

# CS4004/CS4504: FORMAL VERIFICATION

## Lectures 14: Hoare Logic

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→ Swap without temp:

$$\{(x = x_0) \wedge (y = y_0)\} x := y - x; y := y - x; x := x + y \{(x := y_0) \wedge (y = x_0)\}$$

$$\rightarrow \{T\} \text{ if } x < 2 \text{ then } x := 2 \text{ else } x := x \{x \geq 2\}$$

$$\frac{}{\{G[E/x]\} x := E \{G\}} \text{ASG} \qquad \frac{\{F \wedge B\} C_1 \{G\} \quad \{F \wedge \neg B\} C_2 \{G\}}{\{F\} \text{ if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 \{G\}} \text{COND}$$

$$\frac{\{F\} C_1 \{\eta\} \quad \{\eta\} C_2 \{G\}}{\{F\} C_1; C_2 \{G\}} \text{COMP} \qquad \frac{\vdash_{\text{AR}} F' \rightarrow F \quad \{F\} C \{G\} \quad \vdash_{\text{AR}} G \rightarrow G'}{\{F'\} C \{G'\}} \text{IMPL}$$

Because of the rule for sequencing commands:

$$\frac{\langle\langle F \rangle\rangle C_1 \langle\langle \eta \rangle\rangle \quad \langle\langle \eta \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle}{\langle\langle F \rangle\rangle C_1; C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle} \text{COMP}$$

we often have to “invent” precondition  $\eta$  such that:

$$\langle\langle \eta ??? \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle F \rangle\rangle$$

We need to find the **weakest precondition**  $\eta$ .

### Definition

$\eta_1$  weaker than  $\eta_2$  whenever  $\vdash_{\text{AR}} \eta_2 \rightarrow \eta_1$ .

- it is harder to prove  $\langle\langle \eta_1 \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle$  than it is to prove  $\langle\langle \eta_2 \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle$ 
  - we assume a weaker property for the starting state of  $C_2$
  - **Theorem:** if  $\langle\langle \eta_1 \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle$  then it follows  $\langle\langle \eta_2 \rangle\rangle C_2 \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle$  (by IMPL)
- but it is easier to prove  $\langle\langle F \rangle\rangle C_1 \langle\langle \eta_1 \rangle\rangle$  than  $\langle\langle F \rangle\rangle C_1 \langle\langle \eta_2 \rangle\rangle$ 
  - we need to prove a weaker property for the ending state of  $C_1$

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 set  $\eta = G[E/x]$

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 find weakest precondition  $\langle \eta_1? \rangle C_2 \langle G \rangle$   
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- **Conditional:**  $\langle \eta? \rangle \text{ if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 \langle G \rangle$   
 find weakest precondition  $\langle \eta_1? \rangle C_1 \langle G \rangle$   
 find weakest precondition  $\langle \eta_2? \rangle C_2 \langle G \rangle$   
 set  $\eta = (B \rightarrow \eta_1) \wedge (\neg B \rightarrow \eta_2)$

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For some program  $C$ , to prove

$$\langle \langle F \rangle \rangle C \langle \langle G \rangle \rangle$$

→ find the weakest precondition  $\eta$  from  $C$  and  $G$

$$\langle \langle \eta \rangle \rangle C \langle \langle G \rangle \rangle$$

→ prove

$$\vdash_{\text{AR}} F \rightarrow \eta$$



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# LOOPS

## PROOF RULE: WHILE (PARTIAL CORRECTNESS)

$$\frac{\langle\langle G \wedge B \rangle\rangle C \langle\langle G \rangle\rangle}{\langle\langle G \rangle\rangle \text{ while } B \{C\} \langle\langle G \wedge \neg B \rangle\rangle} \text{ WHILE}$$

We have to solve a recursive equation: we need a  $G$  that holds **before** and **after**  $C$ , and therefore before and after the entire while loop.

$G$  is the **invariant of the loop**.

→  $G$  holds before and after every iteration of the loop.

$G$  usually has to be **imagined** (requires intuition).

## EXAMPLE

Prove that  $\vdash_{\text{par}} \langle x > 0 \rangle \text{Fact1 } \langle y = x! \rangle$  when Fact1 is the program:

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y := 1;
z := 0;
while (z != x) {
  z := z + 1;
  y := y * z;
}

```

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 \\
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 \end{array}$$

## SOLUTION (FACT1)

$\langle x > 0 \rangle$	
$\langle T \rangle$	implied
$\langle 1 = 0! \rangle$	implied
$y := 1;$	
$\langle y = 0! \rangle$	ASG
$z := 0;$	
$\langle y = z! \rangle$	ASG
while( $z \neq x$ ){	
$\langle (y = z!) \wedge (z \neq x) \rangle$	WHILE
$\langle y * (z + 1) = z! * (z + 1) \rangle$	implied
$\langle y * (z + 1) = (z + 1)! \rangle$	implied
$z := z + 1;$	
$\langle y * z = z! \rangle$	ASG
$y := y * z;$	
$\langle y = z! \rangle$	ASG
}	
$\langle (y = z!) \wedge \neg(x \neq z) \rangle$	WHILE
$\langle y = x! \rangle$	implied

## EXAMPLE

Prove that  $\vdash_{\text{par}} ((x = x_0) \wedge (x \geq 0)) \text{ Fact2 } ((y = x_0!))$  when Fact2 is the program:

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y := 1;
while (x != 0) {
  y := y * x;
  x := x - 1;
}

```

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{((G[E/x])) x := E ((G))} \text{ASG} \qquad \frac{((F \wedge B)) C_1 ((G)) \quad ((F \wedge \neg B)) C_2 ((G))}{((F)) \text{ if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 ((G))} \text{COND} \\
 \\
 \frac{((F)) C_1 ((\eta)) \quad ((\eta)) C_2 ((G))}{((F)) C_1; C_2 ((G))} \text{COMP} \qquad \frac{\vdash_{\text{AR}} F' \rightarrow F \quad ((F)) C ((G)) \quad \vdash_{\text{AR}} G \rightarrow G'}{((F')) C ((G'))} \text{IMPL} \\
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