

**CS536 Science of Programming**  
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**Assignment 5 Sample Solution Sketches**

1. (a) Here is the full proof outline.

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{ $n > 0$ }  $k := n - 1$ ; { $n > 0 \wedge k = n - 1$ }  $x := n$ ; { $n > 0 \wedge k = n - 1 \wedge x = n$ }
{inv  $p \equiv 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge x = n! \div k!$ }
while  $k > 1$  do
  { $p \wedge k > 1$ }
    { $p \ [x * k/x][k - 1/k]$ }  $k := k - 1$ ; { $p \ [x * k/x]$ }  $x := x * k$  { $p$ }
od
{ $p \wedge k \leq 1$ } { $x = n!$ }

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- (b) Here is the minimal proof outline.

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{ $n > 0$ }  $k := n - 1$ ;  $x := n$ ;
{inv  $p \equiv 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge x = n! \div k!$ }
while  $k > 1$  do
   $k := k - 1$ ;  $x := x * k$ 
od
{ $x = n!$ }

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2. Here is a full proof outline under partial correctness that uses backward assignments before the loop and forward assignments in the loop body.

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{ $n \geq 0$ }
{ $0 \leq 0 \leq n \wedge 0 = \text{sum}(0, 0)$ }
 $k := 0$ ; { $0 \leq k \leq n \wedge 0 = \text{sum}(0, k)$ }  $s := 0$ ;
{inv  $p \equiv 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, k)$ }
while  $k < n$  do
  { $p \wedge k < n$ }
   $s := s + k + 1$ ; { $0 \leq k \leq n \wedge s_0 = \text{sum}(0, k) \wedge k < n \wedge s = s_0 + k + 1$ }
   $k := k + 1$ 
  { $0 \leq k_0 \leq n \wedge s_0 = \text{sum}(0, k_0) \wedge k_0 < n \wedge s = s_0 + k_0 + 1 \wedge k = k_0 + 1$ }
  { $p$ }
od
{ $p \wedge k \geq n$ } { $s = \text{sum}(0, n)$ }

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We need to prove the following logic implication to finish the proof:

- $n \geq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq 0 \leq n \wedge 0 = \text{sum}(0, 0)$ , which is trivially true.

- $0 \leq k_0 \leq n \wedge s_0 = \text{sum}(0, k_0) \wedge k_0 < n \wedge s = s_0 + k_0 + 1 \wedge k = k_0 + 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, k)$ . Let us look at the three conjuncts on the right-hand side of the logic implication one by one. Here  $k \geq 0$  is true, because  $k_0 \geq 0$  and  $k = k_0 + 1$ . Here  $k < n$  is true because  $k_0 < n$  and  $k = k_0 + 1$ . Here  $s = \text{sum}(0, k)$  is true because  $s = s_0 + k_0 + 1 = \text{sum}(0, k_0) + k_0 + 1 = \text{sum}(0, k_0 + 1) = \text{sum}(0, k)$ .
  - $p \wedge k \geq n \Rightarrow s = \text{sum}(0, n)$ . Since  $p \wedge k \geq n \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq k = n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, k)$ , so  $s = \text{sum}(0, n)$  is true.
3. Here is the full proof outline with forward assignment used for all assignment statements.

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{y ≥ 1} x := 0; {y ≥ 1 ∧ x = 0} r := 1; {y ≥ 1 ∧ x = 0 ∧ r = 1}
{inv p ≡ 1 ≤ r = 2x ≤ y}
while 2 * r ≤ y do
  {p ∧ 2 * r ≤ y}
  r := 2 * r; {1 ≤ r_0 = 2x ≤ y ∧ 2 * r_0 ≤ y ∧ r = 2 * r_0} x := x + 1
  {p_1 ≡ 1 ≤ r_0 = 2x_0 ≤ y ∧ 2 * r_0 ≤ y ∧ r = 2 * r_0 ∧ x = x_0 + 1}
{1 ≤ r = 2x ≤ y}
od
{p ∧ 2 * r > y} {r = 2x ≤ y < 2x+1}

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We need to prove the following logic implication to finish the proof:

- With  $y \geq 1 \wedge x = 0 \wedge r = 1$ , we do have loop invariant  $p$  being satisfied and we can start the loop.
  - $p_1 \Rightarrow p$ . Since  $1 \leq r_0 = 2^{x_0}$  and  $r = 2 * r_0 \wedge x = x_0 + 1$ , so  $1 \leq r = 2^x$ . Since  $2 * r_0 \leq y$  and  $r = 2 * r_0$ , so  $r \leq y$ .
  - $p \wedge 2 * r > y \Rightarrow r = 2^x \leq y < 2^{x+1}$ . Since  $p \equiv 1 \leq r = 2^x \leq y$ , so  $r = 2^x \leq y$ . Since  $2 * r > y$ , so  $y < 2^{x+1}$ .
4. Since  $p \Rightarrow y \geq r$  and  $r$  increases in each iteration so  $y - r$  can be used as a bound expression. (There are other bound expressions as well.)

Here is the full proof outline under total correctness with backward assignment used for all assignment statements.

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{y ≥ 1} {1 ≤ 1 = 20 ≤ y} x := 0; {1 ≤ 1 = 2x ≤ y} r := 1;
{inv p ≡ 1 ≤ r = 2x ≤ y} {bd y - r}
while 2 * r ≤ y do
  {p ∧ 2 * r ≤ y ∧ y - r = t_0}
  {1 ≤ 2 * r = 2x+1 ≤ y ∧ y - 2 * r < t_0}
  r := 2 * r; {1 ≤ r = 2x+1 ≤ y ∧ y - r < t_0} x := x + 1
  {1 ≤ r = 2x ≤ y ∧ y - r < t_0}
od
{p ∧ 2 * r > y} {r = 2x ≤ y < 2x+1}

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We need to prove the following logic implication to finish the proof:

- $y \geq 1 \Rightarrow 1 \leq 1 = 2^0 \leq y$ , which is trivially true.
- $p \wedge 2 * r \leq y \Rightarrow 1 \leq 2 * r = 2^{x+1} \leq y$ . Since  $p \equiv 1 \leq r = 2^x \leq y$ , so  $1 \leq 2 * r = 2^{x+1}$ . Since we are in the loop body, we also have  $2 * r \leq y$ .
- $y - r = t_0 \Rightarrow y - 2 * r < t_0$ . This is true since  $r \geq 1$ .
- $p \wedge 2 * r > y \Rightarrow r = 2^x \leq y < 2^{x+1}$ . Proved in question 3.

5. Here is one of the possible full proof outline for this triple.

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{p}
if  $\text{sqrt}(x) > y$  then
     $\{b[x - y] = y \wedge 0 \leq (x - y) < \text{size}(b)\} x := b[x - y] \{x = y\}$ 
else
     $\{x = b[y - x] \wedge 0 \leq (y - x) < \text{size}(b)\} y := b[y - x] \{x = y\}$ 
fi
{x = y}

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Here, precondition  $p \equiv (x \geq 0) \wedge (\text{sqrt}(x) > y \rightarrow b[x - y] = y \wedge 0 \leq (x - y) < \text{size}(b)) \wedge (\text{sqrt}(x) \leq y \rightarrow x = b[y - x] \wedge 0 \leq (y - x) < \text{size}(b))$ . It is calculated using Conditional Rule 2 (total correctness version).

6. To get a safe precondition, let us start with calculating the domain of the statement.

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(x := x * y; x := 1/x) &\equiv D(x := x * y) \wedge wp(x := x * y, D(x := 1/x)) \\
 &\equiv T \wedge wp(x := x * y, x \neq 0) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow x * y \neq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Here is a possible proof outline for this triple. We used Forward Assignment Axiom to prove both assignment statements in the program.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\{\text{sqrt}(x) \leq y \wedge x \geq 0 \wedge x * y \neq 0\} \\
 &x := x * y; \{\text{sqrt}(x_0) \leq y \wedge x_0 \geq 0 \wedge x_0 * y \neq 0 \wedge x = x_0 * y\} \\
 &x := 1/x \{\text{sqrt}(x_0) \leq y \wedge x_0 \geq 0 \wedge x_0 * y \neq 0 \wedge x_1 = x_0 * y \wedge x = 1/x_1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

7. (a) True. Convergence is guaranteed by the existence of bound expression.
- (b) False. We need  $p \Rightarrow t \geq 0$ . Since  $p$  is still true after the last iteration of the loop, so  $t \geq 0$  after the loop terminates.
- (c) True. Since the loop  $W$  is provable under total correctness, then by the definition of loop invariant and bound expression, we have  $\vdash_{tot} \{p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0\} S \{p \wedge t < t_0\}$ , which implies that  $sp(p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0, S) \Rightarrow p \wedge t < t_0 \Rightarrow t < t_0$ .
- (d) False.  $t > 0$  does not imply that  $B$  must be true; in other words, it is possible that a loop terminates with  $t > 0$ .
- (e) True. It is the contra-positive of  $p \Rightarrow t \geq 0$ , which guaranteed by the definition of bound expression. Someone may also argue that,  $t$  should never be negative since it is a bound expression; thus  $t < 0$  is false, and false implies anything is true.

8. (a) No. There is no evidence to show that  $p \Rightarrow x - k + n \geq 0$ .  
 (b) No. There is no evidence to show that  $p \Rightarrow n - k \geq 0$ .  
 (c) Yes. Loop invariant implies that  $n - k + C \geq 0$ ; and  $k$  is increased after each iteration so  $n - k + C$  decreases after each iteration.  
 (d) No.  $k - C$  increases after each iteration.  
 (e) Yes.  $2^n \cdot 2^{C-k} = 2^{n-k+C}$ , and the power in the expression is the same as the bound expression in question 8(c). Thus,  $2^{n-k+C}$  is non-negative and decreases after each iteration as well.
9. Here are the five possible loop invariant candidates together with the corresponding loop conditions. I will use  $u$  as the fresh variable.  
 (a)  $p_1 \equiv y \geq u \wedge x = 2 * y \leq n < 3 * (y + 1)$ , and  $B_1 \equiv u \neq 0$ .  
 (b)  $p_2 \equiv y \geq 0 \wedge x = u * y \leq n < 3 * (y + 1)$ , and  $B_2 \equiv u \neq 2$ .  
 (c)  $p_3 \equiv y \geq 0 \wedge x = 2 * y \leq u < 3 * (y + 1)$ , and  $B_3 \equiv u \neq n$ .  
 (d)  $p_4 \equiv y \geq 0 \wedge x = 2 * y \leq n < u * (y + 1)$ , and  $B_4 \equiv u \neq 3$ .  
 (e)  $p_5 \equiv y \geq 0 \wedge x = 2 * y \leq n < 3 * (y + u)$ , and  $B_5 \equiv u \neq 1$ .
10. Here are the four possible loop invariant candidates together with the corresponding loop conditions.  
 (a)  $p_1 \equiv (z = 2^y) \wedge (2^y \leq x) \wedge (x < 2^{y+1})$ , and  $B_1 \equiv y < 0$ .  
 (b)  $p_2 \equiv (y \geq 0) \wedge (2^y \leq x) \wedge (x < 2^{y+1})$ , and  $B_2 \equiv z \neq 2^y$ .  
 (c)  $p_3 \equiv (y \geq 0) \wedge (z = 2^y) \wedge (x < 2^{y+1})$ , and  $B_3 \equiv 2^y > x$ .  
 (d)  $p_4 \equiv (y \geq 0) \wedge (z = 2^y) \wedge (2^y \leq x)$ , and  $B_4 \equiv x \geq 2^{y+1}$ .