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1.

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1 method Abs(x : int) returns (y : int)
2   ensures 0 <= y;
3   ensures 0 <= x ==> y == x;
4   ensures x < 0 ==> y == -x;
5 {
6   if (x < 0)
7     {y := -x;} s1,
8   else
9     {y := x;} s2
10 }
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The post-state,  $R$ , is  $\{ (0 \leq x \Rightarrow y = x) \ \&\& \ (x < 0 \Rightarrow y = -x) \ \&\& \ (0 \leq y) \}$  (conjunction of ensures clauses)

Using the rule for weakest precondition of an if-else:

$$wp(\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2, R) = [c \wedge wp(s_1, R)] \vee [\neg c \wedge wp(s_2, R)]$$

True Branch:

$$\begin{aligned} [c \wedge wp(s_1, R)] &= x < 0 \wedge wp(y := -x, 0 \leq x \Rightarrow y = x \ \&\& \ x < 0 \Rightarrow y = -x \ \&\& \ 0 \leq y) \\ &= x < 0 \wedge (0 \leq x \Rightarrow -x = x) \ \&\& \ (x < 0 \Rightarrow -x = -x) \ \&\& \ (0 \leq -x) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow y \leftarrow -x \\ \text{by assignment rule} \end{array}$$

False Branch:

$$\begin{aligned} [\neg c \wedge wp(s_2, R)] &= x \geq 0 \wedge wp(y := x, 0 \leq x \Rightarrow y = x \ \&\& \ x < 0 \Rightarrow y = -x \ \&\& \ 0 \leq y) \\ &= x \geq 0 \wedge (0 \leq x \Rightarrow x = x) \ \&\& \ (x < 0 \Rightarrow x = -x) \ \&\& \ (0 \leq x) \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow y \leftarrow x \\ \text{by assignment rule} \end{array}$$

So now our overall weakest precondition is

$$\begin{aligned} &x < 0 \wedge (0 \leq x \Rightarrow -x = x) \ \&\& \ (x < 0 \Rightarrow -x = -x) \ \&\& \ (0 \leq -x) \vee \\ &x \geq 0 \wedge (0 \leq x \Rightarrow x = x) \ \&\& \ (x < 0 \Rightarrow x = -x) \ \&\& \ (0 \leq x) \end{aligned}$$

which from a quick inspection reduces to True.

Since no requires clause is declared, the pre-state is True. So, we must show that

$\text{True} \Rightarrow \text{True}$  is a tautology. This is so simply by definition of an implication.

2.

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1 method Q2(x : int, y : int) returns (big : int, small : int)
2   ensures big > small; R
3 {
4   if (x > y) c
5     {big, small := x, y;} s1
6   else
7     {big, small := y, x;} s2
8 }

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$$wp(\text{if } c \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2, R) = [c \wedge wp(s_1, R)] \vee [\neg c \wedge wp(s_2, R)]$$

True Branch:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [c \wedge wp(s_1, R)] &= (x > y) \wedge wp(s_1, \text{big} > \text{small}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{big} \leftarrow x \\ \text{small} \leftarrow y \end{array} \\
 &= x > y \wedge x > y \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{logical simplification} \\ \text{(redundancy)} \end{array} \\
 &= x > y
 \end{aligned}$$

False branch

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\neg c \wedge wp(s_2, R)] &= (x \leq y) \wedge wp(s_2, \text{big} > \text{small}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{small} \leftarrow x \\ \text{big} \leftarrow y \end{array} \\
 &= (x \leq y) \wedge (y > x) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{logical simplification} \\ \text{(both sides are true precisely when } x < y) \end{array} \\
 &= x < y
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting these together,

$$wp(Q2, R) = (x > y) \vee (x < y)$$

A. So we need a precondition  $Q$ , for which  $Q \Rightarrow (x > y) \vee (y > x)$  is a tautology.

In its current form there is no requires clause so the precondition is simply True. This doesn't satisfy the tautology; consider the counterexample  $x == y$ .

Consider imposing the precondition "requires  $x \neq y$ "

B. To prove this is a sufficient precondition, we can show that

$$x \neq y \Rightarrow ((x > y) \vee (y > x)) \text{ is a tautology.}$$

When the left side is true, the right side is always true, so this program holds.