

## Correctness (“Hoare”) Triples, pt. 1

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### A. Why

- To specify a program’s correctness, we need to know its precondition and postcondition (what should be true before and after executing it).
- The semantics of a verified program combines its program semantics rule with the state-oriented semantics of its specification predicates.

### B. Objectives

At the end of today you should know

- The syntax of correctness triples (a.k.a. Hoare triples).
- What it means for a correctness triples to be satisfied or to be valid.
- That a state in which a correctness triple is not satisfied is a state where the program has a bug.

### C. Correctness Triples (“Hoare Triples”)

- A **correctness triple** (a.k.a. “**Hoare triple**,” after C.A.R. Hoare) is a program  $S$  plus its specification predicates  $p$  and  $q$ .
  - The **precondition**  $p$  describes what we’re assuming is true about the state before the program begins.
  - The **postcondition**  $q$  describes what should be true about the state after the program terminates.
- **Syntax of correctness triples:**  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  (Think of it as  $/* p */ S /* q */$ )
 

$\Rightarrow$  Note: The braces are not part of the precondition or postcondition  $\Leftarrow$
- The precondition of  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is  $p$ , not  $\{p\}$ . Similarly the postcondition is  $q$ , not  $\{q\}$ . Saying “The precondition is  $\{p\}$ ” is like saying “In C, the test in **if** ( $B$ )  $x++$ ; is **if** ( $B$ )”.

### D. Satisfaction and Validity of a Correctness Triple

- Informally, for a state to **satisfy**  $\{p\} S \{q\}$ , it must be that if we run  $S$  in a state that satisfies  $p$ , then after running  $S$ , we should be in a state that satisfies  $q$ . For a triple to be **valid**, it must be satisfied in all states.
- **Important:** If we start in a state that doesn’t satisfy  $p$ , we claim nothing about what happens when you run  $S$ .
  - In some sense, “the triple is satisfied” means “the triple is not buggy”.
  - Say you (as the user) have been told not to run  $S$  when  $x < 0$  because  $S$  calculates `sqrt(x)`
  - And say the triple is  $\{x \geq 0\} y := \text{sqrt}(x) \{y^2 \leq x < (y+1)^2\}$
  - You can’t say this program has a bug when you start in a state with  $x < 0$ , even though the program fails, because you ran the program on bad input.
- Analogous to  $\sigma \models p$  and  $\models p$  for satisfaction and validity of predicates, we’ll use the notations  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  and  $\models \{p\} S \{q\}$  for satisfaction and validity.

### E. Simple Informal Examples of Correctness

- Before going to the formal definitions of partial and total correctness, let's look at some simple examples, informally.
- Example 1:**  $\models \{x > 0\} x := x+1 \{x > 0\}$ . This is satisfied in all states, so the triple is valid.
- Example 2:**  $\not\models \{x > 0\} x := x-1 \{x > 0\}$ . This is not satisfied (= “has a bug”) in the state where  $x$  is 1. (That is,  $\{x = 1\} \not\models \{x > 0\} x := x-1 \{x > 0\}$ .) So this triple is not valid because it has a bug.
- There are a number of ways to fix the buggy program in Example 2:

- Example 3:** Make the precondition “stronger” = “more restrictive”:

$$\models \{x > 1\} x := x-1 \{x > 0\} \text{ or } \models \{x-1 > 0\} x := x-1 \{x > 0\}$$

- Example 4:** Make the postcondition “weaker” = “less restrictive”:

$$\models \{x > 0\} x := x-1 \{x > -1\}$$

- Example 5:** Change the program: E.g.,  $\{x > 0\}$  **if**  $x > 1$  **then**  $x := x-1$  **fi**  $\{x > 0\}$

- Example 6:**  $\models \{(x = 2*k \vee x = 2*k+1) \wedge x \geq 0\} x := x/2 \{x = k \geq 0\}$   
(If  $x$  is nonnegative and equals  $2*k$  or  $2*k+1$  before dividing  $x$  by 2 then after the division,  $x$  equals  $k$ , which is nonnegative.)

- Example 7:**  $\models \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + k\} s := s+k+1; k := k+1 \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + k\}$   
(If  $s$  = the sum of 1 through  $k$ , then after adding  $k+1$  to  $s$  and 1 to  $k$ ,  $s$  is still the sum of 1 through  $k$ .)

- Example 8:**  $\models \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + k\} k := k+1; s := s+k \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + k\}$   
(This is like Example 7 but we increment  $k$  first and then update  $s$  by adding  $k$  (not  $k+1$ ) to it.)

- Example 9:**

$$\begin{aligned} \models & \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + k\} \\ & k := k+1; \\ & s := s+k+1 \\ & \{s = 1 + 2 + \dots + (k-1) + (k+1)\} \end{aligned}$$

(This is like Example 8 but we increment  $k$  and then add  $k$  (not  $k+1$ ) to  $s$ . Hope it's okay that  $s$  is not the sum of 1 through  $k$ .)

- Example 10:**  $\models \{x = c_0 \geq 0\} x := x/2 \{c_0 \geq 0 \wedge x = c_0/2\}$   
(If  $x$  is  $\geq 0$ , then after the assignment  $x := x/2$ , the old value of  $x$  (call it  $c_0$ ) was  $\geq 0$  and  $x$  = its old value divided by 2. Note  $c_0$  is a **logical constant** — it doesn't appear inside the program, just in the proof of correctness.) (“Logical” in the sense of talking about proofs, not boolean logic.) (Maybe “constant logical variable” would be a better name.)

### F. Having a Set of States that Satisfy a Predicate

- Before looking at the definitions of program correctness, it will help if we extend the notion of a single state satisfying a predicate to having a set of states satisfying a predicate.
- Notation:** Recall that  $\Sigma_{\perp} = \Sigma \cup \{\perp\}$ , so  $\sigma \in \Sigma_{\perp}$  allows  $\sigma = \perp$ , but  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  implies  $\sigma \neq \perp$ . Similarly for a set of states  $\Sigma_0$ , if  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma_{\perp}$ , then we may have  $\perp \in \Sigma_0$ . On the other hand, if  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ , then  $\perp \notin \Sigma_0$ .
- Notation:**  $\Sigma_0 - \perp$  and  $\Sigma_0 \cap \Sigma$  both mean  $\Sigma_0$  less  $\perp$ :  $\Sigma_0 - \perp = \Sigma_0 \cap \Sigma = \{\sigma \in \Sigma_0 \mid \sigma \in \Sigma\} = \{\sigma \in \Sigma_0 \mid \sigma \neq \perp\}$ .

- **Definition:** Let  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma_\perp$ . We say  $\Sigma_0$  **satisfies**  $p$  if it is nonempty<sup>1</sup> and every element of  $\Sigma_0$  satisfies  $p$ . In symbols,  $\Sigma_0 \models p$  iff  $\Sigma_0 \neq \emptyset$  and for all  $\tau \in \Sigma_0$ ,  $\tau \models p$ .
- Some consequences of the definition:
  - Since  $\perp$  satisfies no predicate, if  $\perp \in \Sigma_0$ , then  $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$  and  $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$ .
  - If  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$ , we have ( $\Sigma_0 \models p$  implies  $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$ ) and ( $\Sigma_0 \models \neg p$  implies  $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$ ).
  - The converses ( $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$  implies  $\Sigma_0 \models p$ ) and ( $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$  implies  $\Sigma_0 \models \neg p$ ) hold if  $\Sigma_0$  is a singleton set  $\subseteq \Sigma$ .
    - If  $\tau \neq \perp$ , then  $\tau \models p$  iff  $\tau \not\models \neg p$ , so if  $\Sigma_0 = \{\tau\} \not\subseteq \{\perp\}$ , then either ( $\Sigma_0 \models p$  and  $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$ ) or ( $\Sigma_0 \models \neg p$  and  $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$ ).
  - If  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_0$  contains more than one state, then it's possible for to have  $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$  and  $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$ .
    - If there are  $\tau$  and  $\tau' \in \Sigma_0$  with  $\tau \models p$  and  $\tau' \models \neg p$ , then  $\Sigma_0 \not\models p$  and  $\Sigma_0 \not\models \neg p$ .
    - The converse also holds if  $\Sigma_0$  does not include  $\perp$ .
- Since validity means "satisfied in all states", we have  $\models p$  iff  $\Sigma_0 \models p$  where  $\Sigma_0 = \{\sigma \in \Sigma \mid \sigma \models p\}$ . Since states that don't  $\models p$  trivially satisfy  $\{p\} S \{q\}$ , we get  $\Sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$ .

### G. Total Correctness

- Normally, we want our programs to always terminate in states satisfying their postcondition (assuming we start in a state satisfying the precondition). This property is called **total correctness**.
- **Definition:** The triple  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is **totally correct** in  $\sigma$  or  $\sigma$  satisfies the triple under **total correctness** iff it's the case that if  $\sigma$  satisfies  $p$ , then running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  always terminates in states satisfying  $q$ .<sup>2</sup>
- In symbols,  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and (if  $\sigma \models p$  then  $M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $M(S, \sigma) \models q$ ).
  - $M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \Sigma$  iff running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  always terminates in a state because  $M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \Sigma$  iff  $\perp \notin M(S, \sigma)$ .
  - $M(S, \sigma) \models q$  iff  $M(S, \sigma) \neq \emptyset$  and for every  $\tau \in \Sigma_\perp$ , if  $\tau \in M(S, \sigma)$ , then  $\tau \models q$ .
  - Since  $\perp \not\models q$ , we know  $M(S, \sigma) \models q$  implies  $\perp \notin M(S, \sigma)$ , which again implies that running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  always terminates.
- For total correctness, we can't allow  $\sigma = \perp$  because  $\perp \not\models p$  and  $M(S, \perp) = \{\perp\} \not\models q$ , so ( $\sigma \models p$  implies  $M(S, \sigma) \models q$ ) would reduce to (false implies false), which is true.
- **Definition:** The triple  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is **totally correct** (is **valid** under **total correctness**) iff  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  for all  $\sigma$ . The notation is  $\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$ . (And again,  $\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  means  $\Sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$ .)

### H. Partial vs Total Correctness

- It turns out that reasoning about total correctness can be broken up into two steps: Determine "partial" correctness, where we ignore the possibility of divergence or runtime errors, and then show that those errors won't occur.

<sup>1</sup> If we allowed  $\Sigma_0 = \emptyset$  then we would have  $\emptyset \models p$  and  $\emptyset \models \neg p$ , which just doesn't sound right :-)

<sup>2</sup> The sense of "implies" or "if... then..." used here is not like  $\rightarrow$  (which appears in predicates) or  $\Rightarrow$  (which is a relationship between predicates). It's "if...then" at a semantic level: If this triple is satisfied or if this set is nonempty, then ... holds.

- **Definition:** The triple  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is **partially correct** in  $\sigma$  or  $\sigma$  satisfies the triple under **partial correctness** iff it's the case that if  $\sigma$  satisfies  $p$ , then whenever running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  converges to a memory state, that state satisfies  $q$ .
- In symbols,  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and  $(\sigma \models p \text{ implies (for every } \tau \in M(S, \sigma), \text{ if } \tau \in \Sigma, \text{ then } \tau \models q))$ .
- Equivalently,  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and  $(\sigma \models p \text{ implies } (M(S, \sigma) = \{\perp\} \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q))$ .
  - If running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  never terminates (i.e., if  $M(S, \sigma)$  only contains flavors of  $\perp$ ), then it's vacuously true that (for every  $\tau \in M(S, \sigma)$ , if  $\tau \in \Sigma$ , then  $\tau \models q$ ). (Or equivalently, there does not exist a  $\tau \in M(S, \sigma)$  with  $\tau \in \Sigma$  and  $\tau \not\models q$ .)
  - Note we need to include  $M(S, \sigma) = \{\perp\}$  because  $M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q$  doesn't hold if  $M(S, \sigma) = \{\perp\}$ .
- As with total correctness, we can't allow  $\sigma = \perp$  for partial correctness because  $\perp \not\models p$  and  $M(S, \perp) = \{\perp\}$ , so  $(\sigma \models p \text{ implies } (M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \{\perp\} \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q))$  would reduce to  $(\text{false implies false or } \emptyset \models q)$ , which is  $(\text{false implies false or false})$ , which is true.
- **Definition:** The triple  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is **partially correct** (is **valid** under **partial correctness**) iff  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  for all  $\sigma$ . The notation is  $\models \{p\} S \{q\}$ . (And  $\models \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\Sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$ .)

### I. More Phrasings of Total and Partial Correctness

- An equivalent way to understand partial and total correctness uses the property that if  $\sigma \neq \perp$ , then  $(\sigma \models \neg p \text{ iff } \sigma \not\models p)$  and  $(\sigma \models p \text{ iff } \sigma \not\models \neg p)$ .
- For total correctness
 
$$\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$$

$$\text{iff } \sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } (\sigma \models p \text{ implies } M(S, \sigma) \models q)$$

$$\text{iff } \sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } (\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \models q)$$
  - If  $\sigma \neq \perp$ , then  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $(\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \models q)$ .
- For partial correctness,
 
$$\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$$

$$\text{iff } \sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } (\sigma \models p \text{ implies (for every } \tau \in M(S, \sigma), \tau = \perp \text{ or } \tau \models q))$$

$$\text{iff } \sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } (\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or (for every } \tau \in M(S, \sigma), \tau = \perp \text{ or } \tau \models q))$$

$$\text{iff } \sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } (\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } (M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q))$$
  - If  $\sigma \neq \perp$ , then  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $(\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q)$

### J. Unsatisfied Correctness Triples

- It's useful to figure out when a state **doesn't satisfy** a triple because not satisfying a triple tells you that there's some sort of bug in the program.

#### Unsatisfied Total Correctness

- For a state  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  to not satisfy  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  under total correctness, it must satisfy  $p$  and running  $S$  in it can cause an error and/or can yield a final state in which  $q$  is false. In symbols,

$$\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$$

iff  $\sigma \neq \perp$  and  $(\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \models q)$

iff  $\sigma \neq \perp$  and  $(\sigma \neq \perp \text{ implies } (\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \models q))$

$$\sigma \not\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or not  $(\sigma \neq \perp \text{ implies } (\sigma \models \neg p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \models q))$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } \sigma \not\models \neg p \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) \not\models q)$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } \sigma \models p \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) \not\models q)$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \neq \perp \text{ and } \sigma \models p \text{ and } (\perp \in M(S, \sigma) \text{ or for some } \tau \in M(S, \sigma), \tau \models \neg q))$

- If  $S$  is deterministic, then  $M(S, \sigma)$  has just one member, so for  $\sigma \neq \perp$ , we have  $\sigma \not\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\sigma \models p$  and  $(M(S, \sigma) = \{\perp\} \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) = \{\tau\} \subseteq \Sigma \text{ with } \tau \models \neg q)$ . In English,  $\sigma$  satisfies  $p$  and running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  either doesn't terminate or it terminates in a state in which  $q$  is false.

### Unsatisfied Partial Correctness

- For a state  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  to not satisfy  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  under partial correctness, it must satisfy  $p$  and running  $S$  in it always terminates in a state satisfying  $\neg q$ . In symbols

$$\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$$

iff  $\sigma \neq \perp$  and  $(\sigma \models p \text{ implies } (M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \{\perp\} \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q)$

iff  $\sigma \neq \perp$  and  $(\sigma \not\models p \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \{\perp\} \text{ or } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \models q)$

$$\sigma \not\models \{p\} S \{q\}$$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \models p \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) \not\subseteq \{\perp\} \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \not\models q)$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \models p \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \neq \emptyset \text{ and } M(S, \sigma) - \perp \not\models q)$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \models p \text{ and there is a } \tau \in M(S, \sigma) \text{ where } \tau \neq \perp \text{ and } \tau \not\models q)$

iff  $\sigma = \perp$  or  $(\sigma \models p \text{ and for there is a } \tau \in M(S, \sigma) \text{ where } \tau \models \neg q)$

- From this last line, if  $S$  is deterministic, then  $M(S, \sigma) = \{\tau\} \models \neg q$ .
- On the other hand, if  $S$  is nondeterministic, though, we can't conclude  $M(S, \sigma) \models \neg q$ . Though there is a  $\tau \models \neg q$ , it's still possible for  $M(S, \sigma) - \tau$  to be nonempty and contain a state that satisfies  $q$ .
- For this last transition, since  $M(S, \sigma) \neq \emptyset$ , to get  $M(S, \sigma) \not\subseteq \{\perp\}$ , we must have  $M(S, \sigma) - \perp \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $M(S, \sigma) - \perp \not\models q$ , there must be a state  $\tau$  in  $M(S, \sigma) - \perp$  that doesn't satisfy  $q$ . Since  $\tau$  isn't  $\perp$ , we know  $\tau \not\models q$  iff  $\tau \models \neg q$ .
- If  $S$  is deterministic, then  $M(S, \sigma)$  has just one member, so for  $\sigma \neq \perp$ , we have  $\sigma \not\models \{p\} S \{q\}$  iff  $\sigma \models \neg p$  and  $M(S, \sigma) = \{\tau\} \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\tau \models \neg q$ . In English,  $\sigma$  satisfies  $p$  and running  $S$  in  $\sigma$  terminates in a state in which  $q$  is false.

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### **A. Why**

- To specify a program’s correctness, we need to know its precondition (what must be true before executing it) and its postcondition (what should be true after it).

### **B. Objectives**

At the end of this activity you should be able to

- Recognize syntactically correct correctness triples.
- Say whether a correctness triple is satisfied, given information about whether the current state satisfies the precondition, whether the statement terminates, and if it does, whether the terminating state satisfies the postcondition.

### **C. Questions**

For all the questions below, you can assume (unless otherwise said) that  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , not  $\Sigma_{\perp}$ . (I.e., we’re not trying to start our program after an infinite loop or failure.)

1. For a loop-free program (a program that doesn't include any loops) without runtime errors, is there any difference between partial and total correctness?
2. Say we're given  $\sigma \models \{x > 0\} S \{y > x\}$  for all  $\sigma$  and we're given a state  $\tau$  where  $\tau(x) = -3$ . Do we know what  $S$  will do if we run in  $\tau$ ? Must it terminate? (With or without a runtime error?) Diverge? Must  $y > x$  afterwards? How about  $y \leq x$ ?
3. For which  $\sigma$  does  $\sigma \models \{x > 1\} y := x * x \{y > x\}$  hold? Is this triple valid?
4. For which  $\sigma$  does  $\sigma \models \{x > 0\} y := x * x \{y > x\}$  hold? Is this triple valid?
5. Under partial correctness, does  $\sigma \models \{F\} S \{q\}$  hold for all  $\sigma$ ,  $q$ , and  $S$ ? What about  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{T\}$ ? Do these triples say anything interesting about  $S$ ?
6. Repeat the previous question under total correctness: Does  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{F\} S \{q\}$  always hold? Does  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{T\}$ ? Do these triples say anything interesting about  $S$ ?

For Questions 7 – 12, specify for each statement whether it's true or false and give a brief explanation. (Just a sentence or two is fine.) Assume  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . (And remember,  $\sigma \models \textit{anything}$  implies  $\sigma \neq \perp$ .)

7. If  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$ , then  $\sigma \models p$ .
8. If  $\sigma \not\models \{p\} S \{q\}$ , then  $\sigma \not\models p$ .
9. If  $M(S, \sigma) \subseteq \{\perp_d, \perp_e\}$ , then  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$ .
10. If  $\sigma \models p$  and  $M(S, \sigma) \cap \{\perp_d, \perp_e\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\sigma \not\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$ .
11. If  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  and  $\sigma \models p$ , then every state in  $M(S, \sigma)$  either  $\in \{\perp_d, \perp_e\}$  or satisfies  $q$ .
12. If  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  and  $\sigma \not\models p$ , then every state in  $M(S, \sigma)$  is either  $\in \{\perp_d, \perp_e\}$  or satisfies  $\neg q$ .

***Solution to Activity 8 (Hoare Triples, pt 1)***

1. No: For a loop-free, failure-free program, there's no difference between partial and total correctness.
2. No to all the questions: The triple only tells us what will happen if the precondition is satisfied.  
Since  $\tau \not\models x > 0$ , the triple doesn't say anything about what will happen when you run  $S$ ; it might cause an error or terminate in a state, and that state might satisfy  $y > x$ , but it might not.
3. All states satisfy the triple, so the triple is valid.
4. States in which  $x = 1$  do not satisfy the triple; states in which  $x > 1$  set  $y$  appropriately and do satisfy the triple. States in which  $x < 1$  satisfy the triple trivially.
5. Under partial correctness, for all  $S$ ,  $\{F\} S \{q\}$  and  $\{p\} S \{T\}$  are valid (satisfied in all states), but neither triple says anything useful about the program  $S$ .
6. Under total correctness,  $\{F\} S \{q\}$  is again valid and doesn't say anything useful about  $S$ . Under total correctness, however,  $\sigma_{tot} \models \{p\} S \{T\}$  if and only if  $S$  always terminates when run in  $\sigma$ . (I.e., it never goes into an infinite loop or fails at runtime.)
7. False;  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$  does not imply  $\sigma \models p$ . (It doesn't imply  $\sigma \not\models p$  either.)
8. False; if  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  and  $\sigma \not\models \{p\} S \{q\}$ , then  $\sigma \models p$  (and  $M(S, \sigma) \cap \Sigma \models \neg q$ ).
9. True; under partial correctness, if  $S$  always causes an error when run in a  $\sigma$  that satisfies  $p$ , then  $\sigma \models \{p\} S \{q\}$ .
10. True: If  $\sigma \models p$ , then for  $\sigma \models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$  to hold, we need  $M(S, \sigma) \models q$ . If  $M(S, \sigma) \cap \{\perp_d, \perp_e\} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $M(S, \sigma) \not\models q$ , so  $\sigma \not\models_{tot} \{p\} S \{q\}$ .
11. True; if  $\{p\} S \{q\}$  is partially correct and we run  $S$  in a state satisfying  $p$ , then either  $S$  causes an error or terminates in a state satisfying  $q$ .
12. False; if a triple is satisfied in  $\sigma$  but  $\sigma$  doesn't satisfy the precondition, then all possibilities can happen:  $S$  might diverge, it might cause a runtime error, and even if it terminates, the final state might satisfy  $q$  but it doesn't have to.