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Simple Programming Language

$$E ::= \text{Expressions}$$

$$num \qquad \qquad \text{Integer}$$

$$\mid x \qquad \qquad \text{Variable}$$

$$\mid E+E\mid \dots \qquad \qquad \text{Integer operators}$$

$$\mid E < E\mid \dots \qquad \qquad \text{Relational operators}$$

$$\mid E \text{ and } E \dots \qquad \qquad \text{Boolean operators}$$

$$P ::=$$
 Programs
$$skip No op$$

$$| x := E Assignment$$

$$| P; P Sequential Composition$$

$$| if E then P else P Conditional$$

$$| while E do P Iteration$$

Hoare Logic - Structural Rules

$$\{A\}$$
 skip $\{A\}$

$$\{A[^{E}/_{x}]\} \ x := E \ \{A\}$$

$$\frac{\{A\}\ P\ \{B\}\ Q\ \{C\}}{\{A\}\ P; Q\ \{C\}}$$

$$\frac{A' \implies A \quad \{A\} \ P \ \{B\} \quad B \implies B'}{\{A'\} \ P \ \{B'\}}$$

$$\{A[^{E}/_{x}]\}\ x := E\ \{A\}$$

- A[E/x] means:
 - the result of replacing all free occurrences of variable x in assertion A by the expression E
- For this rule to be sound, we require E to be an expression without side effects (a pure expression)

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

- We can think of A as a condition where "x" appears in some places. A is a condition dependent on "x".
- The assignment x := E changes the value of x to E, but leaves everything else unchanged
- So everything that could be said of E in the precondition, can be said of x in the postcondition, since the value of x after the assignment is E
- Example: $\{x + 1 > 0\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

• Example, let's check $\{x > -1\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$

$$\{(x+1>0)\} x := x+1 \{x>0\}$$
 by the := Rule

that is,
$$\{(x > 0)[x+1/x]\}$$
 $x := (x+1)$ $\{x > 0\}$

$$\{x > -1\} x := x + 1 \{x > 0\}$$
 by deduction

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

• Trick: if x does not appear in E or A.

We can always write $\{A \&\& E == E\} x := E \{x == E\}$ So, if x does not occur in E, A the triple

$$\{A\} X := E \{A \&\& X == E\}$$

is always valid

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

- Exercises. Derive:
 - $\{y > 0\} x := y \{x > 0 & y == x\}$
 - $\{x == y\} x := 2*x \{y == x \text{ div } 2\}$
 - { P(y) && Q(z) } (here P and Q are any properties)

$$X := y ; y := Z; Z := X$$

 $\{ P(z) \&\& Q(y) \}$

Exercises

Prove using the assignment rule that:

```
assert y > 0;
x := y;
assert x > 0 && y == x;

assert y == x;
x := 2 * x;
assert y == x / 2;
```

Exercises

Prove using the assignment rule that:

```
function P(x:int):bool {
function Q(x:int):bool {
  var x := ...;
  var y := ...;
  var z;
  assert P(x) \&\& Q(y);
  z := x;
  x := y;
  y := z;
  assert P(y) \&\& Q(x);
```

Example

Consider the program

$$P \triangleq if (x>y) then z := x else z := y$$

• We (mechanically) check the triple

```
{ true } P { z == max(x,y) }
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• We (mechanically) check the triple

```
{ true } P { z == max(x,y) }

{ x == max(x,y) } z := x { z == max(x,y) }

{ x > y } z := x { z == max(x,y) }

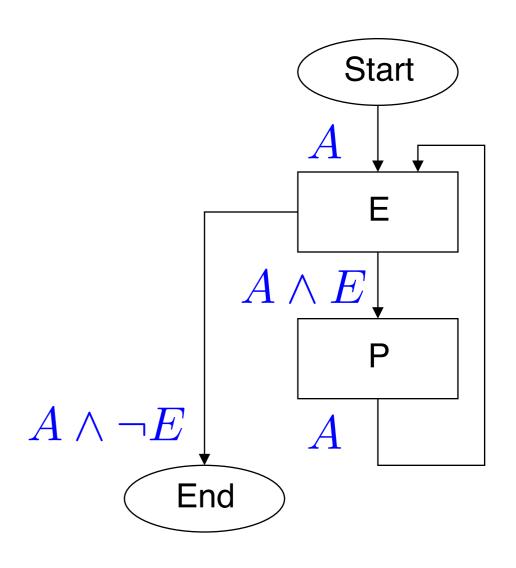
{ y == max(x,y) } z := y { z == max(x,y) }

{ y >= x } z := y { z == max(x,y) }
```

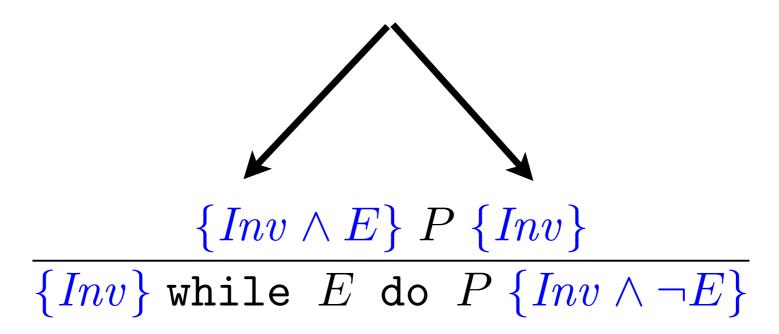
$$\frac{\{? \wedge E\} \; P \; \{?\}}{\{A\} \; \text{while} \; E \; \text{do} \; P \; \{\neg E \wedge ?\}}$$

Any precise post condition depends on how many times P is executed ... P can be executed 0, 1, 2 ... n times, n not really known at verification time.

$$\frac{\{A \wedge E\}\; P\; \{A\}}{\{A\}\; \text{while}\; E\; \text{do}\; P\; \{A \wedge \neg E\}}$$

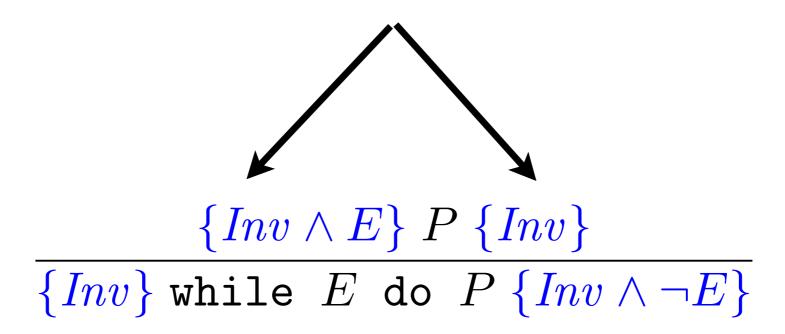


INV = Invariant Condition



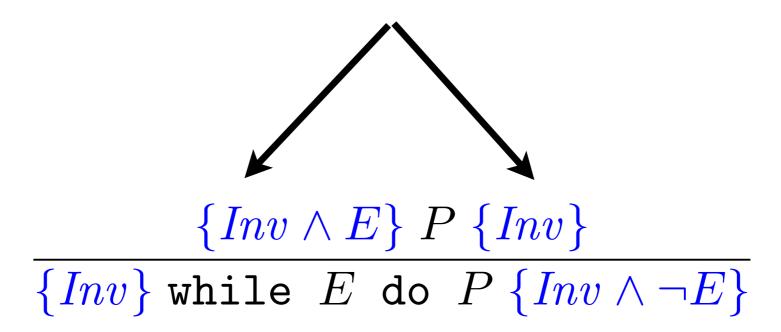
- We cannot predict in general how many iterations will the while loop do (undecidability of the halting problem).
- We approximate all iterations by an invariant condition
- A loop invariant is a condition that holds at loop entry and at loop exit.

INV = Invariant Condition



- If the invariant holds initially and is preserved by the loop body, it will hold when the loop terminates!
- It does not matter how many iterations will run
- Unlike for other rules of Hoare logic, finding the invariant requires human intelligence (you are a programmer :-)

INV = Invariant Condition



- The invariant depicts the state in all iterations of a loop.
- The invariant works like the induction hypothesis in a proof. The base case is the loop executed 0 times, the loop body is the induction step that iterates from step n to n+1. There must exist a valid induction measure.

```
\{0 \le n\}
i := 0;
\{i == 0 \land 0 \leq n\}
\{0 \le i \le n\}
while i < n do {
   \{0 \le i \le n \land i < n\}
   \{0 \le i < n\}
   \{0 \le i + 1 \le n\}
   i := i + 1
   \{0 < i < n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land i >= n\}
\{i == n\}
```

Consider program P defined by

$$P \triangleq s := 0; i := 0; \text{ while } i < n \text{ do } \{i := i+1; s := s+i\}$$

What is the specification of P? What does P do?

$$\{A\} P \{B\}$$

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What is the specification of P? What does P do?

$$\{n \ge 0\} \ P \ \{s = \sum_{j=0}^{n} .j\}$$

Is this a good specification for program P?

Can we mechanically check the Hoare triple?

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
i := 0;
while i < n do {
  i := i + 1;
  s := s + i
\{s == \sum_{i=1}^{n} .j\}
```

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq n\}
i := 0;
\{s = 0 \land 0 \le i \le n\}
while i < n do {
  i := i + 1;
   s := s + i
\{s=\sum_{j=1}^{n}.j\}
```

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq n\}
i := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq i \leq n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
while i < n do {
   i := i + 1;
   s := s + i
\{i = n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
\{s=\sum_{i=1}^{n}.j\}
```

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq n\}
i := 0;
\{s = 0 \land i = 0 \land 0 \le i \le n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
while i < n do {
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
                                                         Invariant holds
   i := i + 1;
   s := s + i
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{i = n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
\{s=\sum_{i=1}^{n}.j\}
```

- The loop invariant may be broken inside the body of the loop, but must be re-established at the end.
- Notice the assignment rule

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

that breaks the invariant...

$$\{0 \le i \le n \land i < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}$$

$$\{0 \le i < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}$$

$$i := i+1$$

$$\{0 \le i-1 < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j\}$$

$$\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j\}$$

- The loop invariant may be broken inside the body of the loop, but must be re-established at the end.
- Notice the assignment rule

$${A[^{E}/_{x}]} x := E {A}$$

and then re-establishes it

$$\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j\}$$

$$s := s + i$$

$$\{0 \le i \le n \land s = (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j) + i\}$$

$$\{0 \le i \le n \land s = (\sum_{j=0}^{i} .j)\}$$

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq n\}
i := 0;
\{s = 0 \land i = 0 \land 0 \le i \le n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
while i < n do {
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
                                                         Invariant holds
   i := i + 1;
   s := s + i
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{i = n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
\{s=\sum_{i=1}^{n}.j\}
```

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \leq n\}
i := 0;
\{s = 0 \land i = 0 \land 0 \le i \le n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
while i < n do {
   \{0 \le i \le n \land i < n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
                                                                                  Invariant
   \{0 \le i < n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
                                                                                  broken
   i := i + 1;
   \{0 \le i - 1 < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j\}
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i-1} .j\}
   s := s + i
                                                                                 Invariant
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j) + i\}
                                                                                 restored
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{i = n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{s=\sum_{j=1}^{n}.j\}
```

```
\{0 \le n\}
s := 0;
\{s=0 \land 0 \le n\}
i := 0;
\{s=0 \land i=0 \land 0 \leq i \leq n\}
\{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
while i < n do {
   \{0 \le i \le n \land i < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i} .j\}
   \{0 \le i < n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
   i := i + 1;
   \{0 \le i - 1 < n \land s = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j\}
                                                                           Invariant holds
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i-1} .j\}
   s := s + i
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = (\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} .j) + i\}
   \{0 \le i \le n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{i = n \land s = \sum_{i=0}^{i} .j\}
\{s=\sum_{i=1}^{n}.j\}
```

Hints for finding loop invariants

- First: carefully think about the post condition of the loop
 - Typically the post-condition talks about a property "accumulated" across a "range" (this is why you are using a loop, right?)
 - e.g., maximum of all elements of an array
 - e.g., sort visited elements in a data structure

Hints for finding loop invariants

 Second: design a "generalised" version of the postcondition, in which the already visited part of the data is made explicit as a function of the "loop control variable"

 The loop body may temporarily break the invariant, but must restore it at the end of the body

 Important: make sure that the invariant together (&&) with the termination condition really implies your post-condition

Examples, what kind of invariant we need for...

Max of an array

All elements to the left are smaller than the max so far

Array Searching (unsorted)

All elements left of the index are different from the value being searched

Array Searching (sorted)

The element is between the lower and the higher limits

· Sorting (bubblesort, insertion sort, etc.)

Everything to the left of the cursor is sorted

List Reversing

All elements to the left of the cursor are placed on the right of the result

Exercise - Fibonacci

```
function fib(n : int) : int
// this is the recursive spec of fibonacci
requires n>=0;
  if (n==0) then 1 else
  if (n==1) then 1 else fib(n-1)+fib(n-2)
// the method fibo below should implement fib efficiently
// "bottom up" using a while loop
method fibo(n : int) returns (f : int)
requires n>=0;
ensures f == fib(n);
```

Exercise - Fibonacci

```
method Fib(n:int) returns (f:int)
  requires n >= 0
  ensures f == fib(n)
  if( n == 0 || n == 1 ) { return 1; }
  var a := 1;
  var b := 1;
  var i := 1;
  while i < n
    decreases n - i
    invariant 1 <= i <= n</pre>
    invariant a == fib(i-1)
    invariant b == fib(i)
    a, b := b, a+b; // fib(i-1) + fib(i) = fib(i+1)
    i := i + 1;
  f := b;
```

Exercise

```
// return the maximum of the values in array a[-]
// in positions i such that 0 <= i < n
method Max(a:array<int>, n:int) returns (m:int)

// write the code and fully check it with dafny
// define the weakest preconditions you can think of
// define the strongest postconditions you can think of
```

Exercise - Max of an array

```
method maxArray(a:array<int>, n:int) returns (max:int)
  requires 0 < n <= a.Length</pre>
  ensures forall j :: 0 <= j < n ==> a[j] <= max</pre>
  max := a[0];
  var i := 1;
  while i < n
    if max < a[i] {
      max := a[i];
    i := i + 1;
```

Exercise 6 - daffy solution

```
method maxArray(a:array<int>, n:int) returns (max:int)
  requires 0 < n <= a.Length
  ensures forall j :: 0 \le j \le n \Longrightarrow a[j] \le max
{
  max := a[0];
  var i := 1;
  while i < n
    decreases n-i
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> a[j] <= max
    if max < a[i] {</pre>
      max := a[i];
    }
i := i + 1;
```

Abstract Data Types Classes and Objects

Abstract Data Types (Liskov, 78)

- ADTs are the building blocks for software construction
 - Consists of:
 - A description of the data elements of the type
 - A set of operations over the data elements of the ADT
 - A software system is a composition of ADTs
 - ADTs behave like regular types in a programming language
 - Promotes modularity, encapsulation, information hiding, and hence reuse, modifiability, and correctness.

ADTs (Liskov & Zilles, 78)

PROGRAMMING WITH ABSTRACT DATA TYPES

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Abstract

The motivation behind the work in very-high-level languages is to ease the programming task by providing the programmer with a language containing primitives or abstractions suitable to his problem area. The programmer is then able to spend his effort in the right place; he concentrates on solving his problem, and the resulting program will be more reliable as a result. Clearly, this is a worthwhile goal.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult for a designer to select in advance all the abstractions which the users of his language might need. If a language is to be used at all, it is likely to be used to solve problems which its designer did not envision, and for which the abstractions embedded in the language are not sufficient.

This paper presents an approach which allows the set of built-in abstractions to be augmented when the need for a new data abstraction is discovered. This approach to the handling of abstraction is an outgrowth of work on designing a language for structured programming. Relevant aspects of this language are described, and examples of the use and definitions of abstractions are given.

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For contributions to practical and theoretical foundations of programming language and system design, especially related to data abstraction, fault tolerance, and distributed computing.

Abstract Data Type

Abstract types are intended to be very much like the built-in types provided by a programming language. The user of a built-in type, such as integer or integer array, is only concerned with creating objects of that type and then performing operations on them. He is not (usually) concerned with how the data objects are represented, and he views the operations on the objects as indivisible and atomic when in fact several machine instructions may be required to perform them. In addition, he is not (in general) permitted to decompose the objects. Consider, for example, the built-in type integer. A programmer wants to declare objects of type integer and to perform the usual arithmetic operations on them. He is usually not interested in an integer object as a bit string, and cannot make use of the format of the bits within a computer word. Also, he would like the language to protect him from foolish misuses of types (e.g., adding an integer to a character) either by treating such a thing as an error (strong typing), or by some sort of automatic type conversion.

Abstract Data Type (External View)

External View

- A public opaque data type (that clients will use)
 - Note: opaque means = behaves as a primitive type
- A set of operations on this data type
- Operations must neither reveal, nor allow a client to invalidate the internal representation of the ADT
- pre and post conditions on these operations must be expressed in terms of the abstract type (the only type known to the client)
- This is why ADTs promote reuse, modifiability, and correctness: the developer can change the implementation anytime, without breaking contracts

Abstract Data Type (Internal View)

Internal View

- A representation data type (hidden from clients)
- A set of operations on the representation data type

important remarks

- A programmer must define the operations in such a way that the representation state (invisible to clients) is kept consistent with the intended abstract state
- Pre-conditions on the public operations, expressed on the abstract state, must map into pre-conditions expressed in terms of the representation state
- The same for post-conditions
- At all times the concrete state must represent a well defined abstract state (otherwise something is wrong!)

Example (Positive Set ADT)

```
class PSet {
// an abstract PSet aset
    method new(sz:int) {...}
    // initializes aset ( e.g., Java constructor )
    method add(v:int) {...}
    // adds v to aset if space available )
    function size() : int {...}
    // returns number of elems in aset
    function contains(v:int) : bool {...}
    // returns number of elems equal to v in aset
    function maxsize() : int {...}
    // returns max number of elems allowed in aset
```

Technical ingredients in ADT design

• The abstract state

- defines how client code sees the object

The representation type

 chosen by the programmer to implement the ADT internals. The programmer is free to choose the implementation strategy (datastructures, algorithms). This is done at construction time.

• The concrete state

- in general, not all representation states are legal concrete states
- a concrete state is a representation state that really represents some well-defined abstract state

Technical ingredients in ADT design

The representation invariant

- the representation invariant is a condition that restricts the representation type to the set of (safe) concrete states
- if the ADT representation falls outside the rep invariant, something is wrong (inconsistent representation state).

The abstraction function

maps every concrete state into some abstract state

The operation pre- and post- conditions

- expressed for the representation type
- also expressed for the abstract type (for client code)

Bank Account ADT

- Abstract State
 - the account balance (bal)
 - bal is of type int subject to the constraint (bal >= 0)

Bank Account ADT

- Representation type
 - an integer bal
 - in this simple case the representation type is the same as the abstract type
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- Representation invariant
 - -(bal >= 0)
 - this time, pretty simple

```
class Account {
    var bal: int;

    function RepInv():bool
    // specifies the representation invariant
        reads this;
    {
        bal >= 0
     }
    ...
}
```

```
class Account {
    var bal: int;
    function RepInv():bool
    // specifies the representation invariant
      reads this ;
      bal >= 0
    method Init()
        modifies this;
        ensures RepInv()
    { bal := 0; }
```

```
class Account {
    var bal: int;
    // All operations must require the representation invariant
    // All operations must ensure the representation invariant
    method deposit(v:int)
        modifies this;
        requires RepInv() && v >= 0
        ensures RepInv()
    { bal := bal + v; }
    method withdraw(v:int)
        modifies this;
        requires RepInv() && v >= 0
        ensures RepInv()
    { if (bal>=v) { bal := bal - v; } }
```

```
class Account {
    var bal: int;
   function getBal():int
        reads this
    { bal }
    method withdraw(v:int)
        modifies this;
        requires RepInv() && 0 <= v <= getBal()</pre>
        ensures RepInv()
    { bal := bal - v; }
```

```
class ASet {
// an abstract Set aset
    method new(sz:int) {}
    // initializes aset ( e.g., Java constructor )
    method add(v:int) {}
    // adds v to aset if space available )
    function size() : int
    // returns number of elems in aset
    function contains(v:int) : bool
    // check if v belongs to set
    function maxsize() : int
    // returns max number of elems allowed in aset
```

- Abstract State
 - a set of positive integers aset

- Representation type
 - an array of integers **store** with sufficient large size
 - an integer nelems counting the elements in **store**

- Representation type
 - an array of distinct integers store
 - an integer nelems counting the elements in store
- Representation invariant

```
(store != null) &&

(0 <= nelems <= store.length) &&

forall k :: (0<=k<nelements) ==> forall j::(k<j<nelements) ==> b[k] != b[j]
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```

Abstraction mapping

```
- <nelems=n, store=[v_0,v_1,...v_{store.Length-1}]> → {v_0,...,v_{n-1}}
```

more later

```
class ASet {
  var a:array<int>;
  var size:int;

constructor(SIZE:int)
  requires SIZE > 0;
  ensures RepInv()
  {
    a := new int[SIZE];
    size := 0;
}
```

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  var size:int;
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    ensures RepInv()
    a := new int[SIZE];
    size := 0;
  function RepInv():bool
    reads this, a;
```

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```
class ASet {
  var a:array<int>;
  var size:int;
  function RepInv():bool
    reads this, a;
    a!=null &&
    0 < a.Length &&
    0 <= size <= a.Length &&</pre>
    unique(a,0, size)
```

```
class ASet {
  var a:array<int>;
  var size:int;

...
  function unique(b:array<int>, l:int, h:int):bool
  reads b;
  requires b != null && 0<=l <= h <= b.Length;
  {
    forall k::(l<=k<h) ==> forall j::(k<j<h) ==> b[k] != b[j]
}
```

```
class ASet {
 var a:array<int>;
 var size:int;
  function count():int
  reads this, a;
  requires RepInv();
  { size }
  function maxsize():int
  reads this, a;
  requires RepInv();
  { a.Length }
 method add(x:int)
 modifies this,a;
  requires RepInv() && x \ge 0 && count() < maxsize();
  ensures RepInv()
    var f:int := find(x);
    if (f < 0) {</pre>
      a[size] := x;
      size := size + 1;
```

```
class ASet {
  var a:array<int>;
  var size:int;
  method find(x:int) returns (r:int)
  requires RepInv();
  ensures -1 <= r < size;</pre>
  ensures r < 0 ==> forall j::(0<=j<size) ==> x != a[j];
  ensures r >=0 ==> a[r] == x;
    var i:int := 0;
    while (i<size)</pre>
    decreases size-i
    invariant 0<=i<=size;</pre>
    invariant forall j::(0 <= j < i) ==> x != a[j];
      if (a[i]==x) { return i; }
      i := i + 1;
    return -1;
```

```
class ASet {
  var a:array<int>;
  var size:int;
  method contains(v:int) returns (f:bool)
  requires RepInv();
  ensures f <==> exists j::(0<=j<size) && v == a[j];</pre>
  ensures RepInv();
    var p:int := find(v);
    f := (p >= 0);
```

Soundness and Abstraction Map

- We have learned how to express the representation invariant and make sure that no unsound states are ever reached
- We have informally argued that the representation state in every case represents the right abstract state, but how to make sure?
- We next see how the correspondence between the representation state and the abstract state can be explicitly expressed in Dafny using ghost variables, specification operations, and abstraction map soundness check.