



Tema 12

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method between(p: int, r: int) returns (q: int)
  requires r - p > 1 ensures p < q < r {
    q := p + 1;
  }
```

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method Main() {
  var q: int;
  q := between(2, 5);
  print(q);
}
```

1. What does the program do? What is the precondition? What is the postcondition?

[R]: The method `between` takes two integers, p and r , and returns an integer q , such that $p < q < r$. The integer q is set as $q = p + 1$.

Precondition: requires $r - p > 1$

The difference between r and p , the passed arguments of method `between`, should be greater than 1.

Postcondition: ensures $p < q < r$

The returned integer should be greater than p and less than r .

2. What happens if you change the body of the method with $q := p + 2$? Give a counterexample.

[R]: If we change the body with $q := p + 2$, the postcondition will not be fulfilled. For example, if we pass the arguments $p = 2$ and $r = 4$ ($4 - 2 > 1$ ✓), q will be $p + 2 = 2 + 2 = 4$, which doesn't check the postcondition: $2 < 4 < 4$ ($4 < 4$ ✗).

3. What happens if you change the precondition with $r - p \geq 1$? Give a counterexample.

[R]: If we change the precondition from $r - p > 1$ to $r - p \geq 1$, the postcondition will not be checked. For example, if we pass as arguments $p = 2$ and $r = 3$ ($3 - 2 \geq 1$ ✓), the returned integer $q = 2 + 1 = 3$, which doesn't check the postcondition: $2 < 3 < 3$ ($3 < 3$ ✗).