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Advanced Topics in Software Verification

INV & Exam Prep

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Practice with invariants!

Recall:

- invariants are needed to automate the application of hoare rules
- they are used by the weakest precondition calculus to deal with loops

Recall:

- an invariant needs to be “enough” (to prove the postcondition)
- an invariant needs to be an invariant
 - “true before the loop”
 - “if true at the start of an iteration, still true after one iteration”

Weakest precondition - recall

$$(P \implies \text{pre } (i_0; i_1; i_2;) Q) \implies \{ P \} i_0; i_1; i_2; \{ Q \}$$

$\{ P \}$

$$\text{pre } i_0 (\text{pre } i_1 (\text{pre } i_2 Q)) = \text{pre } i_1; i_2; i_3; Q$$

$i_0;$

$$\text{pre } i_1 (\text{pre } i_2 Q)$$

$i_1;$

$$\text{pre } i_2 Q$$

$i_2;$

$\{ Q \}$

Invariant - recall

$\{ P \}$

$P \implies I$ (“true before the loop”)

?? $pre (WHILE\ b\ INV\ I\ DO\ c\ OD) = I$

$WHILE\ b\ INV\ I$

$I \wedge b \implies pre\ c\ I$

(“if true at the start of an iteration,”)

DO

(“still true after one iteration”)

c

OD

$I \wedge \neg b \implies Q$ (“enough”)

$\{ Q \}$

Example 1

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0 \}$

$A := 0;$

$A =$ 0 1 2 3 4 ...

$B := 0;$

$B =$ 0 b b+b b+b+b b+b+b+b ...

INV $\{ B = b * A \}$

WHILE $A \neq a$

DO

$B := B + b;$

$A := A + 1$

OD

$\{ B = b * a \}$

Example 1

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0 \}$

$A := 0;$

$B := 0;$

$$0 = b * 0 \quad \checkmark$$

INV $\{ B = b * A \}$

WHILE $A \neq a$

$$B = b * A \wedge A \neq a \longrightarrow B + b = b * (A + 1)$$

DO

$$= b * A + b$$

$B := B + b;$

$$= B + b \quad \checkmark$$

$A := A + 1$

OD

$$B = b * A \wedge A = a \longrightarrow B = b * a \quad \checkmark$$

$\{ B = b * a \}$

Example 2

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0 \}$

$A := 0;$

$B := 0;$

$$0 = b * 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$INV \{ B = b * A \}$

WHILE $A < a$

$$B = b * A \wedge A < a \longrightarrow B + b = b * (A + 1)$$

DO

$$= b * A + b$$

$B := B + b;$

$$= B + b \quad \checkmark$$

$A := A + 1$

OD

$$B = b * A \wedge A \geq a \longrightarrow B = b * a \quad ???$$

$\{ B = b * a \}$

Example 2

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0 \}$

$A := 0;$

$B := 0;$

$\text{INV } \{ B = b * A \wedge A \leq a \}$

$\text{WHILE } A < a$

DO

$B := B + b;$

$A := A + 1$

OD

$\{ B = b * a \}$

$$0 = b * 0 \wedge 0 \leq a \quad \checkmark$$

$$B = b * A \wedge A < a \longrightarrow B + b = b * (A + 1) \wedge A + 1 \leq a \quad \checkmark$$

$$B = b * A \wedge A \geq a \longrightarrow B = b * a \wedge A \leq a \quad \checkmark$$

Example 3

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b > 0 \}$

$A := a;$

$B := 1;$

$A =$	a	$a-1$	$a-2$	$a-3$	\dots
$B =$	1	b	$b*b$	$b*b*b$	\dots

$= b^3 = b^{a-A}$

$$1 = b^{a-a}$$

INV $\{ B = b^{a-A} \}$

WHILE $A \neq 0$

DO

$B := B * b;$

$A := A - 1$

OD

$$B = b^{a-A} \wedge A \neq 0 \longrightarrow B * b = b^{a-(A-1)}$$

$$B = b^{a-A} \wedge A = 0 \longrightarrow B = b^a$$

$\{ B = b^a \}$

Example 3

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b > 0 \}$

$A := a;$

$B := 1;$

$A =$	a	$a-1$	$a-2$	$a-3$	\dots
$B =$	1	b	$b*b$	$b*b*b$	\dots

$= b^3 = b^{a-A}$

$$1 = b^{a-a}$$

INV $\{ B = b^{a-A}$

$\wedge A \leq a \}$

WHILE $A \neq 0$

$$B = b^{a-A} \wedge A \neq 0 \longrightarrow B * b = b^{a-(A-1)}$$

DO

$B := B * b;$

$A := A - 1$

OD

$$B = b^{a-A} \wedge A = 0 \longrightarrow B = b^a$$

$\{ B = b^a \}$

Example 4

{ True }

X := x;

Y := [];

X = [x₀; x₁; x₂...] [x₁; x₂...] [x₂...] ...

Y = [] x₀#[] x₁#x₀#[] ...

(rev x)@[] = rev x

INV { (rev X)@Y = rev x }

WHILE X ≠ []

(rev X)@Y = rev x ∧ X ≠ [] →

(rev (tl X))@((hd X)#Y) = rev x

DO

Y := (hd X)#Y;

X := tl X

= (rev X)@Y

= (rev ((hd X)#(tl X)))@

OD

(rev X)@Y = rev x ∧ X = [] → Y = rev x

{ Y = rev x }

Example 5

Try with $b = 10 = 2^1 + 2^3$ or $b = 12 = 2^2 + 2^3$ (and e.g. $a=3$)

$\{ a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0 \}$

$A := a; B := b; C := 1; \quad a^b = 1 * a^b$

$INV \{ a^b = C * A^B \}$

WHILE $B \neq 0$

$a^b = C * A^B \wedge B \neq 0 \longrightarrow a^b = (C * A) * a^{b-1}$

DO

$INV \{ a^b = C * A^B \}$

WHILE $(B \bmod 2 = 0)$

$a^b = C * A^B \wedge B \bmod 2 = 0 \longrightarrow a^b = C * (A * A)^{B/2}$

DO

$A := A * A;$

$B := B \text{ div } 2;$

OD

$C := C * A;$

$B := B - 1$

Example 6

$LEQ\ A\ n = \forall k. k < n \longrightarrow A!k \leq piv$

$GEQ\ A\ n = \forall k. n < k < length\ A \longrightarrow A!k \geq piv$

$EQ\ A\ n\ m = \forall k. n \leq k \leq m \longrightarrow A!k = piv$

$\{ 0 < length\ A \}$

$l := 0; u := length\ A - 1; A := a$

$INV\ \{ LEQ\ A\ l \wedge GEQ\ A\ u \wedge u < length\ A \wedge l \leq length\ A \wedge A\ \text{permutes}\ a \}$

WHILE $l \leq u$

DO

$INV\ \{ LEQ\ A\ l \wedge GEQ\ A\ u \wedge u < length\ A \wedge l \leq length\ A \wedge A\ \text{permutes}\ a \}$

WHILE $l < length\ A \wedge A!l \leq piv$ DO $l := l + 1$ OD;

$INV\ \{ LEQ\ A\ l \wedge GEQ\ A\ u \wedge u < length\ A \wedge l \leq length\ A \wedge A\ \text{permutes}\ a \}$

WHILE $0 < u \wedge piv \leq A!u$ DO $u := u - 1$ OD;

IF $l \leq u$ THEN $A := A[l := A!u, u := A!l]$ ELSE SKIP FI

OD

$\{ LEQ\ A\ u \wedge EQ\ A\ u\ l \wedge GEQ\ A\ l \wedge A\ \text{permutes}\ a \}$

Example 7

Reminder:

datatype ref = Ref int | Null

Pointer access: $p \rightarrow \text{field}$

Pointer update: $p \rightarrow \text{field} ::= v$

Definition:

"*List nxt p Ps*" is a linked list, starting at pointer p following the next

pointer through the function *nxt*, and where Ps contains the list of the pointers of the linked list.

$\{ \text{List } \text{nxt } p \ Ps \wedge X \in Ps \}$ $\exists Qs. \text{List } \text{nxt } p \ Qs \wedge X \in Qs$

INV $\{ \exists Qs. \text{List } \text{nxt } p \ Qs \wedge X \in Qs \}$

WHILE $p \neq \text{Null} \wedge p \neq \text{Ref } X$ $\exists Qs. \text{List } \text{nxt } p \ Qs \wedge X \in Qs$

$\wedge p \neq \text{Null} \wedge p \neq \text{Ref } X \rightarrow$

$\exists Qs. \text{List } \text{nxt } (p \rightarrow \text{nxt}) \ Qs \wedge X \in Qs$

DO

$p := p \rightarrow \text{nxt};$

Example 8

What is Isabelle function doing?

fun f :: 'a list \Rightarrow ' a list \Rightarrow ' a list where

f [] ys = ys |

f xs [] = xs |

f (x#xs) (y#ys) = x#y# f xs ys

Example 8

What is is Isabelle function doing?

```
fun splice :: 'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ 'a list where
  splice [] ys = ys |
  splice xs [] = xs |
  splice (x#xs) (y#ys) = x#y# f xs ys
```

Let's write it with linked lists!

Example 8

List *nxt* *p* *Ps* = *Path* *nxt* *p* *Ps* *Null*

Path *nxt* *p* *Ps* *Null* is a linked list from *p* to *q* following function *nxt* and containing list of pointers *Ps*

```
{ List nxt p Ps ∧ List nxt q Qs ∧ (set Ps ∩ set Qs) = {} ∧ size Qs ≤ size Ps
  pp := p;
  INV { ∃PPs QQs PPPs. size QQs ≤ size PPs ∧
        List nxt pp PPs ∧ List nxt q QQs ∧ Path nxt p PPPs pp
        ∧ PPPs@splice PPs QQs = splice Ps Qs ∧
        set PPs ∩ set QQs = {} ∧ distinct PPPs ∧ set PPPs ∩ (set PPs ∪ set QQs)
      }
  WHILE q ≠ Null
  DO
    qq := q → nxt; q → nxt := pp → nxt; pp → nxt = q; pp := q → nxt; q :=
  OD
  { List nxt p (splice Ps Qs) }
```

Demo



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Last Time

- The automated proof method **wp**
- The C Parser and translating C into Simpl
- AutoCorres and translating Simpl into monadic form
- The option and exception monads

Exam

- 24h take-home exam (same as previous years)
- Open book: can use any passive resource (books, slides, google, etc)
- **Not** allowed to ask for help from anyone
- **Not** allowed AI assistance for technical support (e.g. ChatGPT).
- starts 8am AEST, Monday 4th Dec 2023, ends 7:59am AEST, Tuesday 5nd Dec 2023

- Should be doable in about 4-6 hours.
The 24h are for flexibility not for you to stay awake actual 24 hours.
- Recommend to start early, finish the easy questions first.
- Take breaks. Don't forget to eat :-)
- If there are clarification questions, make **private** threads on Ed.

Content

→ Foundations & Principles

- Intro, Lambda calculus, natural deduction [1,2]
- Higher Order Logic, Isar (part 1) [2,3^a]
- Term rewriting [3,4]

→ Proof & Specification Techniques

- Inductively defined sets, rule induction [4,5]
- Datatype induction, primitive recursion [5,7]
- General recursive functions, termination proofs [7]
- Proof automation, Isar (part 2) [8^b]
- Hoare logic, proofs about programs, invariants [8,9]
- C verification [9,10]
- Practice, questions, exam prep [10^c]

^aa1 due; ^ba2 due; ^ca3 due



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We have learned so far...

- λ calculus syntax
- free variables, substitution
- β reduction
- α and η conversion
- β reduction is confluent
- λ calculus is very expressive (turing complete)
- λ calculus results in an inconsistent logic



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We have learned so far...

- Simply typed lambda calculus: λ^{\rightarrow}
- Typing rules for λ^{\rightarrow} , type variables, type contexts
- β -reduction in λ^{\rightarrow} satisfies subject reduction
- β -reduction in λ^{\rightarrow} always terminates
- Types and terms in Isabelle



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$\lambda \rightarrow$ **and HOL**

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What we have learned so far...

- natural deduction rules for \wedge , \vee , \longrightarrow , \neg , iff...
- proof by assumption, by intro rule, elim rule
- safe and unsafe rules
- indent your proofs! (one space per subgoal)
- prefer implicit backtracking (chaining) or *rule_tac*, instead of *back*
- *prefer* and *defer*
- *oops* and *sorry*



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HOL

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We have learned so far...

- Isar style proofs
- proof, qed
- assumes, shows
- fix, obtain
- moreover, ultimately
- forward, backward
- mixing proof styles



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HOL

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We have learned today ...

- Defining HOL
- Higher Order Abstract Syntax
- Deriving proof rules
- More automation
- Equations and Term Rewriting



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We have seen today...

- Equations and Term Rewriting
- Confluence and Termination of reduction systems
- Term Rewriting in Isabelle



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We have learned today ...

- Conditional term rewriting
- Congruence rules
- AC rules
- More on confluence



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We have learned today ...

- Sets
- Type Definitions
- Inductive Definitions



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We have learned today ...

- Formal background of inductive definitions
- Definition by intersection
- Computation by iteration
- Formalisation in Isabelle



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We have seen today ...

- Datatypes
- Primitive recursion
- Case distinction
- Structural Induction



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fun

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We have seen today ...

- General recursion with **fun/function**
- Induction over recursive functions
- How **fun** works
- Termination, partial functions, congruence rules



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We have seen today ...

- sledgehammer
- nitpick
- quickcheck



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$\{P\} \dots \{Q\}$

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We have seen today ...

- Syntax of a simple imperative language
- Operational semantics
- Program proof on operational semantics
- Hoare logic rules
- Soundness of Hoare logic



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We have seen today ...

- Weakest precondition
- Verification conditions
- Example program proofs
- Arrays, pointers



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We have seen today

- Deep and shallow embeddings
- Isabelle records
- Nondeterministic State Monad with Failure
- Monadic Weakest Precondition Rules



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Today we have seen

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