

### Question

Given an integer array  $f[0..N)$ , where  $\{N > 0\}$ . Write a specification and hence derive a solution that will find the largest value in  $f$  and the frequency of its occurrence.

### Step 1 – Program Specification

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[[
    con N: int; {N > 0}
    f: array [0..N) of int;
    var
    freq: int;
    largest: int;

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    {freq = #(largest =  $\forall i : 0 \leq i < N : f.i \geq \text{largest}$ )}
```

### Step 2 - Write down invariants P0 and P1

Replacing  $N$  with  $n$ .

**P0** : {freq = #(largest =  $\forall i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i \geq \text{largest}$ )}

**P1** :  $0 \leq n \leq N$

### Step 3 – Write out an outlier solution

S0;

{P, Bound function  $N-n$ }

do  $n \neq N \rightarrow$

    {P  $\wedge n \neq N$ }

    S1;

    {P}

od

{P  $\wedge n = N$ }

{freq = #(largest =  $\forall i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i \geq \text{largest}$ )}

**Step 4 – Derive S0, variable initialisation.**

Suggest  $n, largest := 1, 0$ ;

$(freq = \#(largest = \forall i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i \geq largest \wedge 0 \leq n \leq N)(n, largest := 1, 0)$

$\equiv$  [Substitution]

$freq = \#(0 = \forall i : 0 \leq i < 1 : f.i \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq 1 \leq N)$

$\equiv$  [Only value that can satisfy range for i is 0, therefore  $i = 0$ ]

$freq = \#(0 = f.0 \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq 1 \leq N)$

$\equiv$  [Exclude the middle, arithmetic]

$true = \#(0 = f.0 \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq 1 \leq N)$

$\equiv$  [Arithmetic on  $f.0$ ]

$true = 0 = true \wedge 0 \leq 1 \leq N$

$\equiv$  [Exclude the middle, Arithmetic]

$true = true = true \wedge 0 \leq 1 \leq N$

$\equiv$  [Constants]

$1 \leq N$

$\Leftarrow \{N > 0\}$

**true**

**Therefore S0 ; given by,**

$freq := 0$ ;

$largest := 0$ ;

$n := 1$ ;

**Step 5 – Derive S1; loop body**

Suggest  $n := n + 1$

$(0 \leq n \leq N)(n := n + 1)$

$\equiv$  [Substitution]

$freq = \#(largest = \forall i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i \geq largest)$

$\equiv$  [Split off  $i = n$ ]

$freq = \#(largest = \forall i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i \geq largest) + \#(f.n \geq largest)$

$\equiv$  [ $\Leftarrow P$ ]

$freq = freq + \#(f.n \geq largest)$

≡ [Case Analysis]

*$freq := freq + 1, \text{ if } f.n \geq largest$*

*$freq := freq + 0, \text{ if } f.n < largest$*

≡ [Case Analysis]

[if...fi]

### Logic behind case analysis

≡ [if..fi]

if  $f.n \geq largest \rightarrow$

$freq := freq + 1$

$largest := f.n$

[]  $f.n < largest \rightarrow$

    Skip;

fi

**Therefore S1; becomes**

if  $f.n \geq largest \rightarrow$

$freq := freq + 1$

$largest = f.n$

[]  $f.n < largest \rightarrow$

    Skip;

fi

$n : n + 1$

### **Step 6 – Prove termination**

#### Initialisation

$(N - n \geq 0) \ (n := 1)$

≡ [Substitute]

$N - 1 \geq 0$

≡ [Arithmetic]

$N \geq 1$

$\Leftarrow \{\text{Given } N > 0\}$

#### Loop Body

$(N - n) \ (n := n + 1)$

≡ [Substitute]

$N - (0 + 1)$

≡ [Arithmetic]

$N - n - 1$

$<$

**N - n**

**Therefore Decreasing**

## Step 6 - Complete Solution

```
[[ Con N : int; {N > 0}
  f: array [0..N) of int;

  var
    freq, n, largest : int;
    freq, n, largest := 0, 1, 0;
  do n ≠ N →
    if f.n ≥ largest →
      freq := freq + 1;
      largest := f.n;
    [] f.n < largest →
      Skip;
    fi
    n := n + 1;
  od
  {freq = #(largest = ∀i : 0 ≤ i < N : f.i ≥ largest)}
]]
```