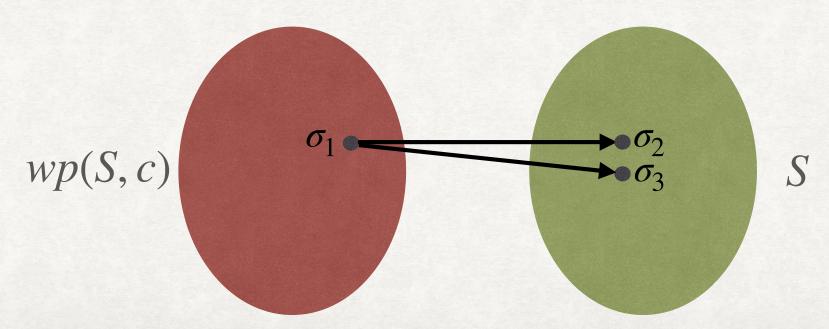
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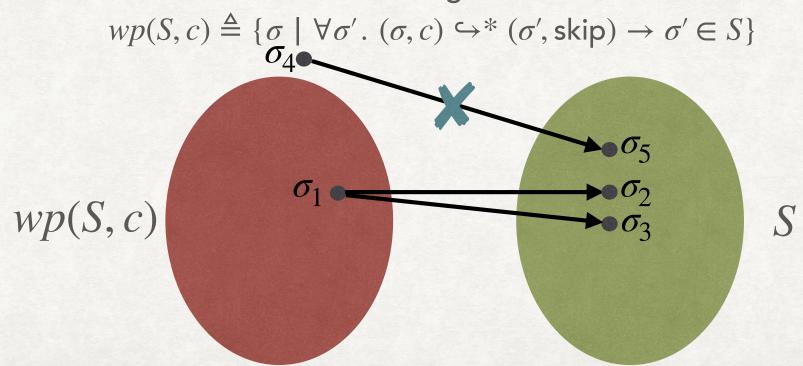
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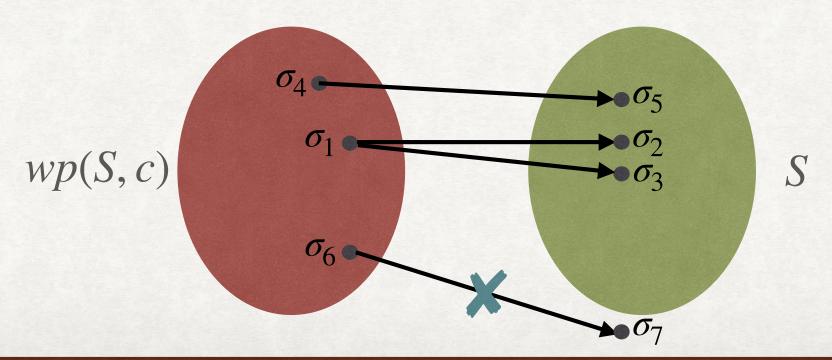


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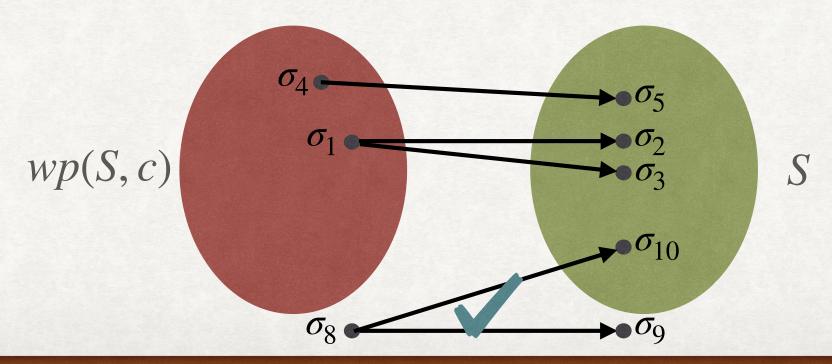
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- We can use a FOL formula F to represent a set of states.
- The symbolic weakest pre-condition operator can be defined as:

$$\sigma \vDash wp(F, c) \Leftrightarrow \forall \sigma'. (\sigma, c) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma', skip) \rightarrow \sigma' \vDash F$$

• We now use the symbolic FOL semantics (ρ) for individual commands:

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WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION HAVOC, ASSUME

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WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION ASSERT

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WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION ASSERT

- $wp(F, assert(G)) \equiv F \wedge G$
 - Assume that $F \neq true$.
 - Assumption makes sense because we do not want error = 1 after assert.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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 - We will show that $wp(S, c_1; c_2) = wp(wp(S, c_2), c_1)$

Proof: First, we show that $wp(wp(S, c_2), c_1) \subseteq wp(S, c_1; c_2)$.

Consider $\sigma \in wp(wp(S, c_2), c_1)$.

By definition, $\forall \sigma''. (\sigma, c_1) \hookrightarrow *(\sigma'', \text{skip}) \rightarrow \sigma'' \in wp(S, c_2)$ [1]

Further, for $\sigma'' \in wp(S, c_2)$, $\forall \sigma'. (\sigma'', c_2) \hookrightarrow *(\sigma', \text{skip}) \rightarrow \sigma' \in S$ [2]

Now, consider σ' such that $(\sigma, c_1; c_2) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma', \text{skip})$. Then, there exists σ'' such that $(\sigma, c_1) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma'', \text{skip})$ and $(\sigma'', c_2) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma', \text{skip})$. By [1], $\sigma'' \in wp(S, c_2)$ and hence by [2], $\sigma' \in S$.

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• $wp(F, if(G) \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2) \equiv (G \rightarrow wp(F, c_1)) \land (\neg G \rightarrow wp(F, c_2))$

Proof: We will show that $LHS \rightarrow RHS$.

Consider $\sigma \vDash LHS$. By definition,

 $\forall \sigma'. (\sigma, if(G) \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2) \hookrightarrow^* (\sigma', skip) \rightarrow \sigma' \models F$ [1].

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Hence, $LHS \rightarrow RHS$.

HOMEWORK: PROVE THE OTHER DIRECTION

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WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION

IF-THEN-ELSE

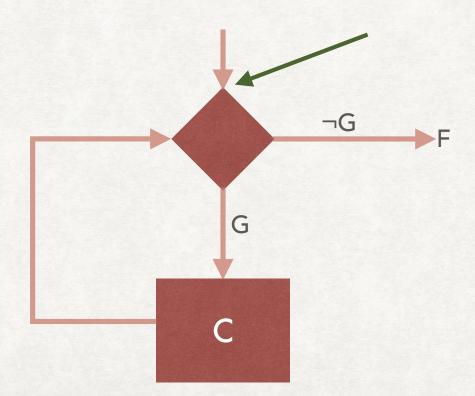
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- Example:

$$wp(y = 0,if(x>10) \text{ then } y:=z+1 \text{ else } y:=z-1)$$

 $\equiv (x > 10 \rightarrow wp(y = 0,y:=z+1)) \land (\neg(x > 10) \rightarrow wp(y = 0,y:=z-1))$
 $\equiv (x > 10 \rightarrow z = -1) \land (x \le 10 \rightarrow z = 1)$

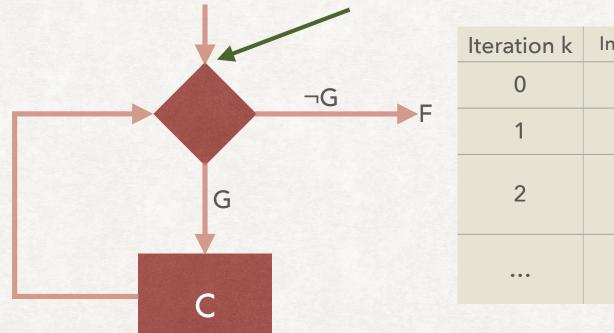
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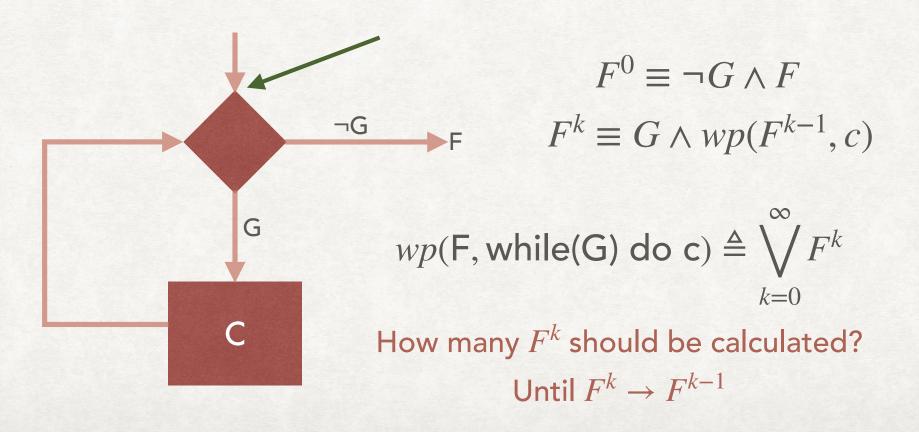
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Iteration k	Initial State for exit after k iterations
0	$\neg G \wedge F$
1	$G \wedge wp(\neg G \wedge F, c)$
2	$G \wedge wp(G \wedge wp(\neg G \wedge F, c))$
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WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION AND VERIFICATION

- Given a program c with assertions, then c is safe if error = $0 \rightarrow wp(\text{error} = 0, c)$ is valid.
- The Hoare Triple $\{P\}c\{Q\}$ is valid if $P \to wp(Q, c)$ is valid.
- Do we have a decidable procedure for wp?
 - No, due to the unbounded computation required for while loops.
- WP is sound and relatively complete.