About Dafny Frame and Invariant

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Verification Condition and Invariant

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Standard Loop:
PRE
                       Invariant Checking:
while(C)
                       (Reachable) PRE => INV
                       (Inductive) INV && C && BODY => INV
  // TNV
                       (Correct) INV && !C => POS
  BODY;
POS
PRE: the pre-condition of the loop;
    : the loop condition;
INV : the loop invariant;
BODY: the loop body;
    : the post-condition of the loop;
POS
```

Expression



• Old

- An old expression is used in postconditions.
- old(e) evaluates to the value expression e had on entry to the current method.
- *ensure* h.a = *old*(h.a)

Fresh

- fresh(e) returns a boolean value that is true if the objects referenced in expression e were all freshly allocated in the current method invocation.
- The argument of fresh must be either an object reference or a collection of object references.
- ensure fresh(h.a)

Frame



Reads

- A reads clause specifies the set of memory locations that a function, lambda, or iterator may read.
- A method does not have reads clauses because methods are allowed to read any memory.
- reads h.a

Modifies

- A modifies clause specifies what memory locations the method or the loop body is allowed to modify.
- If no modifies clause is given explicitly, there is no memory locations may be modified.
- modifies h.a



Call may violate context's modifies clause M1

Method 1 : New a fresh array.

```
method insert(x: int, h: Heap) returns (h': Heap)
         requires valid_heap(h)
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         requires h.size < h.capacity
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         ensures valid_heap(h')
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         ensures h'.size == h.size + 1 && h'.capacity == h.capacity
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         // ensures h.a == h'.a // You can only comment out these
12
         // modifies h.a // You can only comment out these
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         ensures fresh(h'.a) // Add this psot-condition
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```

About Verified Heap – M1



```
// Copy `h.a` to a fresh array `a`
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         var a := new int[h.capacity + 1];
         var i := 1;
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19
         while (i <= h.size)</pre>
             decreases h.size - i
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21
             invariant forall j :: 1 <= j < i ==> j <= h.size && a[j] == h.a[j]</pre>
22
             a[i] := h.a[i];
23
             i := i + 1;
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25
         assert forall i :: 1 <= i <= h.size ==> a[i] == h.a[i];
26
         // TODO: Fill in the body to satisfy the specification
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```



Call may violate context's modifies clause M2

Method 2 : Do not use *init_heap* method.

```
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         var h := new int[a.Length + 1];
34
         var i := 0;
         while i < a.Length</pre>
35
             decreases a.Length -i
36
             invariant valid_heap(H(h, i, a.Length))
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39
             var nu := insert(a[i], H(h, i, a.Length));
             i := i + 1;
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```

Invariant Example



VS Code