

## Sequential search in an array

Prove the following program correct w.r.t. the given specification. The program sequentially search for the element 'x' in array 'a'.

```
{n >= 0}
begin
  i := 1;
  found := 0;
  while i <= n do
    if x = a[i] then
      found := 1;
      ind := i; fi;
    i := i + 1;
  od
end
{(exists j (1 <= j <= n and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a[ind] = x
and 1 <= ind <= n) and (forall j (1 <= j <= n => a[j] != x) =>
found = 0)}
```

Before we start, notice that the content of the array is never modified in the program (i.e. there are no assignments where an array cell is the left-hand-side part). Therefore we don't have to give any special treatment to the instructions involving the array.

### Choice of loop invariant

Basically, after iteration  $i$ , all the elements before index  $i$  in  $a$  satisfy the postcondition with  $i$  substituted for  $n$ . Furthermore, we must express the fact that the index  $i$  never exceeds  $n + 1$ . Therefore:

$$I = \{(exists\ j\ (1 \leq j < i\ and\ a[j] = x) \Rightarrow found \neq 0\ and\ a[ind] = x\ and\ 1 \leq ind < i)\ and\ (forall\ j\ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow found = 0)\ and\ 1 \leq i \leq n + 1\}$$

### Proof substeps

As usual, we split the proof into three substeps:

1. {Pre}  $i := 1;$   $found := 0;$  {I}
2. {I} while ... od {I and  $i > n$ }
3. {I and  $i > n$ }  $\Rightarrow$  {Post}

### Proof of step 1

A simple double backsubstitution proves step 1.

$$\{(exists\ j\ (1 \leq j < 1\ and\ a[j] = x) \Rightarrow 0 \neq 0\ and\ a[ind] = x\ and\ 1 \leq ind < 1)\ and\ 1 \leq 1 \leq n + 1\} = (\text{the antecedent of the first implication is false because the inequality } 1 \leq j < 1 \text{ cannot hold}) = \{1 \leq n + 1\} == \{n \geq 0\} == \{Pre\}$$

$i := 1;$

$$\{(exists\ j\ (1 \leq j < i\ and\ a[j] = x) \Rightarrow 0 \neq 0\ and\ a[ind] = x\ and\ 1 \leq ind < i)\ and\ (forall\ j\ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow 0 = 0)\ and\ 1 \leq i \leq n + 1\}$$

$found := 0;$

$$\{(exists\ j\ (1 \leq j < i\ and\ a[j] = x) \Rightarrow found \neq 0\ and\ a[ind] = x\ and\ 1 \leq ind < i)\ and\ (forall\ j\ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow found = 0)\ and\ 1 \leq i \leq n + 1\}$$

**Proof of step 3**

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{(exists j (1 <= j < i and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a[ind] = x
and 1 <= ind < i) and (forall j (1 <= j < i => a[j] != x) => found
= 0) and 1 <= i <= n + 1 and i > n}
```

Notice that  $1 \leq i \leq n + 1$  and  $i > n$  imply  $i = n + 1$ . Therefore we get:

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{(exists j (1 <= j < n+1 and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a[ind] = x
and 1 <= ind < n+1) and (forall j (1 <= j < n+1 => a[j] != x) =>
found = 0) and i = n + 1} == {(exists j (1 <= j <= n and a[j] = x)
=> found != 0 and a[ind] = x and 1 <= ind <= n) and (forall j (1
<= j <= n => a[j] != x) => found = 0) and i = n + 1} => (a fortiori)
{Post}
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**Proof of step 2**

By IR4, step 2 is equivalent to:

```
{I and i <= n} if .. fi; i := i + 1; {I}
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We backsubstitute once through the last assignment:

```
{I and i <= n}
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if ... fi;
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{(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a[ind] = x
and 1 <= ind <= i) and (forall j (1 <= j <= i => a[j] != x) =>
found = 0) and 0 <= i <= n} =def= {Q}
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```
i := i + 1;
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{I}
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Now, we can apply IR3b, thus reducing to proving:

1.  $\{I \text{ and } i \leq n \text{ and } x = a[i]\} \text{ found} := 1; \text{ ind} := i; \{Q\}$
2.  $\{I \text{ and } i \leq n \text{ and } x \neq a[i]\} \Rightarrow \{Q\}$

Step 2.1 is proved by two backsubstitutions of  $\{Q\}$ :

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{(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => 1 != 0 and a[i] = x and 1
<= i <= i) and (forall j (1 <= j <= i => a[j] != x) => 1 = 0) and
0 <= i <= n} == {(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => a[i] = x
and 1 <= i) and not forall j (1 <= j <= i => a[j] != x) and 0 <= i
<= n} == {(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => a[i] = x and i
>= 1) and exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) and 0 <= i <= n} == {a
[i] = x and i >= 1) and 0 <= i <= n} =def= {R}
```

```
found := 1;
```

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{(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a[i] = x and
1 <= i <= i) and (forall j (1 <= j <= i => a[j] != x) => found =
0) and 0 <= i <= n}
```

```
ind := i;
```

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{Q} =def= {(exists j (1 <= j <= i and a[j] = x) => found != 0 and a
[ind] = x and 1 <= ind <= i) and (forall j (1 <= j <= i => a[j] !=
x) => found = 0) and 0 <= i <= n}
```

Now, notice that:

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{I and i <= n and x = a[i]} == {(exists j (1 <= j < i and a[j] = x)
=> found != 0 and a[ind] = x and 1 <= ind < i) and (forall j (1 <=
j < i => a[j] != x) => found = 0) and 1 <= i <= n and x = a[i]}
```

Trivially  $1 \leq i \leq n \Rightarrow 0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $i \geq 1$ .

Furthermore,  $x = a[i]$  so, it is true that  $\text{exists } j (1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } a[j] = x)$ .

This concludes the proof of step 2.1.

Now, for step 2.2.

$\{I \text{ and } i \leq n \text{ and } x \neq a[i]\} \equiv \{(\exists j \ (1 \leq j < i \text{ and } a[j] = x) \Rightarrow \text{found} \neq 0 \text{ and } a[\text{ind}] = x \text{ and } 1 \leq \text{ind} < i) \text{ and } (\forall j \ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow \text{found} = 0) \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n + 1 \text{ and } i \leq n \text{ and } x \neq a[i]\} \equiv \{(\exists j \ (1 \leq j < i \text{ and } a[j] = x) \Rightarrow \text{found} \neq 0 \text{ and } a[\text{ind}] = x \text{ and } 1 \leq \text{ind} < i) \text{ and } (\forall j \ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow \text{found} = 0) \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } x \neq a[i]\}$

Now, if  $\exists j \ (1 \leq j < i \text{ and } a[j] = x)$ , then  $\text{found} \neq 0$ ,  $a[\text{ind}] = x$  and  $1 \leq \text{ind} < i$ , so the first term of the conjunction in  $Q$  is subsumed a fortiori. The second term is also implied, since if  $\exists j \ (1 \leq j < i \text{ and } a[j] = x)$ , then the antecedent of the implication  $(\forall j \ (1 \leq j \leq i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x) \Rightarrow \text{found} = 0)$  is false.

If, instead,  $\forall j \ (1 \leq j < i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x)$ , then  $\text{found} = 0$  and  $\forall j \ (1 \leq j \leq i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x)$ , since it is also true that  $x \neq a[i]$ . So, the second term of the conjunction in  $Q$  is subsumed. The first term is also implied, since if  $\forall j \ (1 \leq j \leq i \Rightarrow a[j] \neq x)$  then it is false that  $(\exists j \ (1 \leq j \leq i \text{ and } a[j] = x))$ , rendering the first implication in  $Q$  identically true.

Finally, just notice that  $1 \leq i \leq n \Rightarrow 0 \leq i \leq n$ .

This concludes step 2.2 and, in turn, the whole partial correctness proof.

## Array inversion

Precondition:  $\{n \geq 0\}$

Postcondition:  $\{\forall i ((1 \leq i \leq n) \rightarrow b[i]=a[n-i+1])\}$

Note 1:  $n = 0$  means that the array is empty. In this case array  $b$  is of course the inverse of  $a$ .

Note 2: the two arrays are supposed to be of equal length (this is a static property that needn't be proved).

```
begin
  h:= 1;
  while h <= n do
    b[h]:=a[n-h+1];
    h:=h+1;
  od
end
```

### Select a loop invariant

$I = \{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < h) \rightarrow b[i]=a[n-i+1]) \wedge h \leq n+1 \}$

According to the composition rule IR1, we can split the proof in three steps:

1.  $\{n \geq 0\} \ h:= 1; \ \{I\}$
2.  $\{I\} \ \text{while} \ . \ . \ . \ \text{od} \ \{I \text{ and } h > n\}$
3.  $\{I \text{ and } h > n\} \rightarrow \text{Postcondition}$

### Proof of point 1

By trivially applying backward substitution, we get:

$\{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < 1) \rightarrow b[i]=a[n-i+1]) \wedge 1 \leq n+1 \} = \{ \forall i (\text{false} \rightarrow \dots) \wedge 0 \leq n \} = \{0 \leq n\}$

which is exactly the precondition.

### Proof of point 2

According to rule IR4 we have to prove that:

```
{I ∧ h ≤ n }
  b[h]:=a[n-h+1];
  h:=h+1;
{I}
```

By backward substitution through  $h:=h+1$ , we get:

```
{I ∧ h ≤ n }
  b[h]:=a[n-h+1];
{ ∀ i ((1 ≤ i < h+1) → b[i]=a[n-i+1]) ∧ h+1 ≤ n+1 } =(adapting the indices)=
{ ∀ i ((1 ≤ i ≤ h) → b[i]=a[n-i+1]) ∧ h ≤ n }
```

By backward substitution through  $b[h]:=a[n-h+1]$ , we get:

$I^* = \{ \forall i ((1 \leq i \leq h) \rightarrow \{\text{if } i=h \text{ then } a[n-i+1]=a[n-i+1] \text{ else } b[i]=a[n-i+1]\}) \wedge h \leq n \}$

$b[h] := a[n-h+1];$

$\{ \forall i ((1 \leq i \leq h) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h \leq n \}$

When  $i = h$  the right part of the implication is identically true, thus we can rewrite  $I^*$  as follows:

$I^* = \{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < h) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h \leq n \}$

$I \wedge h \leq n = \{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < h) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h \leq n+1 \wedge h \leq n \} == I^*$

### Proof of point 3

$\{I \wedge h > n\} == \{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < h) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h \leq n+1 \wedge h > n \} ==$

$\{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < h) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h = n+1 \} ==$

$\{ \forall i ((1 \leq i < n+1) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h = n+1 \} ==$

$\{ \forall i ((1 \leq i \leq n) \rightarrow b[i] = a[n-i+1]) \wedge h = n+1 \}$

The first conjunct is exactly the Postcondition.

**Ex. 5.1.13, pg. 227 exercisebook (Bubblesort)**

```

begin
  i:=n;
  while i>=1 do
    j := 1;
    while j<i do
      k := j+1;
      if a[j] > a[k]
        then x:=a[k]; a[k]:=a[j]; a[j]:=x;
      fi
      j := j+1;
    od
    i = i-1;
  od
end.

```

**Definition of pre- and post- conditions**

A dummy array  $b$  is used to guarantee that at the end of the computation array  $a$  contains exactly the same elements as before starting the computation. Notice that we want this to be true *through the whole* computation.

We also suppose that all the values contained in ' $a$ ' are distinct. (This must also hold *through the whole* computation)

So, all in all, we have:

Precondition:  $\{n \geq 0 \wedge \text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge \text{distinct}(a)\}$

Postcondition:  $\{\text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge \text{ordered}(a) \wedge \text{distinct}(a)\}$

Note:  $n = 0$  means that the array is empty. In this case there is nothing to do.

$$\text{permutation}(a,b) \equiv \{\forall i ((1 \leq i \leq n) \rightarrow \exists j (1 \leq j \leq n \wedge a[i]=b[j]))\}$$

$$\text{distinct}(a) \equiv \{\forall i \forall j ((1 \leq i \leq n \wedge 1 \leq j \leq n \wedge a[i]=a[j]) \rightarrow i=j)\}$$

$a[x:y]$  indicates the portion of ' $a$ ' having index in the interval  $[x,y]$ , including the extremes (as an aside, a syntax similar to this is used in Python).

$$\text{ord}(a,i) \equiv \{\forall h ((i+1 \leq h < n) \rightarrow a[h] < a[h+1])\} \quad // \text{ } a[i+1:n] \text{ is ordered}$$

$$\text{ordered}(a) \equiv \{\forall i ((1 \leq i < n) \rightarrow a[i] < a[i+1])\}$$

$$\text{gr}(a,i) \equiv \{\forall h ((i+1 \leq h \leq n) \rightarrow \forall m ((1 \leq m \leq i) \rightarrow a[m] < a[h]))\}$$

// elements in  $a[i+1:n]$  are greater than elements in  $a[1:i]$

$$\text{max}(a,j) \equiv \{\forall h ((1 \leq h < j) \rightarrow a[j] > a[h])\} \quad // \text{ } a[j] \text{ is greater than any element in } a[1:j-1]$$

As a consequence of the definitions above, it is:

$$\text{ordered}(a) \rightarrow \text{ord}(a,m) \quad \forall m (0 \leq m \leq n)$$

$$\text{ordered}(a) = \text{ord}(a,0)$$

$$\text{true} = \text{ord}(a,n) = \text{gr}(a,n) = \text{max}(a,1) \text{ (because the acceptable ranges are empty)}$$

According to the composition rule IR1, we can split the proof in three steps:

1.  $\{\text{Precondition}\} i:=n; \{I\}$

2.  $\{I\}$  while . . . od  $\{I \wedge i < 1\}$  (note: this is the external while loop)
3.  $\{I \wedge i < 1\} \rightarrow \text{Postcondition}$

### Select external loop invariant

In the external loop we have that  $a[i+1:n]$  is ordered. Moreover,  $a[i+1]$  is greater than any element in  $a[1:i]$ .  $i$  is always between 0 and  $n$ . Thus, the invariant can be defined as follows:

$$I = \{\text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge \text{ord}(a,i) \wedge \text{gr}(a,i) \wedge n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a)\}$$

### Proof of point 1

Applying backward substitution of  $I$  through  $i:=n$ ,

$$\{\text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge \text{ord}(a,n) \wedge \text{gr}(a,n) \wedge n \geq n \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a)\} = \{\text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge n \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a)\}$$

which is equal to the precondition.

### Proof of point 2

According to the composition rule IR1, and while-loop-rule IR4, we can split the proof into three steps:

- 2.1.  $\{I \wedge i \geq 1\}$   $j:=1$ ;  $\{J\}$
- 2.2.  $\{J\}$  while . . . od  $\{J \wedge j \geq i\}$  (note: this is the internal while loop)
- 2.3.  $\{J \wedge j \geq i\}$   $i:=i-1$ ;  $\{I\}$

### Select internal loop invariant

The external loop invariant is valid, since  $a[i+1:n]$  is not modified.

At every iteration  $a[j]$  is greater than any element in  $a[1:j-1]$

$$J = \{I \wedge \max(a,j) \wedge 1 \leq j \leq i \wedge i \geq 1\}$$

### Proof of point 2.1

By backward substitution we get (notice that  $I$  does not contain variable  $j$ ):

$$\{I \wedge \max(a,1) \wedge 1 \leq i \wedge 1 \leq 1 \leq i\} = \{I \wedge 1 \leq i\}$$

, which is exactly what we had to find.

### Proof of point 2.2

This step is, as usual, reduced by IR4 to:

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{J ∧ j < i}
k := j+1;
if a[j] > a[k]
  then x:=a[k]; a[k]:=a[j]; a[j]:=x;
fi
j := j+1;
{J}

```

We can play a little "trick" on the first assignement. In fact, since the value of  $k$  which is used is *always*  $j+1$ , we can avoid backsubstitution and immediately plug this "alias" in the local precondition. In other words we reduce to:

```
{J ∧ j < i ∧ k = j+1}           // when used k is always equal to j+1
if a[j] > a[k]
  then x:=a[k]; a[k]:=a[j]; a[j]:=x;
fi
j := j+1;
{J}
```

#### Proof of the "else" case (by IR3)

$$\{J \wedge j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] \leq a[k]\} j := j+1; \{J\}$$

$$\{J \wedge j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] \leq a[k]\} =$$

$$\{I \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge 1 \leq j \leq i \wedge i \geq 1 \wedge j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] \leq a[j+1]\} =$$

$$\{I \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge i \geq 1 \wedge 1 \leq j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] \leq a[j+1]\} = I\#$$

By backsubstitution of  $J$  through  $j:=j+1$  we get

$$\{I \wedge \max(a, j+1) \wedge 0 \leq j < i \wedge i \geq 1\} = J^*$$

$J^*$  is implied by  $I\#$ , since  $\{\text{distinct}(a) \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge a[j] \leq a[j+1]\} \rightarrow \max(a, j+1)$

#### Proof of the "then" case (by IR3):

$$\{J \wedge j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[k]\} = \{J \wedge j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\} =$$

$$\{I \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge 1 \leq j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\} =$$

$$\{n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a) \wedge \text{permutation}(a, b) \wedge \text{ord}(a, i) \wedge \text{gr}(a, i) \wedge i \geq 0 \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge 1 \leq j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\} =$$

$$\{n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a) \wedge \text{permutation}(a, b) \wedge \text{ord}(a, i) \wedge \text{gr}(a, i) \wedge \max(a, j) \wedge 1 \leq j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\}$$

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x:=a[k]; a[k]:=a[j]; a[j]:=x;
```

$$\{J^*\} = \{I \wedge \max(a, j+1) \wedge 0 \leq j < i \wedge i \geq 1\} =$$

$$\{\{n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge \text{distinct}(a) \wedge \text{permutation}(a, b) \wedge \text{ord}(a, i) \wedge \text{gr}(a, i) \wedge \max(a, j+1) \wedge 0 \leq j < i \wedge i \geq 1\}$$

#### Let us consider the effect of the array swap

The effect of  $x:=a[k]; a[k]:=a[j]; a[j]:=x;$  can be represented as follows (by backward substitution on 'a' elements, introducing a new dummy variable 'h'):

```
a[h] = (if h=j then a[k] else (if h = k then a[j] else a[h]))
x:=a[k]; // here the array is on the rhs of the assignement
a[h] = (if h=j then x else (if h = k then a[j] else a[h]))
a[k]:=a[j]; // change value a[h]
a[h] = (if h=j then x else a[h])
a[j]:=x;
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Let  $a\#[h] = (\text{if } h=j \text{ then } a[k] \text{ else } (\text{if } h = k \text{ then } a[j] \text{ else } a[h]))$  be the effect of this triple backsubstitution on the array value  $a[h]$ . Generalizing, for any predicate  $f$ , let  $f\#$  be the effect of the triple backsubstitution on  $f$ .



Now, we can backsubstitute  $J^*$  by observing separately that:

$$\text{permutation\#}(a,b) = \{\forall h ((1 \leq h \leq n) \rightarrow \exists m (1 \leq m \leq n \wedge a[h]=b[m]))\} \# = \{\forall h ((1 \leq h \leq n) \rightarrow \exists m (1 \leq m \leq n \wedge b[m] = (\text{if } h=j \text{ then } a[k] \text{ else } (\text{if } h = k \text{ then } a[j] \text{ else } a[h]))))\}$$

Now, we show that:  $\{\text{permutation}(a,b) \wedge k=j+1\} \rightarrow \text{permutation\#}(a,b)$

In fact: if  $h = j$ :  $\{\exists m (1 \leq m \leq n \wedge b[m] = a[k])\}$  follows from  $\text{permutation}(a,b)$  by considering  $h = k$  and the fact that  $1 \leq j+1 \leq n$  (since  $j < i \leq n$ ).

If  $h = k$ :  $\{\exists m (1 \leq m \leq n \wedge b[m] = a[j])\}$  follows from  $\text{permutation}(a,b)$  by considering  $h = j$  and the fact that  $j < i \leq n$ .

Finally, if  $h \neq k$  and  $h \neq j$ , then the implication follows trivially.

Now, we show that  $\{\text{distinct}(a) \wedge k = j+1\} \rightarrow \text{distinct\#}(a)$ .

$$\text{distinct}(a) = \{\forall h \forall m ((1 \leq h \leq n \wedge 1 \leq m \leq n \wedge a[h]=a[m]) \rightarrow h=m)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{distinct\#}(a) = \{\forall h \forall m ((1 \leq h \leq n \wedge 1 \leq m \leq n \wedge \\ (\text{if } h = j \text{ then } a[k] \text{ else if } h = k \text{ then } a[j] \text{ else } a[h]) = \\ (\text{if } m = j \text{ then } a[k] \text{ else if } m = k \text{ then } a[j] \text{ else } a[m])) \rightarrow h=m)\} \end{aligned}$$

This is proved by considering exhaustively all the cases.

1.  $h=j \wedge m = j$ :  $a[k] = a[k] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $h=m$ )
2.  $h=j \wedge m = k$ :  $a[k] = a[j] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $a[k]=a[j+1] \neq a[j]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
3.  $h=j \wedge m \neq j, k$ :  $a[k] = a[m] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $k \neq m$ , so  $a[k] \neq a[m]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
4.  $h=k \wedge m = j$ :  $a[j] = a[k] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $a[k]=a[j+1] \neq a[j]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
5.  $h=k \wedge m = k$ :  $a[j] = a[j] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $h=m$ )
6.  $h=k \wedge m \neq j, k$ :  $a[j] = a[m] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $j \neq m$ , so  $a[j] \neq a[m]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
7.  $h \neq j, k \wedge m = j$ :  $a[h] = a[k] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $k \neq h$ , so  $a[k] \neq a[h]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
8.  $h \neq j, k \wedge m = k$ :  $a[h] = a[j] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $j \neq h$  so  $a[h] \neq a[j]$  because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )
9.  $h \neq j, k \wedge m \neq j, k$ :  $a[h] = a[m] \rightarrow h=m$  (true because  $\text{distinct}(a)$ )

It is also simple to note that:

$$\{\text{ord}(a,i) \wedge j < i\} = \{\forall h ((i+1 \leq h < n) \rightarrow a[h] < a[h+1]) \wedge j < i\} \rightarrow \text{ord\#}(a,i) = \{\forall h ((i+1 \leq h < n) \rightarrow a\#[h] < a\#[h+1]) \wedge j < i\}$$

, since the ordering of the portion of the array  $a[i+1, n]$  is not affected; in fact the elements involved in the change are at most up to position  $j + 1$ , and  $j < i$  (or  $j + 1 \leq i$ ).

$\{gr(a,i) \wedge j < i\} \rightarrow gr\#(a,i) = \{\forall h ((i+1 \leq h \leq n) \rightarrow \forall m ((1 \leq m \leq i) \rightarrow a[m] < a[h]))\}$   
 , because of the same reason as the  $ord()$  predicate (see right above).

$\{max(a,j) \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\} \rightarrow max\#(a,j+1)$

, since after swapping  $a[j]$  with the next element (which is initially smaller),  $a[j+1]$  becomes greater than the elements in  $a[1:j]$ .

All in all, we have proved that:

$\{n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge distinct(a) \wedge permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge max(a,j) \wedge 1 \leq j < i \wedge k = j+1 \wedge a[j] > a[j+1]\} \rightarrow$

$\{J^*\} = \{I \wedge max(a,j+1) \wedge 0 \leq j < i \wedge i \geq 1\} = \{n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge distinct(a) \wedge permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge max(a,j+1) \wedge 0 \leq j < i \wedge i \geq 1\}$

, which concludes step 2.2.

### Proof of point 2.3

$\{J \wedge j \geq i\} = \{I \wedge max(a,j) \wedge j \leq i \wedge i \geq 1 \wedge j \geq i \geq 1\} =$

$\{I \wedge max(a,j) \wedge j=i \wedge i \geq 1\} = \{I \wedge max(a,i) \wedge j=i \wedge i \geq 1\} \equiv I'$

By backward substitution of  $I$  through  $i:=i-1$ ; we get

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i-1) \wedge gr(a,i-1) \wedge i-1 \geq 0\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i-1) \wedge gr(a,i-1) \wedge i \geq 1\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge a[i] > a[i-1] \wedge gr(a,i-1) \wedge i \geq 1\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge a[i] > a[i-1] \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge max(a,i) \wedge i \geq 1\} =$

$\{I \wedge max(a,i) \wedge i \geq 1\} \equiv I'$ , since

$I = \{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge i \geq 1\}$

and  $max(a,i) \rightarrow a[i] > a[i-1]$ , so point 2.3 is proved.

### Proof of point 3

$\{I \wedge i < 1\} = \{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge n \geq i \geq 0 \wedge distinct(a) \wedge i < 1\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,i) \wedge gr(a,i) \wedge n \geq i = 0 \wedge distinct(a)\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ord(a,0) \wedge gr(a,0) \wedge n \geq i = 0 \wedge distinct(a)\} =$

$\{permutation(a,b) \wedge ordered(a) \wedge gr(a,0) \wedge n \geq i = 0 \wedge distinct(a)\}$

$\rightarrow$  Postcondition