$$(3) \quad (G \wedge dm \not\leq n) \Rightarrow F[b/d]$$

$\{ am \leq n < bm \}$ $d := (a+b)/2$; **if** $dm \leq n$ **then** \dots **fi** $\{ am \leq n < bm \}$

$\{ F : am \leq n < bm \}$

$d := (a+b)/2$;

$\{ 5 : F \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \}$ (as' \downarrow)

if $dm \leq n$ **then**

$\{ 6 : F \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm \leq n \}$ (if \downarrow)

$\{ 3 : F[a/d] \}$ (as \uparrow)

$a := d$

$\{ 2 : F \}$ (fi \uparrow)

else

$\{ 7 : F \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm \not\leq n \}$ (if \downarrow)

$\{ 4 : F[b/d] \}$ (as \uparrow)

$b := d$

$\{ 1 : F \}$ (fi \uparrow)

fi

$\{ F : am \leq n < bm \}$

Prove validity of \dots

(6) \Rightarrow (3): $(F \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm \leq n) \Rightarrow F[a/d]$

(7) \Rightarrow (4): $(F \wedge d = (a+b)/2 \wedge dm \not\leq n) \Rightarrow F[b/d]$

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Verifying loops: Weakest preconditions

$\text{wp}(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, G)$: All states such that the loop terminates after a finite number of iterations in a G -state.

$\{F_i\}$... set of states such that p executes i times and leads to G -state

0 iterations: $F_0 = \neg e \wedge G$

1 iteration: $F_1 = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_0)$

2 iterations: $F_2 = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_1)$

\vdots

i iterations: $F_i = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_{i-1})$ (for $i > 0$)

$\{F_i\} = \{e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_{i-1})\}$... set of states such that

- p is executed once (because e is true), resulting in a state where
- $i - 1$ further iterations will lead to a G -state.

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, G) = F_0 \vee F_1 \vee F_2 \vee \dots = \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i)$$

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, G) = \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i)$$

$$F_0 = \neg e \wedge G$$

$$F_{i+1} = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_i)$$

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } z := z + x; y := y - 1 \text{ od}, z = xy_0)$$

$$F_0 = (y = 0 \wedge z = xy_0)$$

$$F_1 = (y \neq 0 \wedge \text{wp}(z := z + x; y := y - 1, F_0))$$

$$= (y \neq 0 \wedge y - 1 = 0 \wedge z + x = xy_0)$$

$$= (y \neq 0 \wedge y = 1 \wedge z + x = xy_0)$$

$$= (y = 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$F_1 = (y = 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$F_2 = (y \neq 0 \wedge \text{wp}(z := z + x; y := y - 1, F_1))$$

$$= (y \neq 0 \wedge y - 1 = 1 \wedge z + x = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$= (y \neq 0 \wedge y = 2 \wedge z + x = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$= (y = 2 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 2))$$

$$F_2 = (y = 2 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 2))$$

$$\text{Guess: } F_i = (y = i \wedge z = x(y_0 - i)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0$$

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, G) = \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i)$$

$$F_0 = \neg e \wedge G$$

$$F_{i+1} = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_i)$$

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } z := z + x; y := y - 1 \text{ od}, z = xy_0)$$

$$F_0 = (y = 0 \wedge z = xy_0)$$

$$F_1 = (y = 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$F_2 = (y = 2 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 2))$$

$$F_i = (y = i \wedge z = x(y_0 - i)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0$$

Inductive proof:

$$F_0 = (y = 0 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 0)) = (y = 0 \wedge z = xy_0) \quad \text{base case } \checkmark$$

Inductive step: prove equation for $i + 1$ (assuming it holds for i)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{i+1} &= (y \neq 0 \wedge \text{wp}(z := z + x; y := y - 1, F_i)) \\ &= (y \neq 0 \wedge y - 1 = i \wedge z + x = x(y_0 - i)) \\ &= (y \neq 0 \wedge y = i + 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - i) - x) \\ &= (y \neq 0 \wedge y = i + 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - (i + 1))) \\ &= (y = i + 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - (i + 1))) \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{wp}(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, G) = \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i)$$

$$F_0 = \neg e \wedge G$$

$$F_{i+1} = e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_i)$$

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$$F_0 = (y = 0 \wedge z = xy_0)$$

$$F_1 = (y = 1 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 1))$$

$$F_2 = (y = 2 \wedge z = x(y_0 - 2))$$

$$F_i = (y = i \wedge z = x(y_0 - i)) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \quad \text{proved } \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wp}(\text{while } \dots, z = xy_0) &= \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i) \\ &= \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge y = i \wedge z = x(y_0 - i)) \\ &= \exists i (y \geq 0 \wedge y = i \wedge z = x(y_0 - y)) \\ &= y \geq 0 \wedge \exists i (y = i) \wedge z = x(y_0 - y) \\ &= y \geq 0 \wedge \text{true} \wedge z = x(y_0 - y) \\ &= y \geq 0 \wedge z = x(y_0 - y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{wp}(z := 0; \text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } z := z + x; y := y - 1 \text{ od}, z = xy_0) \\
&= \text{wp}(z := 0, \text{wp}(\text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } z := z + x; y := y - 1 \text{ od}, z = xy_0)) \\
&= \text{wp}(z := 0, y \geq 0 \wedge z = x(y_0 - y)) \\
&= y \geq 0 \wedge 0 = x(y_0 - y) \\
&= y \geq 0 \wedge (x = 0 \vee y_0 = y)
\end{aligned}$$

$\{y \geq 0 \wedge y = y_0\} z := 0; \text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } \dots \text{od} \{z = xy_0\}$

... is totally correct, since the following implication is valid:

$(y \geq 0 \wedge y = y_0) \Rightarrow \text{wp}(z := 0; \text{while } y \neq 0 \text{ do } \dots \text{od}, z = xy_0)$

$(y \geq 0 \wedge y = y_0) \Rightarrow (y \geq 0 \wedge (x = 0 \vee y_0 = y))$

- $y \geq 0$ in the conclusion holds because it also occurs in the premise.
- $x = 0 \vee y_0 = y$ holds because $y = y_0$ occurs in the premise.

First correctness proof
of our multiplication program!



Verifying loops: Hoare calculus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wp}(\textbf{while } e \textbf{ do } p \textbf{ od}, G) &= F_0 \vee F_1 \vee F_2 \vee \dots = \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge F_i), \\ \text{where } F_0 &= \neg e \wedge G \\ F_{i+1} &= e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_i) \quad (\text{for } i \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

This definition mirrors the operational semantics: each iteration contributes a partial precondition, leading to an infinite formula.

Difficulty with loops: Situation changes with every iteration.

Does it really? Some things never change.

Loop of multiplication program:

$$\text{wp}(z := z + x; y := y - 1, xy + z = c) = (xy + z = c)$$

Idea: Concentrate on invariant properties.

Loop unwinding and invariants

$\{ F \}$

while e **do** p **od**

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$\{ \neg e \}$

$\{ G \}$

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Partial correctness guaranteed!

Loop unwinding and invariants

$$\begin{aligned}& \{ F \} \\& \{ e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_{i-1}) =: F_i \} \\& p; \\& \{ e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_{i-2}) =: F_{i-1} \} \\& p; \\& \{ e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_{i-3}) =: F_{i-2} \} \\& \vdots \\& \{ e \wedge \text{wp}(p, F_0) =: F_1 \} \\& p; \\& \{ \neg e \wedge G =: F_0 \} \\& \{ G \}\end{aligned}$$

Otherwise: Compute wp.

Prove $F \Rightarrow F_i$ for some F_i .

Problem: We don't know i .

Trying all i not feasible.

Loop unwinding and invariants

$\{ F \}$
 $\{ e \wedge Inv \}$
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 \vdots
 $\{ e \wedge Inv \}$
 $p;$
 $\{ \neg e \wedge Inv \}$
 $\{ G \}$

Idea: Find formula Inv such that

- $\{ e \wedge Inv \}$
 p is correct
 $\{ Inv \}$
- $F \Rightarrow Inv$ is valid
- $\neg e \wedge Inv \Rightarrow G$ is valid

$Inv \dots$ “invariant”

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Loops and Partial Correctness

Hoare calculus:

$$\frac{\{Inv \wedge e\} p \{Inv\}}{\{Inv\} \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ p \ \mathbf{od} \ {Inv \wedge \neg e}} \text{ (wh)}$$

Annotation calculus:

$$\mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \cdots \mathbf{od} \mapsto \{Inv\} \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ {Inv \wedge e} \cdots \{Inv\} \mathbf{od} \ {Inv \wedge \neg e} \quad \text{wh}$$

Inv: “loop invariant”; holds before, within, and after the loop.

Example: Multiplication

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{ 1:  $y = y_0$  }  
{ 9:  $Inv[z/0]$  }  
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{ 3:  $Inv$  }  
while  $y \neq 0$  do  
  { 4:  $Inv \wedge y \neq 0$  }  
  { 8:  $Inv[y/y-1][z/z+x]$  }  
   $z := z + x;$   
  { 7:  $Inv[y/y-1]$  }  
   $y := y - 1$   
  { 5:  $Inv$  }  
od  
{ 6:  $Inv \wedge \neg(y \neq 0)$  }  
{ 2:  $z = x * y_0$  }
```

It remains to ...

- find adequate invariant Inv
- prove $1 \Rightarrow 9, 4 \Rightarrow 8, 6 \Rightarrow 2$

We know from before:

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{  $xy + z = c$  }  
 $z := z + x; y := y - 1$   
{  $xy + z = c$  }
```

is correct.

Guess:

$Inv = (xy + z = c)$
(for some suitable c)

Example: Multiplication (2)

$$\begin{aligned}1 \Rightarrow 9: \quad & y = y_0 \Rightarrow \text{Inv}[z/0] \\ & y = y_0 \Rightarrow (xy + 0 = c)\end{aligned}$$

Valid if we choose $c = xy_0$.

$$\begin{aligned}4 \Rightarrow 8: \quad & (\text{Inv} \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow \text{Inv}[y/y-1][z/z+x] \\ & (\text{Inv} \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow (xy + z = xy_0)[y/y-1][z/z+x] \\ & (\text{Inv} \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow (x(y-1) + (z+x) = xy_0) \\ & (\text{Inv} \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow (xy + z = xy_0)\end{aligned}$$

Valid.

$$\begin{aligned}6 \Rightarrow 2: \quad & (\text{Inv} \wedge \neg(y \neq 0)) \Rightarrow z = xy_0 \\ & (xy + z = xy_0 \wedge y = 0) \Rightarrow z = xy_0 \\ & (0 + z = xy_0 \wedge y = 0) \Rightarrow z = xy_0\end{aligned}$$

Valid.

Second correctness proof:
partial correctness via invariants.



Termination

```
while  $y \neq 0$  do  
     $z := z + x;$   
     $y := y - 1$   
od
```

Why does this loop terminate?

- Loop condition is false in states σ where $\sigma(y) = 0$.
- Loop body decreases value of y by one.
- Hence loop condition will break the loop if y is non-negative initially.

In general:

- Find a way to measure the “size” of the current state. $|\sigma| = \sigma(y)$
- Show that the size decreases in each iteration in discrete steps.
- Show that the size is bounded from below. $|\sigma| \geq 0$

Then the loop is guaranteed to terminate.

Loops and Total Correctness

t : “bound function” or “variant”, computes the size of state

The value of the expression t has to

- ... be an integer (ensures that t only takes discrete values),
- ... be non-negative before and within the loop,
- ... decrease strictly with each iteration of the loop.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{lll} \text{partial correctness} & \text{state size decreases strictly} & \text{and is bounded} \\ \{Inv \wedge e\} p \{Inv\} & \{Inv \wedge e \wedge t = t_0\} p \{t < t_0\} & Inv \Rightarrow t \geq 0 \end{array}}{\{Inv\} \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ p \ \mathbf{od} \ \{Inv \wedge \neg e\}} \quad (\text{wht})$$

t_0 : auxiliary variable, representing the value of t before iteration

Alternative while-rules

$$\frac{\{Inv \wedge e \wedge t = t_0\} p \{Inv \wedge t < t_0\} \quad Inv \Rightarrow t \geq 0}{\{Inv\} \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ p \ \mathbf{od} \ \{Inv \wedge \neg e\}} \quad (\text{wht}')$$

$$\frac{\{Inv \wedge e \wedge t = t_0\} p \{Inv \wedge 0 \leq t < t_0\}}{\{Inv\} \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ p \ \mathbf{od} \ \{Inv \wedge \neg e\}} \quad (\text{wht}'')$$

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We choose:

- $Inv = (xy + z = xy_0)$
- $t = y$

It remains to prove $1 \Rightarrow 9$,
 $4 \Rightarrow 8$, and $6 \Rightarrow 2$.

$1 \Rightarrow 9$ and $6 \Rightarrow 2$: see above.

$4 \Rightarrow 8$ consists of two parts.

$4 \Rightarrow 8a$ (partial correctness):
 $Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \Rightarrow Inv[][]$

See above.

$4 \Rightarrow 8b$ (termination):
 $Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge t = t_0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq t[][] < t_0$
Not yet proved.

Example: Multiplication (2)

$$\begin{aligned}4 \Rightarrow 8b: \quad & (Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge t = t_0) \Rightarrow 0 \leq t[y/y-1][z/z+x] < t_0 \\ & (Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge y = t_0) \Rightarrow 0 \leq y[y/y-1][z/z+x] < t_0 \\ & (Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge y = t_0) \Rightarrow 0 \leq y-1 < t_0\end{aligned}$$

We have to show:

$$(Inv \wedge y \neq 0 \wedge y = t_0) \Rightarrow y-1 < t_0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(Inv \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow 0 \leq y-1 \quad \text{Not valid!}$$

We have to strengthen ...

- the invariant: $Inv' = (Inv \wedge y \geq 0)$
- the precondition: $(1') = (y = y_0 \wedge y \geq 0)$

... and to reprove all implications (not done here).

$$(Inv \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge y \neq 0) \Rightarrow 0 \leq y-1 \quad \text{Now valid!}$$

Third correctness proof:

total correctness via invariants and variants.

