

Question

Derive a solution for the following program specification:

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

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    {freq = #i : 0 ≤ i < N : f.i = 'A'}
]]
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Step 1 – Write down an invariants P0 and P1.

Replacing N with n.

P0 : $\text{freq} = \#i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i = 'A'$

P1 : $0 \leq n \leq N$

Step 2 – 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 = #i : $0 \leq i < N : f.i = 'A'$ }

Step 3 – Derive S0, variable initialisation.

Suggest $n := 0$;

$(P0 \wedge P1)(n := 0)$

\equiv [Substitution]

$\text{freq} = \#i : 0 \leq i < 0 : f.i = 'A' \wedge 0 \leq 0 \leq N$

\equiv [Contradiction]

$\text{freq} = \#i : \text{false} : f.i = 'A' \wedge 0 \leq 0 \leq N$

\equiv [# Over empty range]

$\text{freq} = 0 \wedge 0 \leq 0 \leq N$

\equiv [Exclude the middle, Constants]

$\text{freq} = 0$

Therefore S0 ; given by,

$\text{freq} := 0$;

$n := 0$;

Step 4 – Derive S1; loop body

Suggest $n := n + 1$

$(P0)(n := n + 1)$

\equiv [Substitution]

$\text{freq} = \#i : 0 \leq i < n + 1 : f.i = 'A'$

\equiv [Split off $i = n$]

$\text{freq} = (\#i : 0 \leq i < n : f.i = 'A') + \#(f.n = 'A')$

\equiv [$\Leftarrow P$]

$\text{freq} = \text{freq} + \#(f.n = 'A')$

\equiv [Case Analysis]

$\text{freq} := \text{freq} + 1, \text{ if } f.n = 'A'$

$\text{freq} := \text{freq} + 0, \text{ if } f.n \neq 'A'$

Logic behind case analysis

\equiv [if..fi]

if $f.n = 'A' \rightarrow$

$\text{freq} := \text{freq} + 1$

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[] f.n ≠ 'A' →
    Skip;
fi

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Therefore S1; becomes

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if f.n = 'A' →
    freq := freq + 1
[] f.n ≠ 'A' →
    Skip;
fi
n : n + 1

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Step 5 – Prove termination

Initialisation

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

\equiv [Substitute]

$N - 0 \geq 0$

\equiv [Arithmetic]

$N \geq 0$

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

Loop Body

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

\equiv [Substitute]

$N - (0 + 1)$

\equiv [Arithmetic]

$N - n - 1$

$<$

N - n

Therefore Decreasing

Step 6 - Complete Solution

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[[ Con N : int; {N ≥ 0}
    f: array [0..N) of char;
    var
        freq, n : int;
        freq, n := 0, 0;
    do n ≠ N →
        if f.n = 'A' →
            freq := freq + 1;
        [] f.n ≠ 'A' →
            Skip;

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        fi
    od
    {freq = #i : 0 ≤ i < N : f.i = 'A'}
}]
```