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# Verification and Validation

Part IV :

Deductive Verification (I)

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In the sequel, we concentrate on

**Deductive Verification**

**(Proof Techniques)**



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```

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attributes
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```
  a : Integer
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```
  b : Integer
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```
  c : Integer
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operations
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**inv** def : a.oclIsValid() and b.oclIsValid()...

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**inv** triangle :  $a + b > c$  and  $b + c > a$  and  $c + a > b$

**context** Triangle::isTriangle()

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**post** iso :  $((a <> b$  or  $b <> c)$  and  
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  put("impossible");
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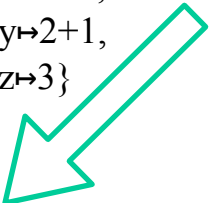
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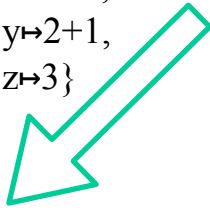


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- Hoare Logic is also based notion of a *symbolic state*.

$$\text{state}_{\text{sym}} = V \rightarrow \text{Set}(D)$$



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- Intuitively:

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means:

If a program *cmd* starts in a state admitted by *P* if it terminates, that the program must reach a state that satisfies *Q*.

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