

## CS 536 – Science of Programming

### Homework 3 – Hoare triples and proofs

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#### 1. Hoare triples

Task 1.1 (Written, 10 points)

Let  $S = \text{while } i < x \text{ do } x := x + i; i := i + 1 \text{ od}$

a)  $\{i=1, x=6\} \models [i < x] S [i=x]$

- Does not satisfy because for a total correctness triple to satisfy, it is required that  $S$  terminates. In this example, the program never terminates.

b)  $\{i=-1, x=5\} \models \{i < x\} S \{i \geq 0 \wedge x \leq 0\}$

- It satisfies, the precondition is true and the program terminates after 1 iteration and the new state  $\{i=0, x=-5\}$  holds for  $Q$ .

c)  $\{i=1, x=0\} \models \{i < x\} S \{i=x\}$

- It satisfies, the precondition does not hold in the start state ( $\{i=1, x=0\} \not\models \{i < x\}$ ), so we don't need to prove anything about post condition.

d)  $\{i=1, x=2, k=2\} \models \{x=k\} S \{x=k!\}$

- It satisfies, the state satisfies  $P$ , and after  $S$  runs to completion, we have resulting state <sup>is</sup>  $\{i=2, x=2, k=2\}$  which satisfies  $Q$  ( $x=k!$ ) ( $2=2!$ ).

e)  $\{i=1, x=6\} \vdash \{T\} S \{ \exists k. s=k! \}$

It satisfies, since the program never terminates, there is nothing to be proved for the partial correctness triple.

Task 1.2 (Written, 6 points)

a)  $\{T\} S \{x > 0\}$

- Not valid

For post condition  $\{x > 0\}$  to be true,  $x$  has to be  $> 0$  and  $x$  has to be  $> 0$  in  $P$ .

$\therefore \{i > 0 \wedge x > 0\} S \{x > 0\}$

b)  $\{x=k\} S \{x=k\}$

- Not valid

For post condition  $\{x=k\}$  to be true, after program terminates,  $x$  also has to be  $> 0$  in  $P$ .

$\therefore \{i > 0 \wedge x=k\} S \{x=k\}$

c)  $\{i=1 \wedge x=k \wedge x > 0\} S \{i=k \wedge x=k!\}$

- Not valid, for this factorial program to be true, the program must terminate to satisfy total correctness so we change  $S$ :

$S = \text{while } i \leq k \text{ do } x := x * i; i := i + 1 \text{ od}$

$[i=1 \wedge x=k \wedge x > 0] \text{ while } i \leq k \text{ do } x := x * i; i := i + 1 \text{ od } [i=k \wedge x=k!]$

Task 1.3 (Written, 5 points)

$[m \leq 0 \wedge ((m \% 2 \neq 0 \wedge r = -1) \vee (m \% 2 = 0 \wedge r = 1))]$

- $m$  has to be negative in  $[P]$  <sup>so</sup> that the  $-m$  in the post condition becomes positive which will give  $3^m$ .
- IF  $m$  is even ( $m \% 2 = 0$ ),  $r$  has to be 1 so that  $S$  terminates  $\wedge Q$  holds
- IF  $m$  is odd,  $r$  has to be -1 then only will  $Q$  hold true after  $S$  terminates.

#### Task 1.4 (Written, 3 points)

$$\models [P.] x := \text{sqrt}(x)/y \ [T]$$

For this to be valid, the total correctness triple has to terminate and have no errors. We need to make sure  $y \neq 0$  so that it doesn't divide by 0. Lastly, we need to avoid errors in sqrt such as square root of negative numbers so we can just use ghost variable to make  $x$  a perfect square.

$$\models [y \neq 0 \wedge x = k^2] x := \text{sqrt}(x)/y \ [T]$$

#### Task 1.5 (Written, 8 points)

For a total correctness triple to not be valid, we can make the program an infinite loop (never terminates) or it always returns an error:

a) Using while clause:

$$S_2 = \text{while } x \neq 0 \\ \text{do} \\ x := x - 1 \\ \text{od}$$

$$P_2 = x < 0 \therefore \neg [x < 0] \text{ while } x \neq 0 \text{ do } x := x - 1 \text{ od} \ [T]$$

Program never terminates successfully - always diverges which means that this total correctness triple is never satisfied.



b) Without while clause:

$S_2 = x := a[i]$

~~$P_2 = \{i \leq 0\}$~~

$P_2 = [i > \text{size}(a)]$

$\therefore \nexists [i > \text{size}(a)] x := a[i] [T]$

This program, when  $P$  is satisfied, will always access an array out of bound which means the program never terminates successfully - always returns an error. Thus, this total correctness triple is never satisfied.

Task 1.6 (Written, 8 points)

a)  $[x > 3] S [\nexists x \leq 1]$

$S = \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do if even}(x) \text{ then } x := 5x + 1 \text{ else } x := x/2 \text{ fi od}$

This satisfies the wording of the question.

b)  ~~$[x \leq 3]$~~   $S [x > 1]$

$S = \text{while } x > 1 \text{ do if even}(x) \text{ then } x := 5x + 1 \text{ else } x := x/2 \text{ fi od}$

This satisfies the wording of the question.

## 2. Substitution

Task 2.1 (Written, 10 points)

$$a) [y+2/y] \exists z. \forall x. (x+y \geq z+y)$$

$$= \exists z. \forall x. (x+y+z \geq z+y+z)$$

$$b) [y+2/z] [y+2/x] \exists z. \forall x. (x+y \geq z+y)$$

$x$  is not a free variable

$$\exists z. \forall x. (x+y \geq z+y)$$

$$c) [x+2/y] \exists z. \forall z. (x+y \geq z+y)$$

Rename the variable  $x$  that is bound to  $\forall x$  first  
then apply substitution.

$$\exists z. \forall x. (x+y \geq z+y) \rightarrow \exists z. \forall w. (w+y \geq z+y)$$

$$\therefore [x+2/y] \exists z. \forall w. (w+y \geq z+y)$$

$$= \exists z. \forall w. (w+x+2 \geq z+x+2)$$

$$d) [z/x](x \geq z \rightarrow (\exists z. \forall x. x + y \geq z + y) \wedge y > z)$$

Rename the free variable  $z$  so that both the substituted variable  $z$  and the free variable  $z$  are different.

$$\begin{aligned} [z/x](x \geq w \rightarrow (\exists z. \forall x. x + y \geq z + y) \wedge y > w) \\ = z \geq w \rightarrow (\exists z. \forall x. x + y \geq z + y) \wedge y > w \end{aligned}$$

$$e) [z/x](x \geq z \rightarrow (\exists x. x + y \geq z + y) \wedge y > z)$$

Rename the free variable  $z$  so that both the substituted variable  $z$  and the free variable  $z$  are different.

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### 3. Proofs and Proof Outlines

#### Task 3.1 (Written, 20 points)

a)        if  $a[0] > a[1]$  then  
               $m := a[0]$   
              else  
               $m := a[1]$   
              fi

b)         $\models \{T\} S \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$   
               $S = \text{if } a[0] > a[1] \text{ then } m := a[0] \text{ else } m := a[1] \text{ fi}$



c) Hilbert-style proof

1.  $\{a[0] = \max(a[0], a[1])\} m := a[0] \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$  Assign
2.  $\{T \wedge a[0] \geq a[1]\} m := a[0] \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$  Consequence (1)
3.  $\{a[1] = \max(a[0], a[1])\} m := a[1] \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$  Assign
4.  $\{T \wedge a[0] < a[1]\} m := a[1] \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$  Consequence (3)
5.  $\{T\}; \text{if } a[0] \geq a[1] \text{ then } m := a[0] \text{ else } m := a[1] \text{ fi } \{m = \max(a[0], a[1])\}$   
if (3, 4)

d) Proof Outline

	$\{T\}$
if $a[0] > a[1]$ then	$\{T \wedge a[0] \geq a[1]\}$
$m := a[0]$	$\{m = a[0]\}$
else	$\{T \wedge a[0] < a[1]\} \Rightarrow \{F\}$
$m := a[1]$	$\{F\} \Rightarrow \{m = a[0]\}$
fi	$\{m = a[0]\}$

### Task 3.2 (Written, 7 points)

1.  $\{x \% 3 = 0\} s := x \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Assign
2.  $\{x \geq 0 \wedge x \% 3 = 0\} s := x \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Consequence (1)
3.  $\{x-1 \% 3 = 0\} s := x-1 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Assign
4.  $\{x-1 \geq 0 \wedge x-1 \% 3 = 0\} s := x-1 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Consequence (3)

In order to use 'if' to prove, we need a common 'P' for both hoar triples such that the following is satisfied:

$$\frac{\vdash \{P \wedge e\} S_1 \{Q\} \quad \vdash \{P \wedge \neg e\} S_2 \{Q\}}{\vdash \{P\} \text{if } e \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \{Q\}} \text{ if}$$

Therefore, we perform another consequence to change P.

5.  $\{x \geq 0 \wedge x \% 3 \neq 0 \wedge x \% 3 = 1\} s := x-1 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Consequence (4)
6.  $\{x-2 \% 3 = 0\} s := x-2 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Assign
7.  $\{x-2 \geq 0 \wedge x-2 \% 3 = 0\} s := x-2 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Consequence (6)
8.  $\{x \geq 0 \wedge x \% 3 \neq 0 \wedge x \% 3 \neq 1\} s := x-2 \{s \% 3 = 0\}$  Consequence (7)
9.  $\{x \geq 0 \wedge x \% 3 \neq 0\} \text{if } x \% 3 = 1 \text{ then } s := x-1 \text{ else } s := x-2 \{s \% 3 = 0\} \text{ if (5,8)}$
10.  $\{x \geq 0\} \text{if } x \% 3 = 0 \text{ then } s := x \text{ else if } x \% 3 = 1 \text{ then } s := x-1 \text{ else } s := x-2 \{s \% 3 = 0\} \text{ if (2,9)}$

Task 4.1 → 20 hours