

# Contracts

# So far

- C0 function mystery
- Function contracts
  - `@requires` (pre-condition)
  - `@ensures` (post-condition)
  - `@loop_invariant`

# Today

- **Correctness:** showing that function meets post- conditions when inputs meet pre-conditions
- Safe function call: showing preconditions are met
- Loop invariants: abstracting the workings of a loop
- Example proof of correctness using logical reasoning

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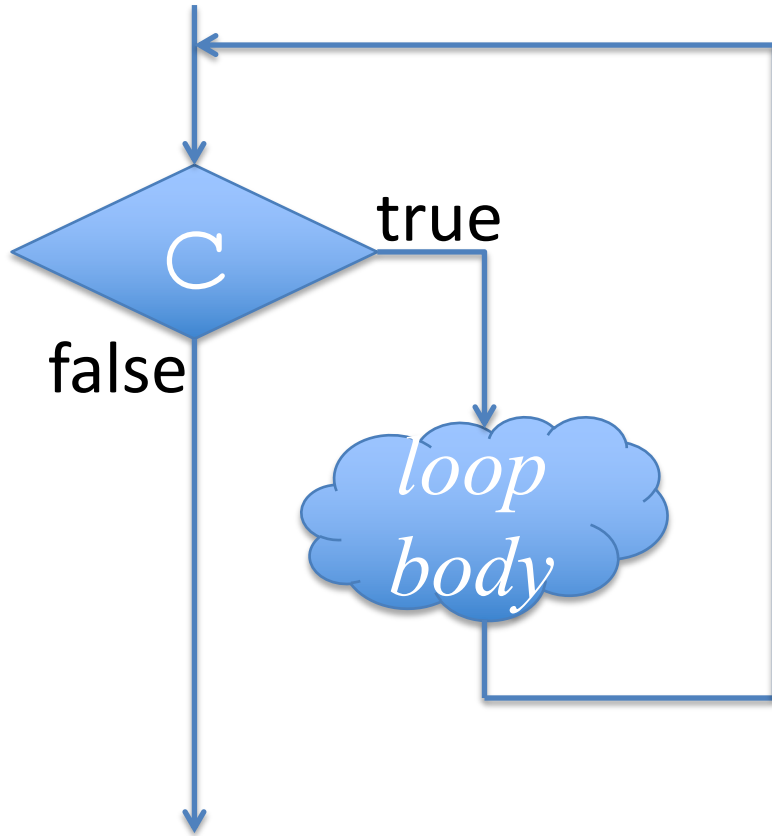
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//@requires y >= 0;
//@ensures POW(x, y) == \result;
{
    int b = x; /* Line 11 */
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    int r = 1; /* Line 13 */
    while (e > 1) /* Line 14 */
        //@loop_invariant e >= 0; /* Line 23 */
        //@loop_invariant POW(b, e) * r == POW(x, y);
        {
            if (e % 2 == 1)    { /* Line 18 */
                r = b * r;    /* Line 19 */
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            e = e / 2;    /* Line 22 */
        }
    return r * b;
}

```

Using contracts

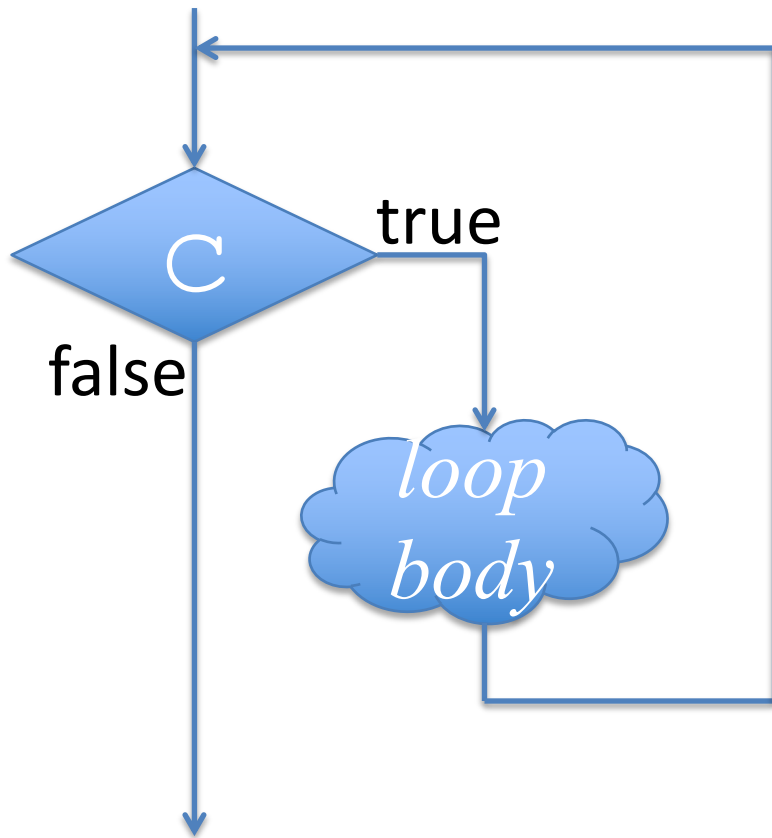
# **PROVING THE FUNCTION CORRECT**

```
while (C) {  
    loop body  
}
```



C stands for loop condition (guard)

```
int f (int x, int y)  
{  
    int b = x;  
    int e = y;  
    int r = 1;  
    while (e > 1)  
    {  
        if (e % 2 == 1) {  
            r = b * r;  
        }  
        b = b * b;  
        e = e / 2;  
    }  
    return r * b;  
}
```



C stands for loop condition (guard)

```
while (C)
  //@loop_invariant LI;

{
  loop body
}

int f (int x, int y)
{
  int b = x;
  int e = y;
  int r = 1;

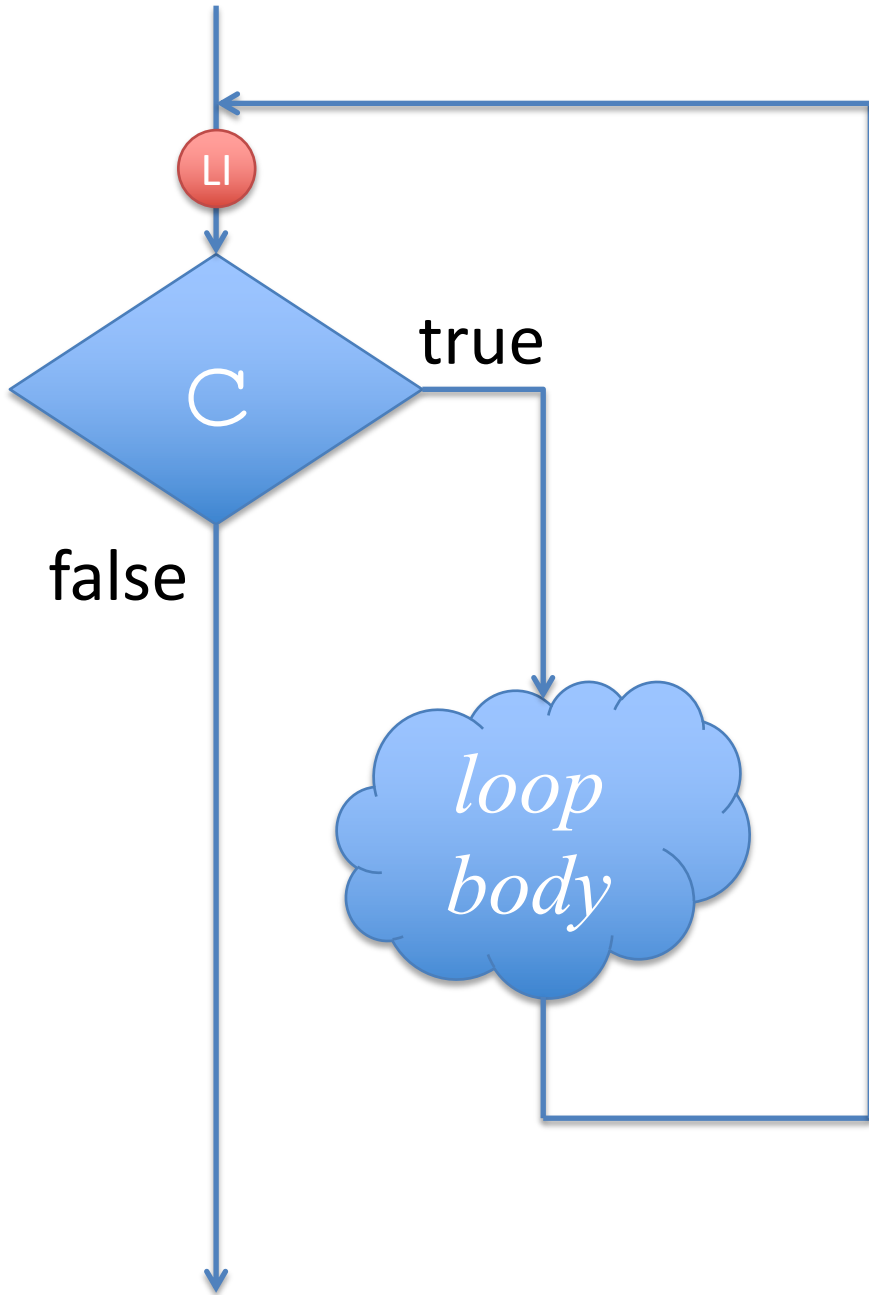
  while (e > 1)
  {
    //@loop_invariant e >= 0;
    //@loop_invariant ...
    {
      if (e % 2 == 1) {
        r = b * r;
      }
      b = b * b;
      e = e / 2;
    }
  }
  return r * b;
}
```

# Loop Invariant

A boolean condition that is checked *immediately before every evaluation of the loop guard*.







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//@loop_invariant LI;  
{  
    loop body  
}
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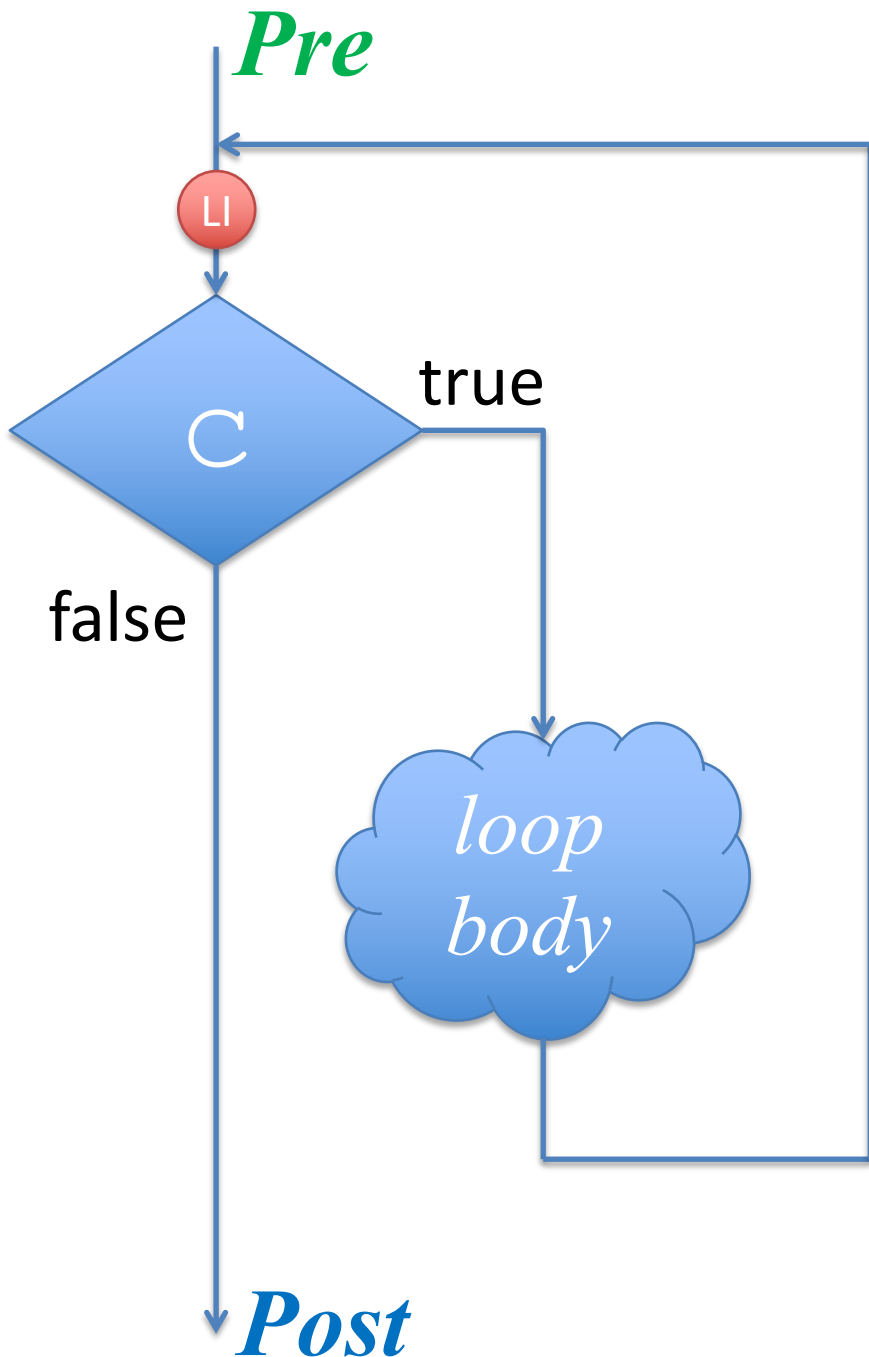
# Loop Invariant

A boolean condition that is checked *immediately before every evaluation of the loop guard*.

- It is **true** even if the loop runs 0 times (i.e., is skipped)
- It is **true** immediately before each evaluation of the loop guard, including the last evaluation if the loop terminates
- It is **true** immediately after the loop terminates, if the loop terminates

# Proving the Correctness of a function with one loop

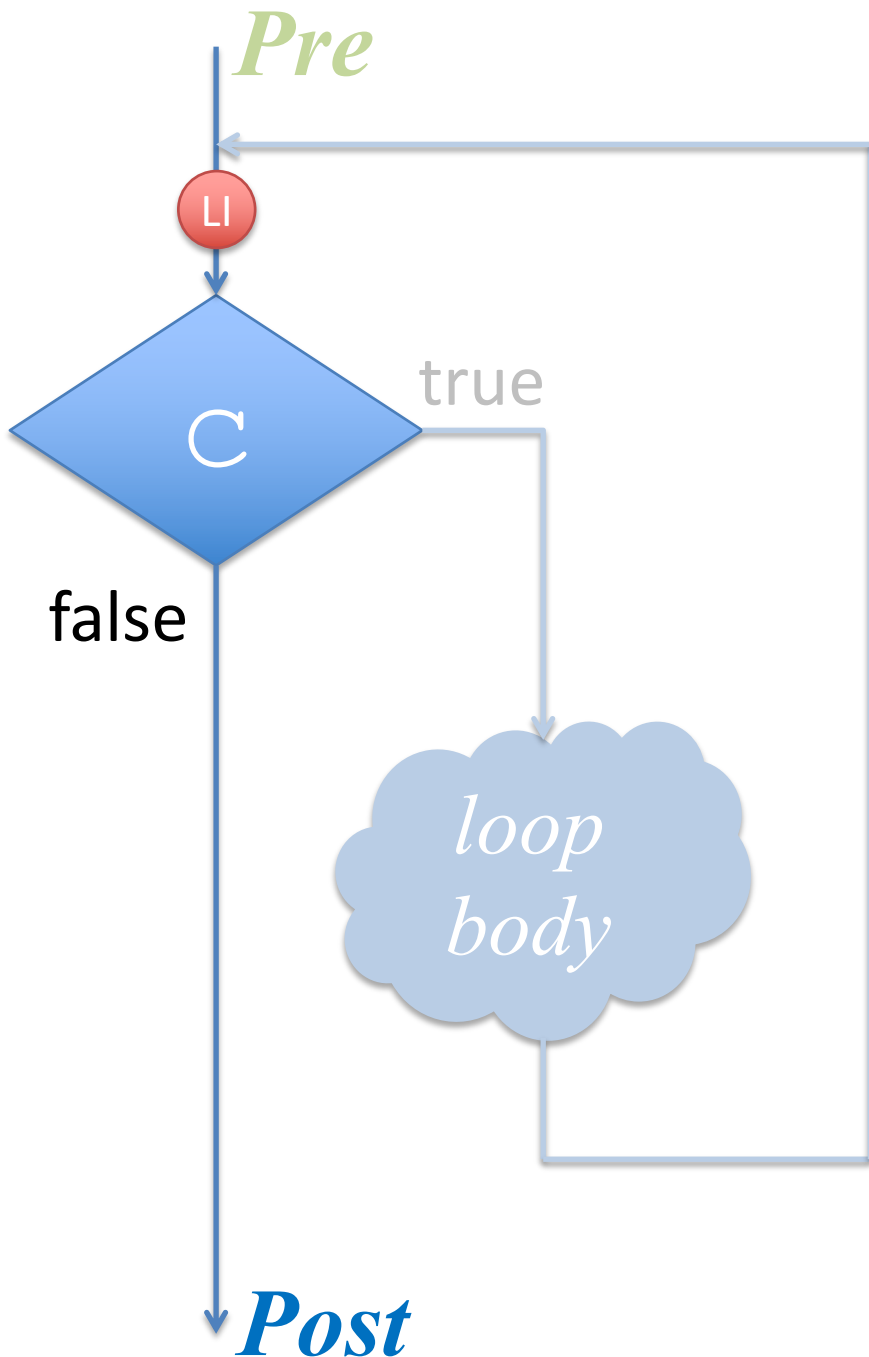
Correctness: if **preconditions** hold,  
then **postconditions** must hold



```
//@requires Pre;  
//@ensures Post;
```

...

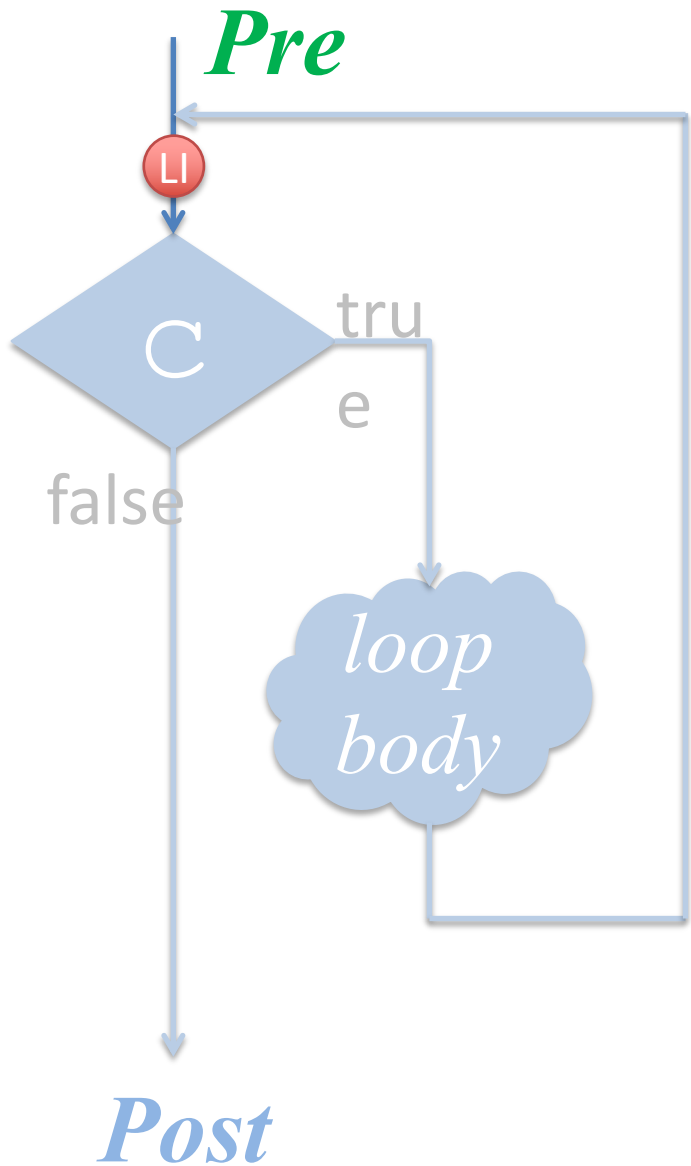
```
while (C)  
  //@loop_invariant LI;  
  {  
    loop body  
  }
```



## EXIT

*If loop invariant is valid,  
show that:  
the logical conjunction  
of the loop invariant **LI**  
and the negation of the  
loop guard **C** implies the  
desired postcondition  
**Post**.*

$$\mathbf{LI} \wedge \sim \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Post}$$

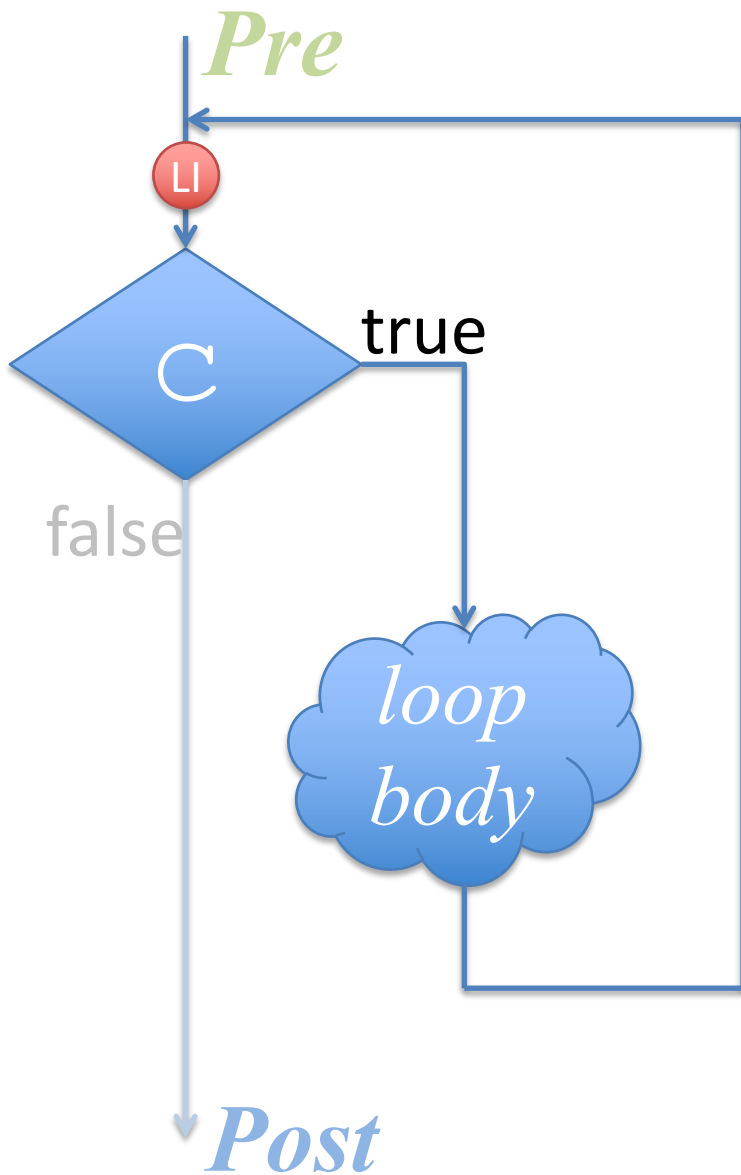


Showing *LI* valid – 1

## INIT

Show that the loop invariant *LI* is true immediately before the first evaluation of the loop guard *C*.

```
int f (int x, int y)
//@requires y >= 0;
//@ensures POW(x, y) == \result;
{
    int b = x; /* Line 11 */
    int e = y; /* Line 12 */
    int r = 1; /* Line 13 */
    while (e > 1) /* Line 14 */
    //@loop_invariant e >= 0; /* Line 15 */
    //@loop_invariant POW(b, e) * r == POW(x, y);
    {
        if (e % 2 == 1) { /* Line 18 */
            r = b * r; /* Line 19 */
        }
        b = b * b; /* Line 21 */
        e = e / 2; /* Line 22 */
    }
    return r * b;
}
```



Showing **LI** valid – 2

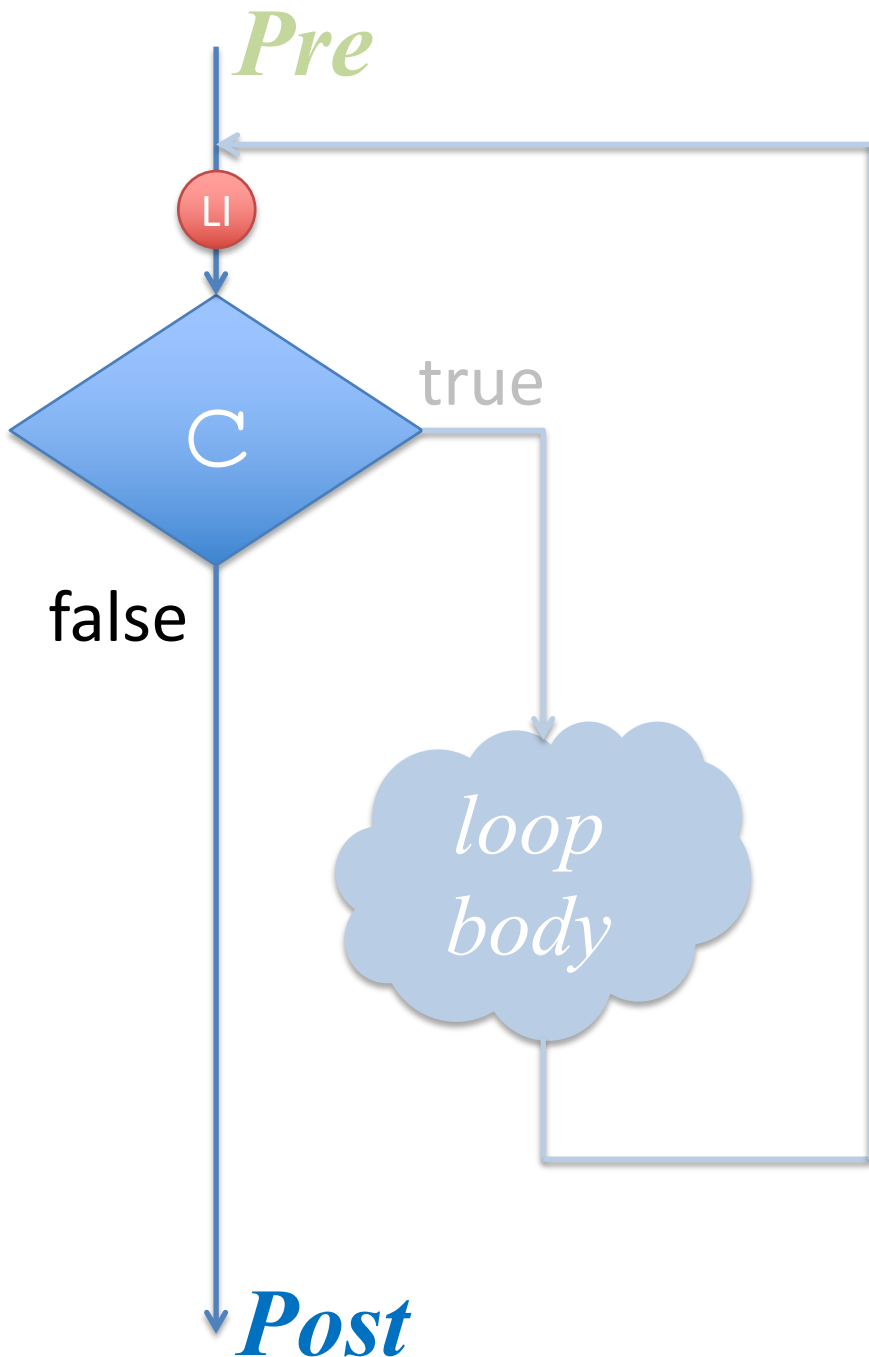
## PRESERVATION

Show that:

*if* the loop invariant **LI** is true immediately before the evaluation of the loop guard **C**,  
*then* **LI** is true immediately before the next evaluation of the loop guard **C**.

```

int f (int x, int y)
//@requires y >= 0;
//@ensures POW(x, y) == \result;
{
    int b = x; /* Line 11 */
    int e = y; /* Line 12 */
    int r = 1; /* Line 13 */
    while (e > 1) /* Line 14 */
    //@loop_invariant e >= 0; /* Line 15 */
    //@loop_invariant POW(b, e) * r == POW(x, y);
    {
        if (e % 2 == 1) { /* Line 18 */
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        }
        b = b * b; /* Line 21 */
        e = e / 2; /* Line 22 */
    }
    return r * b;
}
  
```



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**Post**.*

$$\mathbf{LI} \wedge \sim \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Post}$$

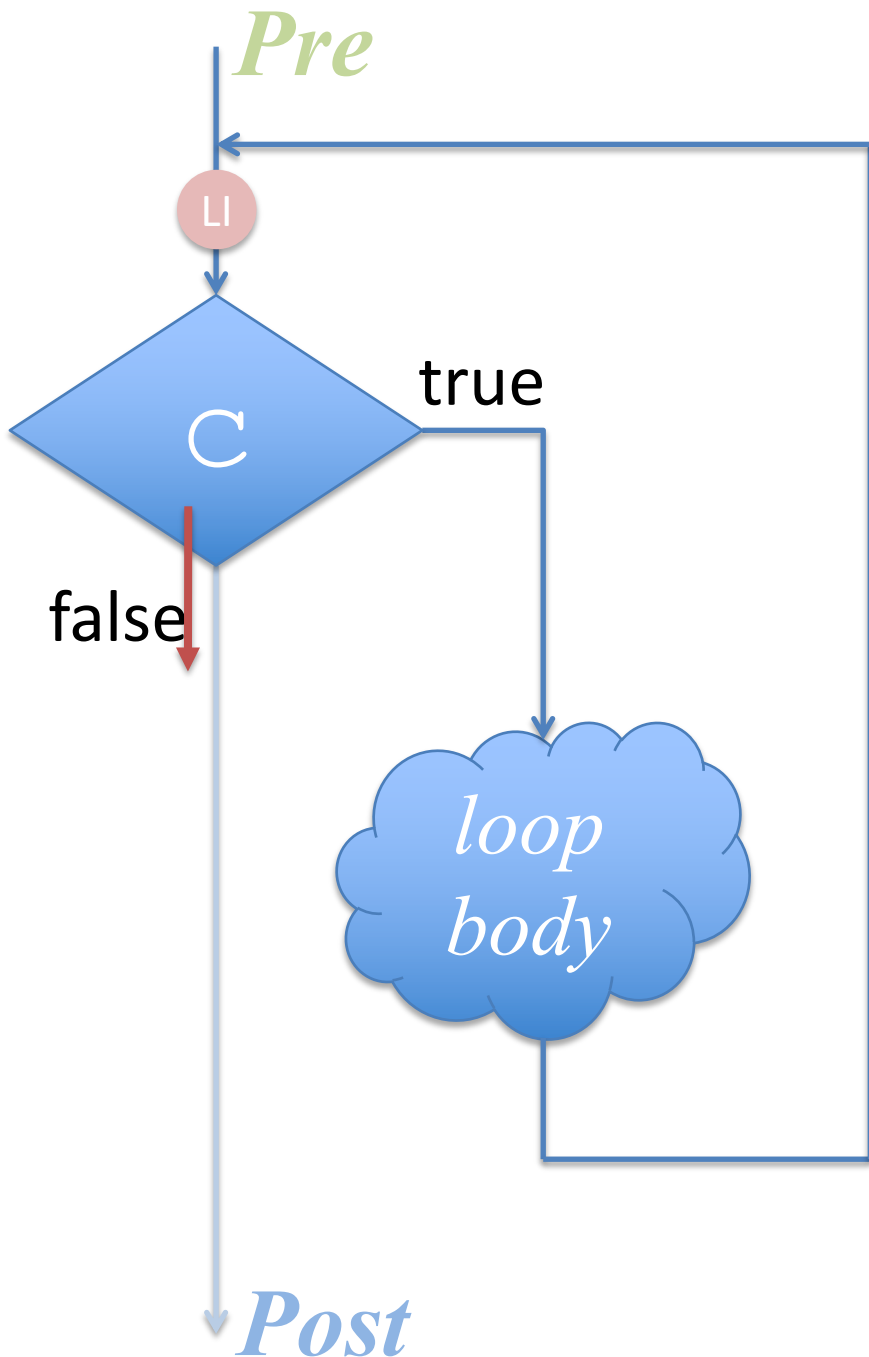


# Bug fixed

```
int f (int x, int y)
//@requires y >= 0;
//@ensures POW(x, y) == \result;
{
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        {
            if (e % 2 == 1)    { /* Line 18 */
                r = b * r;    /* Line 19 */
            }
            b = b * b;    /* Line 21 */
            e = e / 2;    /* Line 22 */
        }
    return r;
}
```

# With a fact asserted

```
int f (int x, int y)
//@requires y >= 0;
//@ensures POW(x, y) == \result;
{
    int b = x; /* Line 11 */
    int e = y; /* Line 12 */
    int r = 1; /* Line 13 */
    while (e > 0) /* Line 14 */
    //@loop_invariant e >= 0; /* Line 15 */
    //@loop_invariant POW(b, e) * r == POW(x, y);
    {
        if (e % 2 == 1)    { /* Line 17*/
            r = b * r;    /* Line 18 */
        }
        b = b * b;    /* Line 21 */
        e = e / 2;    /* Line 22 */
    }
    //@assert e == 0;
    return r;
}
```



## TERMINATION

Show that the loop will always terminate (i.e., that **C** must eventually be false)

# Correctness of a function with one loop

- Show that ***LI*** is valid
  - **INIT**: ***LI*** holds initially
  - **PRES**: ***LI*** is preserved by an arbitrary iteration
- **EXIT**: ***LI***  $\wedge \sim \textcolor{purple}{C} \rightarrow \textcolor{blue}{Post}$
- **TERM**: loop terminates