



Génie Logiciel Avancé - Advanced Software Engineering

Deductive Verification III

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Recall: Hoare - Logic

- A means to reason over **all** input and **all** states: Is there

A Logic for Programs ???

- We consider the Hoare-Logic, technically an inference system $PL + E + A + \text{Hoare}$
- ... and transit to a more automatic variant, Dijkstra's wp calculus.

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□ Revision Example (7):

Proof (bottom up):

$$\frac{\text{true} \rightarrow I \quad \vdash \{I\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } x ::= x + 1 \{I \wedge \neg(x < 2)\} \quad I \wedge \neg(x < 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq x}{\vdash \{\text{true}\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } x ::= x + 1 \{2 \leq x\}}$$

We can't apply the WHILE-rule directly – the only other choice is the consequence rule. Instantiating the invariant variable P by a fresh variable I allows us to bring the triple into a shape that we can apply the WHILE rule later

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Now we can apply the while rule.

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To be sure (entering the while loop) we apply again the consequence rule. For the missing bit, we instantiate I ".

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$$\frac{\frac{I \wedge x < 2 \rightarrow I'' \quad \vdash \{I''\} x ::= x + 1 \{I'\} \quad I' \rightarrow I}{\vdash \{I \wedge x < 2\} x ::= x + 1 \{I\}}}{\frac{true \rightarrow I \quad \vdash \{I\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } x ::= x + 1 \{I \wedge \neg(x < 2)\} \quad I \wedge \neg(x < 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq x}{\vdash \{true\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } x ::= x + 1 \{2 \leq x\}}}$$

Now, in order to make the assignment rule “fit”, we must have

$$I'' \equiv I[x \mapsto x+1].$$

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Additionally, in order that this constitutes a Hoare-Proof, we must have all the implications.

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- **Revision** Example (7):

$$\frac{}{\vdash \{true\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } x ::= x + 1 \{2 \leq x\}}$$

So, we have a Hoare Proof iff we have a solution to the following list of constraints:

$$I' \equiv I[x \mapsto x+1]$$

$$A \equiv true \rightarrow I$$

$$B \equiv I \wedge \neg(x < 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq x$$

$$C \equiv I \wedge x < 2 \rightarrow I'[x \mapsto x+1]$$

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Proof:

$$I'' \equiv I'[x \mapsto x+1]$$

$$A \equiv \text{true} \rightarrow I$$

$$B \equiv I \wedge \neg(x < 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq x$$

$$C \equiv I \wedge x < 2 \rightarrow I'[x \mapsto x+1]$$

$$D = I' \rightarrow I$$

- I must be *true*, this solves A, B, D
- we are fairly free for a solution for I' ;
e.g. $x \leq 2$ or $x \leq 5$ would do the trick!

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- ❑ This proof rises the idea of particular **construction method** of Hoare-Proofs, which can be automated:
 - ❑ apply bottom-up all rules following the cmd-syntax;
introduce fresh variables for the wholes where necessary
 - ❑ apply the consequence rule only at entry
points of loops (this is deterministic!)
 - ❑ extract the implications used in these consequence rule
 - ❑ try to find solutions for these implications
(worst case: ask the user ...)
- **Essence of all: again, we reduced a program verification problem to a constraint resolution problem of formulas ...**
- **... provided we have solutions for the invariants.**

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- Another Example (8) : The integer square-root

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int i = 0;  
int tm = 1;  
int sum = 1;  
WHILE sum ≤ a DO  
    i := i+1;  
    tm := tm + 2;  
    sum:= sum + tm;
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} ≡ prelude

} ≡ body

- Program and Specification in a Hoare Triple

$\vdash \{a \geq 0\} \text{ prelude; WHILE sum} \leq a \text{ DO body } \{\text{post}\}$

where $\text{post} \equiv i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i+1)^2$

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- We cut it into 2 parts (sequence rule):

- first: $\vdash \{a \geq 0\} \text{ prelude } \{a \geq 0 \wedge i=0 \wedge tm=1 \wedge sum=1\}$

We know that already ...

$$\frac{\frac{\vdash \{true\} tm := 1 \{tm = 1\}}{\vdash \{true\} tm := 1; (sum := 1; i := 0) \{tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1 \wedge i = 0\}} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash \{tm = 1\} sum := 1 \{B\}}{\vdash \{tm = 1\} sum := 1; i := 0 \{A\}} \quad \vdash \{B\} i := 0 \{A\}}{\vdash \{true\} tm := 1; (sum := 1; i := 0) \{tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1 \wedge i = 0\}}$$

where $A = tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1 \wedge i = 0$ and where $B = tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1$.

- and:

$$\vdash \{a \geq 0 \wedge A\} \text{ WHILE } sum \leq a \text{ DO body } \{i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i+1)^2\}$$

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- so, for the body, we derive bottom-up:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{I' \longrightarrow I''[i \mapsto i+1] \quad \overline{\vdash \{I''[i \mapsto i+1]\} i := i+1 \{I''\}} \quad I'' \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]}{\vdash \{I'\} i := i+1 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]\}} \quad \frac{\overline{\vdash \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]\} \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\}}}{\vdash \{I'\} i := i+1; \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\}} \quad \frac{\overline{\vdash \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\} \text{sum} := \text{sum} + \text{tm} \{I\}}}{\vdash \{I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a\} \text{body} \{I\}} \\
 \frac{I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I' \quad \vdash \{I'\} i := i+1; \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2; \text{sum} := \text{sum} + \text{tm} \{I\} \quad I \longrightarrow I}{\vdash \{I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a\} \text{body} \{I\}} \\
 \frac{a \geq 0 \wedge A \longrightarrow I \quad \vdash \{I\} \text{ WHILE } \text{sum} \leq a \text{ DO } \text{body} \{a < \text{sum} \wedge I\} \quad a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow \text{post}}{\vdash \{a \geq 0 \wedge A\} \text{ WHILE } \text{sum} \leq a \text{ DO } \text{body} \{\text{post}\}}
 \end{array}$$

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$$\frac{}{\vdash \{I''[i \mapsto i+1]\} i := i+1 \{I''\}}$$

$$I'' \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]$$

$$\vdash \{I'\} i := i+1 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]\}$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]\} \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\}}$$

$$\vdash \{I'\} i := i+1; \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2 \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\}$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \{I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}]\} \text{sum} := \text{sum} + \text{tm} \{I\}}$$

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I'$$

$$\vdash \{I'\} i := i+1; \text{tm} := \text{tm} + 2; \text{sum} := \text{sum} + \text{tm} \{I\}$$

$$I \longrightarrow I$$

$$\vdash \{I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a\} \text{body} \{I\}$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash \{I\} \text{WHILE } \text{sum} \leq a \text{ DO } \text{body} \{a < \text{sum} \wedge I\}}$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge A \longrightarrow I$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow \text{post}$$

$$\vdash \{a \geq 0 \wedge A\} \text{WHILE } \text{sum} \leq a \text{ DO } \text{body} \{\text{post}\}$$

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- Our proof boils down to the constraints:

$$I' \longrightarrow I''[i \mapsto i+1]$$

$$I'' \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]$$

$$\text{Solution } I'' \equiv I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2]$$

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I'$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge A \longrightarrow I$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow \text{post}$$

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$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I'$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge A \longrightarrow I$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow \text{post}$$

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- Our proof boils down to the constraints:

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2][i \mapsto i + 1]$$

“Invariant is preserved in body”

$$a \geq 0 \wedge A \longrightarrow I$$

“Invariant initially holds at loop entry”

Recall: $\dots \equiv a \geq 0 \wedge i = 0 \wedge \text{tm} = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow \text{post}$$

“Invariant at loop exit implies post”

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- Our proof boils further down to finding the invariant I

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2][i \mapsto i + 1]$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge i = 0 \wedge \text{tm} = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \longrightarrow I$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i + 1)^2$$

$$i \geq 0$$

$$\text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$\text{sum} \geq 1$$

$$\text{tm} = 2 * i + 1$$

$$\text{sum} = \sum_{k=0}^i (2 * k + 1)$$

$$\text{sum} = (i + 1)^2$$

$$a \geq i^2$$

$$I \equiv \text{sum} = (i + 1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2 * i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

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- We check our invariant (1)

$$I \equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2][i \mapsto i + 1]$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge a \geq 0 \wedge i = 0 \wedge \text{tm} = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \longrightarrow I$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i+1)^2$$

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□ We check our invariant (constraint 1)

$$I \equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$I \wedge \text{sum} \leq a \longrightarrow I[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2][i \mapsto i + 1]$$

$$\equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \wedge \text{sum} \leq a$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1[\text{sum} \mapsto \text{sum} + \text{tm}][\text{tm} \mapsto \text{tm} + 2][i \mapsto i + 1]$$

$$\equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \wedge \text{sum} \leq a$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{sum} + \text{tm} + 2 = ((i+1)+1)^2 \wedge a \geq (i+1)^2 \wedge \text{tm} + 2 = 2*(i+1) + 1 \wedge \text{tm} + 2 \geq 1$$

$$\equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \wedge \text{sum} \leq a$$

$$\longrightarrow (i+1)^2 + 2*(i+1) + 1 = ((i+1)+1)^2 \wedge a \geq (i+1)^2 \wedge (2*i + 1) + 2 = 2*(i+1) + 1$$

$$\equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \wedge \text{sum} \leq a$$

$$\longrightarrow a \geq (i+1)^2$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$

Invariant preserved

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- We check our invariant (constraint 2)

$$I \equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$a \geq 0 \wedge i=0 \wedge \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1 \longrightarrow I$$

$$\equiv a \geq 0 \wedge a \geq 0 \wedge i=0 \wedge \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$\equiv a \geq 0 \wedge a \geq 0 \wedge i=0 \wedge \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1$$

$$\longrightarrow 1 = (0+1)^2 \wedge a \geq 0^2 \wedge 1 = 2*0 + 1 \wedge 1 \geq 1$$

$$\equiv a \geq 0 \wedge a \geq 0 \wedge i=0 \wedge \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1$$

$$\longrightarrow a \geq 0 \wedge 1 = 1$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$

Invariant initially holds

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- We check our invariant (constraint 3)

$$I \equiv \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1$$

$$a < \text{sum} \wedge I \longrightarrow i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i+1)^2$$

$$\equiv a < \text{sum} \wedge \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \longrightarrow i^2 \leq a \wedge a < (i+1)^2$$

$$\equiv a < \text{sum} \wedge \text{sum} = (i+1)^2 \wedge a \geq i^2 \wedge \text{tm} = 2*i + 1 \wedge \text{tm} \geq 1 \longrightarrow a < \text{sum}$$

$$\equiv \text{True}$$

Invariant implies post-condition

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- We check termination:
 - We provide a function m that decreases for the program state (a, i, tm, sum) for any possible loop traversal (i.e. $sum \leq a \wedge l$), i.e.

$$sum \leq a \wedge l \longrightarrow m(a, i, tm, sum) > m(a, i+1, tm+2, sum+tm)$$

- Iff such a function m (a measure) exists, the loop will terminate.
- A candidate for m : $m(a, i, tm, sum) \equiv a - i$ which obviously decreases.

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- Now, can we build a

Mechanised Logic for Programs ???

Well, yes ! Dijkstra's wp-calculus.

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- ❑ How can we automate the tedious task ?
 - can we make the Hoare-calculus more deterministic ?
 - can we reduce the task of program-verification to ordinary, standard logic problems ?
(like constraint-solving in test generation ?)

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- Hoare revisited (i):

$$\frac{}{\vdash \{P\} \text{ SKIP } \{P\}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash \{P[x \mapsto E]\} x ::= E \{P\}}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \{P \wedge \text{cond}\} c \{Q\} \quad \vdash \{P \wedge \neg \text{cond}\} d \{Q\}}{\vdash \{P\} \text{ IF } \text{cond} \text{ THEN } c \text{ ELSE } d \{Q\}}$$

- ... this part is actually highly deterministic

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- Hoare revisited (ii):

$$\frac{\vdash \{P\} c \{Q\} \quad \vdash \{Q\} d \{R\}}{\vdash \{P\} c; d \{R\}}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \{P \wedge cond\} c \{P\}}{\vdash \{P\} \text{ WHILE } cond \text{ DO } c \{P \wedge \neg cond\}}$$

$$\frac{P \rightarrow P' \quad \vdash \{P'\} cmd \{Q'\} \quad Q' \rightarrow Q}{\vdash \{P\} cmd \{Q\}}$$

- ... this part needs some work, and some new ideas.

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- Hoare revisited (ii):
 - ... this part needs some work, and some new ideas.
 - Note: the sequence rule is deterministic for „basic programs“:

$$\frac{\frac{}{\vdash \{true\} tm ::= 1 \{tm = 1\}} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\vdash \{tm = 1\} sum ::= 1 \{B\}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash \{B\} i ::= 0 \{A\}}}{\vdash \{tm = 1\} sum ::= 1; i ::= 0 \{A\}}}{\vdash \{true\} tm ::= 1; (sum ::= 1; i ::= 0) \{tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1 \wedge i = 0\}}$$

where $A = tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1 \wedge i = 0$ and where $B = tm = 1 \wedge sum = 1$.

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- Hhm, do we actually really need pre- **and** postconditions?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\vdash \{P[x \mapsto E]\} \quad x ::= E \{P\}}{\vdash \{P\} \quad c \quad \{Q\}} \quad \vdash \{Q\} \quad d \quad \{R\}}{\vdash \{P\} \quad c; \quad d \quad \{R\}}}$$

For assignment sequences, if we have the post-condition, we can compute a pre-condition from it by proceeding from right to left

The wp calculus

- ❑ Core Concept: The predicate transformer wp
- ❑ It captures our “strategy” to construct Hoare Proofs
- ❑ It is a recursive function going over elementary cmd’s
- ❑ It calculates from the post-condition P the „weakest liberal precondition“

$$wp(\text{SKIP}, P) \equiv P$$

$$wp(x ::= E, P) \equiv P[x \mapsto E]$$

$$wp(c; d, P) \equiv wp(c, wp(d, P))$$

$$wp(\text{IF } c \text{ THEN } d \text{ ELSE } e, P) \equiv$$

$$c \rightarrow wp(d, P) \wedge \neg c \rightarrow wp(e, P)$$

The wp calculus

□ Core Concept: The predicate transformer wp

➤ Example for a basic program:

$$\begin{aligned} & wp(\text{IF } a \geq 0 \text{ THEN } tm := 1; \text{ sum} := 1; i := 0 \text{ ELSE SKIP}, tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \\ \equiv & a \geq 0 \rightarrow wp(tm := 1; \text{sum} := 1; i := 0, tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \wedge \\ & \neg(a \geq 0) \rightarrow wp(\text{SKIP}, tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \\ \equiv & a \geq 0 \rightarrow (tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0)[tm \mapsto 1][\text{sum} \mapsto 1][i \mapsto 0] \wedge \\ & \neg a \geq 0 \rightarrow (tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \\ \equiv & a \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{True} \quad \wedge \quad \neg a \geq 0 \rightarrow (tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \\ \equiv & a < 0 \rightarrow (tm = 1 \wedge \text{sum} = 1 \wedge i = 0) \end{aligned}$$

The wp calculus

- Core Concept: The predicate transformer wp

➤ Note:

$$a < 0 \rightarrow (tm=1 \wedge sum=1 \wedge l=0)$$

is the **weakest liberal** precondition. If „ $a > 5$ “
the “usual” post-condition

$$tm=1 \wedge sum=1 \wedge i=0$$

just remains as a left-over ...

The wp calculus

- Core Concept: The predicate transformer wp

So, for the "basic" fragment of the language,
we have a solution.

But can we extend this to while ?

Solution: We annotate cmd's with the invariants I

The wp calculus

□ Basis cmd_A : IMP's cmd

- the empty command SKIP
- the assignment $x ::= E$ ($x \in V$)
- the sequential composition $c_1 ; c_2$
- the conditional IF cond THEN c_1 ELSE c_2
- the annotated loop WHILE cond DO $\{I\} c$

So, the only difference between the classic cmd and annotated cmd_A and cmd is the invariant-annotation in the while-construct.

The wp calculus

- Then we can complete the definition for wp by:

$$\text{wp}(\text{WHILE } c \text{ DO } \{l\} \text{ cmd}, Q) = l$$

- ... and introduce a function vcg „verification condition generator“

$$\text{vcg}(\text{WHILE } c \text{ DO } \{l\} \text{ body}, P) =$$

$$((l \wedge \neg c) \rightarrow P) \wedge \quad \text{-- exit must establish } P$$

$$((l \wedge c) \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{body}, l)) \wedge \quad \text{-- } l \text{ must be preserved in body}$$

$$\text{vcg}(\text{body}, l) \quad \text{-- treating internal WHILE's}$$

$$\text{vcg}(c; d, P) = \text{vcg}(c, \text{wp}(d, P)) \wedge \text{vcg}(d, P)$$

$$\text{vcg}(\text{IF } b \text{ THEN } c \text{ ELSE } d, P) = \text{vcg}(c, P) \wedge \text{vcg}(d, P)$$

$$\text{vcg}(_, P) = \text{true} \quad \text{catchall other options !}$$

The wp calculus

- Technically, Hoare-Logic and vcg and wp are connected by the following theorem:

Theorem: Correctness of vcg and wp.

Assume the constraints generated by vcg and wp hold:

$$\text{vcg}(\text{cmd}, Q) \quad \wedge \quad P \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{cmd}, Q)$$

Then there exists a Hoare-Proof for:

$$\vdash \{P\} \text{cmd} \{Q\}$$

Proof: By induction over the program structure cmd.

The wp calculus

... in other words:

Instead of constructing a formal Hoare proof,
we can just run vcg and wp and prove
the resulting formula.

The wp calculus

□ Example:

$$\vdash \{\text{True}\} \text{tm}:=1; \text{sum}:=1; \text{i}:=0 \{\text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1 \wedge \text{i}=0\}$$

reduces to (by correctness theorem of vcg/wp)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{vcg} (\text{tm}:=1; \text{sum}:=1; \text{i}:=0, \quad \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1 \wedge \text{i}=0) \wedge \\ & \text{true} \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{tm}:=1; \text{sum}:=1; \text{i}:=0, \quad \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1 \wedge \text{i}=0) \\ & \equiv \text{tm}=1 \wedge \text{sum}=1 \wedge \text{i}=0 [\text{i} \mapsto 0, \text{sum} \mapsto 1, \text{tm} \mapsto 1] \\ & \equiv 1=1 \wedge 1=1 \wedge 0=0 \equiv \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

The wp calculus

- Example:

$\vdash \{\text{True}\} \text{ IF } x \leq 0 \text{ THEN } x ::= -x \text{ ELSE SKIP } \{0 \leq x\}$

- ... reduces to (by correctness theorem of vcg/wp)

$\text{vcg} (\text{IF } x \leq 0 \dots, 0 \leq x) \wedge$

$\text{true} \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{IF } x \leq 0 \text{ THEN } x ::= -x \text{ ELSE SKIP}, 0 \leq x)$

$\equiv x \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{wp}(x ::= -x, 0 \leq x) \wedge \neg(x \leq 0) \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{SKIP}, 0 \leq x)$

$\equiv x \leq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq -x \wedge \neg(x \leq 0) \rightarrow 0 \leq x \equiv \text{True}$

The wp calculus

- Example:

$\vdash \{\text{True}\} \text{ WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } \{x \leq 2\} x ::= x + 1 \{2 \leq x\}$

- is (by correctness theorem of vcg/wp)

$\text{vcg}(\text{WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } \{x \leq 2\} \dots, 2 \leq x) \wedge$

$\text{true} \rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{WHILE } x < 2 \text{ DO } \{x \leq 2\} \dots, 2 \leq x)$

$\equiv (x \leq 2 \wedge \neg x < 2) \rightarrow 2 \leq x \wedge$

$(x \leq 2 \wedge x < 2) \rightarrow \text{wp}(x ::= x + 1, x \leq 2) \wedge$

$\text{vcg}(x ::= x + 1, x \leq 2)$

$\equiv \text{True}$

Tools following the vcg-approach

- Microsoft Visual-Studio + Spec# + Boogie + Z3
(for a C# like language)
- Microsoft Visual-Studio + VCC + Boogie + Z3
(for a realistic subset of C / X86)
- gwhy + Why + AltErgo
- Frama-C + Why + Z3 / AltErgo (Vanilla C frontend)
- Isabelle/HOL + AutoCorres (Vanilla C frontend)

Tools: gwhy and Squareroot

The screenshot shows the gWhy verification conditions viewer interface. The window title is "gWhy: a verification conditions viewer". The menu bar includes "File", "Configuration", and "Proof".

The left pane displays "Proof obligations" for the "C function sqrt Correctness". The overall status is "Alt-Ergo 0.9" with a green checkmark and "Statistics: 12/12". The obligations are listed as follows:

Proof obligation	Status
1. loop invariant initially holds	✓
2. loop invariant initially holds	✓
3. loop invariant initially holds	✓
4. loop invariant initially holds	✓
5. assertion	✓
6. loop invariant preserved	✓
7. loop invariant preserved	✓
8. loop invariant preserved	✓
9. variant decreases	✓
10. variant decreases	✓
11. postcondition	✓
12. postcondition	✓

The right pane shows the verification conditions and the C code for the `sqrt` function. The code is as follows:

```
sqrt_impl_po_1
a: int
H1: 0 <= a

0 * 0 <= a

*****

/*@ axiom square_sum :
  @ \forall int i; i * i + ((2 * i) + 1) == (i + 1) * (i + 1)
  @*/

/*@ requires 0<=a
  @ ensures \result * \result <= a < (\result+1) * (\result+1)
  @*/

int sqrt(int a) {
  int i = 0;
  int tm = 1;
  int sum = 1;
  /*@ invariant
   @ (i * i <= a) && (tm == 2 * i + 1) && (tm > 0)
   && (sum == (i+1) * (i+1))
   @ variant (a - sum)
  @*/
  while (sum <= a) {
    i++;
    tm=tm+2;
    /*@ assert tm == 2 * i + 1
    sum=sum+tm;
  };
  return(i);
}
```

The status bar at the bottom shows "Timeout 10", "Pretty Printer" (unchecked), and "file: Sqrt.c Correctness of C function sqrt".

Dijkstra's - Calculus: Summary

Verification by Formal Proof

- Substantially improved degree of automation !
Both by methodology and by automated theorem provers ...
- Still, you have to provide the invariants, which is the key work ! A particular nasty part are framing conditions
- Tools and Tool-Chains necessary
(but, meanwhile, there are quite a few ...)