

## Question 1

Show that  $\vdash_{tot} \{T\} P \{z = \max(x, y)\}$  is valid, where  $\max(x, y)$  is the largest number of  $x$  and  $y$ . [3 marks]

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if ( $x > y$ ) {

$\{T \wedge x > y\}$  If-statement

$\{x = \max(x, y)\}$  Implied

$z = x;$

$\{z = \max(x, y)\}$  Assignment

} else {

$\{T \wedge \neg(x < y)\}$  If-statement

$\{y = \max(x, y)\}$  Implied

$z = y;$

$\{z = \max(x, y)\}$  Assignment

}

Explanation:

First, If branch, by the Assignment rule we can prove

$$\{y = \max(x, y)\} z = y \{z = \max(x, y)\}$$

From  $\vdash x > y \rightarrow y = \max(x, y)$  by the Implied rule we can prove

$$\{x > y\} z = y \{z = \max(x, y)\}$$

the else branch is similar, so we can show

$$\frac{\{\top \wedge x > y\}z = y \{z = \max(x, y)\} \{\top \wedge \neg(x > y)\}z = x \{z = \max(x, y)\}}{\{\top\} \text{ if } x > y \text{ then } z = y \text{ else } z = x \{z = \max(x, y)\}}$$

## Question 2

Show that  $\vdash_{tot} \{x \geq 0\} \text{Fac1}(x) \{y = x!\}$  is valid

1. Write down a proper loop invariant which is useful for constructing the correctness proof. [2 marks]
2. Write down a proper variant which is useful for proving the termination of the program. [1 mark]
3. Provide the full proof using proof rules. [4 marks]
4. Justify the correct uses of the implied rule in three places of the proof in English. [3 marks]

1.  $y * a! = x!$
2.  $a$
- 3.

(1). If  $a > 0$

$$\{0 \leq x\}$$

$$\{1 * x! = x! \wedge 0 \leq x\}$$

ImPLY

$a = x;$

$$\{1 * a! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a\}$$

Assignment

$y = 1;$

$$\{y * a! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a\}$$

Assignment

$\text{while } (a > 0) \{$

$\{y * a! = x! \wedge a > 0 \wedge 0 \leq a = E_0\}$	Invariant Hyp. and guard
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$\{y * a * (a-1)! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a-1 < E_0\}$	Implied
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$y = y * a;$

$\{y * (a-1)! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a-1 < E_0\}$	Assignment
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$a = a - 1;$

$\{y * a! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a < E_0\}$	Assignment
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}

$\{y * a! = x! \wedge \neg(a > 0)\}$	Total-while
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$\{y = x!\}$	Implied
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(2). If  $a = 0$

$\{0 \leq x\}$	Implied
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$a = x = 0;$

$y = 1;$

while ( $a > 0$ ) {

$y = y * a;$

$a = a - 1;$

}

$\{y = 0! = x!\}$	Implied
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If  $a = x = 0$ , so that we can imply  $x$  is greater than or equal to 0. Also, it will not enter the while loop, so it will always terminate. Thus, we can imply  $y = 1 = 0! = x!$ .

4. (1) First, from the Invariant Hyp. and guard  $\{y * a! = x! \wedge a > 0 \wedge 0 \leq a = E_0\}$ , as  $a!$  equals to  $a * (a - 1)!$ , so that  $y * a! = x!$  can imply  $y * a * (a - 1)! = x!$ .

Also, as  $a$  is greater than 0, known from the condition of the while loop, and  $0 \leq a = E_0$ , so that  $a - 1$  is greater than or equal to 0 and also less than  $E_0$ .

Thus,  $\{y * a! = x! \wedge a > 0 \wedge 0 \leq a = E_0\}$  can imply  $\{y * a * (a - 1)! = x! \wedge 0 \leq a - 1 < E_0\}$

(2) From  $\{1 * x! = x! \wedge 0 \leq x\}$ , as  $1 * x! = x!$  is a tautology, so that  $T \wedge 0 \leq x$  can imply the pre-condition  $\{0 \leq x\}$ .

(3) From  $\{y * a! = x! \wedge \neg(a > 0)\}$ , as  $0 \leq a$  and  $\neg(a > 0)$ , so that  $a$  is equal to 0. Because  $0!$  is equal to 1, so that  $y * 1 = x!$ . Thus,  $\{y * a! = x! \wedge \neg(a > 0)\}$  can imply  $\{y = x!\}$ .