

## Termination

### Es. 5.1.2, pg. 205 exercisebook

Prove the termination of:

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lcm:  begin z:=1;
      while z mod x != 0 or z mod y != 0 do
        z:= z+1;
      od
    end
```

$X = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , since  $x = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

1. As a well-founded set we can choose  $\langle \mathbb{N}, > \rangle$
2. As a function  $f: \mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  we choose  $x*y - z$
3. As loop invariant we choose  $z \leq x*y$  (notice that for sure  $x*y - z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , being  $x, y, z$  natural numbers. Moreover, the loop invariant holding implies that  $x*y - z \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

**Prove that  $z \leq x*y$  is a loop invariant**

We modify the original invariant used for partial correctness, adding a term:

Original loop invariant:  $I = \{ \forall w (1 \leq w < z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \}$

Modified loop invariant (we add the conjunct  $z \leq x*y$ ):

$J = \{ \forall w (1 \leq w < z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z \leq x*y \}$

**Let's show it is indeed a loop invariant**

We immediately apply IR4 to handle the while loop; therefore we want to prove:

$\{ J \wedge (z \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } z \bmod y \neq 0) \}$   
 $z := z+1;$

$\{ J \}$

Through backsubstitution we get

$I^* = \{ \forall w (1 \leq w < z+1 \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z+1 \leq x*y \} \equiv \{ \forall w (1 \leq w \leq z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z < x*y \}$

Now, notice that:

$\{ J \wedge (z \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } z \bmod y \neq 0) \} \equiv$

$\{ \forall w (1 \leq w < z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z \leq x*y \wedge (z \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } z \bmod y \neq 0) \} \equiv$

$\{ \forall w (1 \leq w \leq z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z \leq x*y \}$

Now, we realize that the first conjunct:  $\forall w (1 \leq w \leq z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0))$  implies, as a special case, that:  $z \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } z \bmod y \neq 0$ . Therefore, it cannot be  $z = x*y$  (otherwise it'd be  $z \bmod x = z \bmod y = 0$ ). So we can finally get to:

$\{ \forall w (1 \leq w \leq z \rightarrow (w \bmod x \neq 0 \text{ or } w \bmod y \neq 0)) \wedge z < x*y \} = I^*$

**Prove that  $f(x', y', z') > f(x'', y'', z'')$**

$f(x, y, z) = x * y - z$ . Therefore, since at each iteration  $x$  and  $y$  stay the same, while  $z$  increases, we conclude  $f(x', y', z') > f(x'', y'', z'')$ .

More explicitly, if  $f(x', y', z') = x'y' - z'$  and  $f(x'', y'', z'') = x''y'' - z''$ , then we have to show that  $x'y' - z' > x''y'' - z''$ . Since:  $x'' = x'$ ,  $y'' = y'$ ,  $z'' = z' + 1$ , we have to show that:  $x'y' - z' > x'y' - (z' + 1)$ , that is simply  $0 > -1$ , which is obviously true.

**Es. 5.1.3, pg. 206 exercisebook**

Prove termination of (program that checks if x is prime):

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begin
  i := 2;
  pr := 1;
  while i < x do
    if x mod i = 0;
      pr := 0;
      i := i+1
    od
  end
```

$X = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , since  $x = \langle x, i, pr \rangle$

1. As a well-founded set we can choose  $\langle \mathbb{N}, > \rangle$
2. As a function  $f: \mathbb{N}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  we choose  $x-i$  (notice that  $pr$  does not contribute to termination).
3. As loop invariant we choose  $i \leq x$ . Of course  $i \leq x \rightarrow x-i \in \mathbb{N}$

**Prove that  $i \leq x$  is a loop invariant**

The partial invariant we used to check partial correctness was:

$I = i \leq x$  and  $(pr = 0 \Rightarrow \text{exists } y(1 < y < i \text{ and } x \bmod y = 0))$  and  $(pr = 1 \Rightarrow \text{forall } y(1 < y < i \Rightarrow x \bmod y \neq 0))$

Therefore,  $i \leq x$  was already part of the invariant, so we don't have to prove its validity again.

**Prove that  $f(x', y', z') > f(x'', y'', z'')$** 

$f(x, y, z) = x - i$ .

Therefore, since at each iteration  $x$  stays the same while  $i$  increases, we conclude:

$f(x', y', z') > f(x'', y'', z'')$ .

More formally, we have to show that  $x' - i' > x'' - i''$ . Since  $x$  is unchanged,  $x'' = x'$ ;  $i$  is instead increased, so  $i'' = i' + 1$ . So the goal is to prove  $x' - i' > x' - (i' + 1)$ , that is simply  $0 > -1$ , which is obviously true.