

Weakest Preconditions pt. 2

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A. Why

- Weakest liberal preconditions (*wlp*) and weakest preconditions (*wp*) are the most general requirements that a program must meet to be correct

B. Objectives

At the end of today you should understand

- How to add error domain predicates to the *wlp* of a loop-free program to obtain its *wp*.

C. Some Examples of Calculating *wp/wlp*:

- The programs in these examples don't end in "state" \perp , so the *wp* and *wlp* are equivalent.
- **Example 2:** $wp(x := x+1, x \geq 0) \equiv x+1 \geq 0$
- **Example 3:** $wp(y := y+x; x := x+1, x \geq 0)$
 $\equiv wp(y := y+x, wp(x := x+1, x \geq 0))$
 $\equiv wp(y := y+x, x+1 \geq 0) \equiv x+1 \geq 0$
- **Example 4:** $wp(y := y+x; x := x+1, x \geq y)$
 $\equiv wp(y := y+x, wp(x := x+1, x \geq y))$
 $\equiv wp(y := y+x, x+1 \geq y)$
 $\equiv x+1 \geq y+x$
 - If we were asked only to calculate the *wp*, we'd stop here. If we also wanted to logically simplify the *wp* then $x+1 \geq y+x \Leftrightarrow y \leq 1$.
- **Example 5:** (Swap the two assignments in Example 4)
 $wp(x := x+1; y := y+x, x \geq y)$
 $\equiv wp(x := x+1, wp(y := y+x, x \geq y))$
 $\equiv wp(x := x+1, x \geq y+x)$
 $\equiv x+1 \geq y+x+1 \text{ } [\Leftrightarrow y \leq 0 \text{ if you want to logically simplify}]$
- **Example 6:** $wp(\text{if } y \geq 0 \text{ then } x := y \text{ fi}, x \geq 0)$
 $\equiv wp(\text{if } y \geq 0 \text{ then } x := y \text{ else skip fi}, x \geq 0)$
 $\equiv (y \geq 0 \wedge wp(x := y, x \geq 0)) \vee (y < 0 \wedge wp(\text{skip}, x \geq 0))$
 $\equiv (y \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0) \vee (y < 0 \wedge x \geq 0).$

If we want to simplify logically, we can continue with

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow y \geq 0 \vee (y < 0 \wedge x \geq 0) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (y \geq 0 \vee y < 0) \wedge (y \geq 0 \vee x \geq 0) \\ &\Leftrightarrow y \geq 0 \vee x \geq 0 \quad (\text{which is also } \Leftrightarrow y < 0 \rightarrow x \geq 0, \text{ if you prefer}) \end{aligned}$$

D. Avoiding Runtime Errors in Expressions

- To avoid runtime failure of $\sigma(e)$, we'll take the context in which we're evaluating e and augment it with a predicate that guarantee non-failure of $\sigma(e)$. For example, for $\{P(e)\} v := e \{P(v)\}$, we'll augment the precondition to guarantee that evaluation of e won't fail.
- For each expression e , we will define a **domain predicate** $D(e)$ such that $\sigma \models D(e)$ implies $\sigma(e) \neq \perp_e$.
 - This predicate has to be defined recursively, since we need to handle complex expressions like $D(b[b[i]]) \equiv 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \wedge 0 \leq b[i] < \text{size}(b)$.
 - As with wp and sp , the domain predicate for an expression is unique only up to logical equivalence. For example, $D(x/y + u/v) \equiv y \neq 0 \wedge v \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow v \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0$.
- Definition** (Domain predicate $D(e)$ for expression e) We must define D for each kind of expression that can cause a runtime error:
 - $D(c) \equiv D(v) \equiv \text{T}$ if where c is a constant and v is a variable.
 - Evaluation of a variable or constant doesn't cause failure.
 - $D(b[e]) \equiv D(e) \wedge 0 \leq e < \text{size}(b)$
 - $D(e_1 / e_2) \equiv D(e_1 \% e_2) \Leftrightarrow D(e_1) \wedge D(e_2) \wedge e_2 \neq 0$
 - $D(\text{sqrt}(e)) \equiv D(e) \wedge e \geq 0$
 - And so on, depending on the datatypes and operations being used.
 - The various operations (+, −, etc.) and relations (\leq , =, etc.) don't cause errors but we still have to check their subexpressions:
 - $D(e_1 \text{ op } e_2) \equiv D(e_1) \wedge D(e_2)$, except for $\text{op} \equiv /$ or $\%$
 - $D(\text{op } e) \equiv D(e)$, unless you add an operator that can cause runtime failure.
 - $D(\text{if } B \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \text{ fi}) \equiv D(B) \wedge (B \rightarrow D(e_1)) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow D(e_2))$
 - (For a conditional expression, we only need safety of the one branch we execute.)
- Example 7:** $D(b[b[i]]) \equiv D(b[i]) \wedge 0 \leq b[i] < \text{size}(b)$
 $\equiv D(i) \wedge 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \wedge 0 \leq b[i] < \text{size}(b)$
 $\Leftrightarrow 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \wedge 0 \leq b[i] < \text{size}(b)$
- Example 8:** $D((-b + \text{sqrt}(b*b - 4*a*c))/(2*a))$
 $\equiv D(e) \wedge D(2*a) \wedge 2*a \neq 0$ where $e \equiv -b + \text{sqrt}(b*b - 4*a*c)$
 $\equiv D(-b) \wedge D(\text{sqrt}(b*b - 4*a*c)) \wedge D(2*a) \wedge 2*a \neq 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow D(\text{sqrt}(b*b - 4*a*c)) \wedge 2*a \neq 0$ Since $D(-b) \equiv D(2*a) \equiv \text{T}$
 $\equiv D(b*b - 4*a*c) \wedge (b*b - 4*a*c \geq 0) \wedge 2*a \neq 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow b*b - 4*a*c \geq 0 \wedge 2*a \neq 0$
- Example 9:** $D(\text{if } 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \text{ then } b[i] \text{ else } 0 \text{ fi})$
 $\equiv D(B) \wedge (B \rightarrow D(b[i])) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow D(0))$ where $B \equiv 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b)$
 $\equiv (B \rightarrow D(b[i])) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow \text{T})$ since $D(B)$ and $D(0) \equiv \text{T}$
 $\Leftrightarrow B \rightarrow D(b[i])$ since everything implies true
 $\equiv B \rightarrow D(i) \wedge 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b)$ expanding $D(b[i])$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Leftrightarrow B \rightarrow B && \text{since } B \equiv 0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \\
&\Leftrightarrow \text{T}
\end{aligned}$$

E. Avoiding Runtime Errors in Programs

- Recall that we extended our notion of operational semantics to include $\langle S, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle E, \perp_e \rangle$ to indicate that evaluation of S causes a runtime failure.
- We can avoid runtime failure of statements by adding domain predicates to the preconditions of statements. Though for loops we can't in general calculate the wlp/wp , we can calculate the domain predicate for them.
- Definition:** For statement S , the predicate $D(S)$ gives a sufficient condition to avoid runtime errors.
 - $D(\text{skip}) \equiv \text{T}$
 - $D(v := e) \equiv D(e)$
 - $D(b[e_1] := e_2) \equiv D(b[e_1]) \wedge D(e_2)$
 - $D(S_1; S_2, q) \equiv D(S_1) \wedge D(S_2)$
 - $D(\text{if } B \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \text{ fi}, q) \equiv D(B) \wedge (B \rightarrow D(S_1)) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow D(S_2))$
 - $D(\text{if } B_1 \rightarrow S_1 \square B_2 \rightarrow S_2 \text{ fi}, q) \equiv D(B_1 \vee B_2) \wedge (B_1 \vee B_2) \wedge (B_1 \rightarrow D(S_1)) \wedge (B_2 \rightarrow D(S_2))$
 - The condition $(B_1 \vee B_2)$ avoids failure of the nondeterministic **if-fi** due to none of the guards holding. This definition extends easily to **if-fi** with more than two guarded commands.
 - $D(\text{while } B \text{ do } S_1 \text{ od}) \equiv D(B) \wedge (B \rightarrow D(S_1))$
 - $D(\text{do } B_1 \rightarrow S_1 \square B_2 \rightarrow S_2 \text{ od}) \equiv D(B_1 \vee B_2) \wedge (B_1 \rightarrow D(S_1)) \wedge (B_2 \rightarrow D(S_2))$
 - The domain predicate for nondeterministic **do-od** is like that for **if-fi** except that having none of the guards hold does not cause an error.
- With the domain predicates, it's easy to extend wlp for wp for loop-free programs, since we would also want to show termination of a loop.
- > **Definition:** If S is not a loop, then $wp(S, q) \Leftrightarrow wlp(S, D(S) \wedge q)$ — [9/25] check me
- Definition:** $wp(S, q) \equiv w \wedge D(w) \wedge D(S)$ where $w \equiv wlp(S, q)$ [10/9]
- (Definition of $D(q)$ – interesting case is $D(Q \text{ x}. \delta) \equiv \forall \text{x}. D(\delta)$)
- Example 10:** If a program does a division, then the wp and wlp can differ:
 - $D(x := y; z := v/x)$
 $\equiv D(x := y) \wedge D(z := v/x)$
 $\Leftrightarrow D(v/x)$ // since $D(x := y) \equiv D(y) \equiv \text{T}$
 $\Leftrightarrow x \neq 0$ // Technically, $D(v/x) \equiv D(v) \wedge D(x) \wedge x \neq 0$
 - $wp(x := y; z := v/x, z > x+2)$
 $\equiv wlp(x := y, wlp(z := v/x, z > x+2 \wedge D(x := y; z := v/x)))$
 $\Leftrightarrow wlp(x := y, wlp(z := v/x, z > x+2 \wedge x \neq 0))$ // Substituting from above
 $\equiv wlp(x := y, v/x > x+2 \wedge x \neq 0)$
 $\equiv v/y > y+2 \wedge y \neq 0$

Weakest Preconditions, pt. 1

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A. Why

- The weakest precondition and weakest liberal preconditions are the most general preconditions that a program needs in order to run correctly.

B. Objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to

- Describe the relationship between $wp(S, q_1 \vee q_2)$, $wp(S, q_1)$, and $wp(S, q_2)$ and how it differs for deterministic and nondeterministic programs.
- Be able to calculate the wlp of a simple loop-free program.

C. Problems

1. How are $wp(S, q_1 \vee q_2)$ and $wp(S, q_1)$ and $wp(S, q_2)$, related if S is deterministic? If S is nondeterministic?
2. Calculate the wlp in each of the following cases. Just syntactically calculate the wlp ; don't also logically simplify the result.)
 - a. $wlp(k := k - s, n = 3 \wedge k = 4 \wedge s = -7)$.
 - b. $wlp(n := n * (n - k), n = 3 \wedge k = 4 \wedge s = -7)$.
 - c. $wlp(n := n * (n - k); k := k - s, n > k + s)$
3. Let $Q(i, s) \equiv 0 \leq i \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, i)$ where $\text{sum}(u, v)$ is the sum of $u, u+1, \dots, v$ (when $u \leq v$) or 0 (when $u > v$).
 - a. Calculate $wp(i := i+1; s := s+i, Q(i, s))$.
 - b. Calculate $wp(s := s+i+1; i := i+1, Q(i, s))$.
 - c. Calculate $wp(s := s+i; i := i+1, Q(i, s))$. (This one isn't compatible with $s = \text{sum}(0, i)$.)
4. Calculate the wp below. (Again, just calculate the syntactically wp without logically simplifying the result.)
 - a. $wp(\text{if } B \text{ then } x := x/2 \text{ fi}; y := x, x = 5 \wedge y = z)$.
 - b. $wp(\text{if } x \geq 0 \text{ then } x := x*2 \text{ else } x := y \text{ fi}; x := c*x, a \leq x < y)$

For Problems 5 and 6, be sure to include the domain predicates. If you want, logically simplify as you go.

5. Calculate p to be the wp of $\{p\} \ x := y/b[i] \ \{x > 0\}$.
6. Calculate p_1 and p_2 to be the wp of $\{p_1\} \ y := \text{sqrt}(b[j]) \ \{z < y\}$ and $\{p_2\} \ j := x/j \ \{p_1\}$.

Solution to Activity 11 (Weakest Preconditions, pt. 2)

1. For deterministic S , $wp(S, q_1 \vee q_2) \Leftrightarrow wp(S, q_1) \vee wp(S, q_2)$. For nondeterministic S , we have \Rightarrow instead of \Leftrightarrow .

2. (Calculate wlp)

- a. $wlp(k := k - s, n = 3 \wedge k = 4 \wedge s = -7) \equiv n = 3 \wedge k - s = 4 \wedge s = -7$
- b. $wlp(n := n * (n - k), n = 3 \wedge k = 4 \wedge s = -7) \equiv n * (n - k) = 3 \wedge k = 4 \wedge s = -7$
- c. $wlp(n := n * (n - k); k := k - s, n > k + s)$
 $\equiv wlp(n := n * (n - k), wlp(k := k - s, n > k + s))$
 $\equiv wlp(n := n * (n - k), n > k - s + s)$
 $\equiv n * (n - k) > k - s + s$

3. (wp involving sums) We have $Q(i, s) \equiv 0 \leq i \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, i)$.

- a. $wp(i := i + 1; s := s + i, Q(i, s))$
 $\equiv wp(i := i + 1, wp(s := s + i, Q(i, s)))$
 $\equiv wp(i := i + 1, Q(i, s + i))$
 $\equiv wp(i := i + 1, 0 \leq i \leq n \wedge s + i = \text{sum}(0, i))$
 $\equiv 0 \leq i + 1 \leq n \wedge s + i = \text{sum}(0, i + 1)$
- b. $wp(s := s + i + 1; i := i + 1, Q(i, s))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i + 1, wp(i := i + 1, Q(i, s)))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i + 1, Q(i + 1, s))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i + 1, 0 \leq i + 1 \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, i + 1))$
 $\equiv 0 \leq i + 1 \leq n \wedge s + i + 1 = \text{sum}(0, i + 1)$
- c. $wp(s := s + i; i := i + 1, Q(i, s))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i, wp(i := i + 1, Q(i, s)))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i, Q(i + 1, s))$
 $\equiv wp(s := s + i, 0 \leq i + 1 \leq n \wedge s = \text{sum}(0, i + 1))$
 $\equiv 0 \leq i + 1 \leq n \wedge s + i = \text{sum}(0, i + 1)$ [which isn't compatible with $s = \text{sum}(0, i)$]

4. (wp of **if-then**)

- a. $wp(\mathbf{if} B \mathbf{then} x := x/2 \mathbf{fi}; y := x, x = 5 \wedge y = z)$
 $\equiv wp(\mathbf{if} B \mathbf{then} x := x/2 \mathbf{fi}, wp(y := x, x = 5 \wedge y = z))$
 $\equiv wp(\mathbf{if} B \mathbf{then} x := x/2 \mathbf{fi}, x = 5 \wedge x = z)$
 $\equiv (B \rightarrow wp(x := x/2, x = 5 \wedge x = z)) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow wp(\mathbf{skip}, x = 5 \wedge x = z))$
 $\equiv (B \rightarrow x/2 = 5 \wedge x/2 = z) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow x = 5 \wedge x = z)$
- b. $wp(\mathbf{if} x \geq 0 \mathbf{then} x := x*2 \mathbf{else} x := y \mathbf{fi}; x := c*x, a \leq x < y)$
 $\equiv wp(S, wp(x := c*x, a \leq x < y))$ where S is the **if** statement
 $\equiv wp(S, a \leq c*x < y)$
 $\equiv wp(\mathbf{if} x \geq 0 \mathbf{then} x := x*2 \mathbf{else} x := y \mathbf{fi}, a \leq c*x < y)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (x \geq 0 \rightarrow wp(x := x^2, a \leq c * x < y)) \wedge (x < 0 \rightarrow wp(x := y, a \leq c * x < y)) \\ &\equiv (x \geq 0 \rightarrow a \leq c * (x^2) < y) \wedge (x < 0 \rightarrow a \leq c * y < y) \end{aligned}$$

5. For $\{p\} x := y/b[i] \{x > 0\}$, let $p \Leftrightarrow wp(x := y/b[i], x > 0)$
 $\Leftrightarrow D(y/b[i]) \wedge (y/b[i] > 0)$.
 $\Leftrightarrow (0 \leq i < \text{size}(b) \wedge b[i] \neq 0) \wedge (y/b[i] > 0)$
6. For $\{p_1\} y := \text{sqrt}(b[j]) \{z < y\}$, let $p_1 \Leftrightarrow wp(y := \text{sqrt}(b[j]), z < y)$
 $\Leftrightarrow D(\text{sqrt}(b[j])) \wedge wlp(y := \text{sqrt}(b[j]), z < y)$
 $\Leftrightarrow 0 \leq j < \text{size}(b) \wedge b[j] \geq 0 \wedge z < \text{sqrt}(b[j])$
- For $\{p_2\} j := x/j; \{p_1\}$, let $p_2 \Leftrightarrow wp(j := x/j, p_1)$
 $\Leftrightarrow D(x/j) \wedge wlp(j := x/j, p_1)$
 $\Leftrightarrow j \neq 0 \wedge (0 \leq j < \text{size}(b) \wedge b[j] \geq 0 \wedge z < \text{sqrt}(b[j]))[x/j / j]$
 $\Leftrightarrow j \neq 0 \wedge 0 \leq x/j < \text{size}(b) \wedge b[x/j] \geq 0 \wedge z < \text{sqrt}(b[x/j]).$