

Syntactic Substitution, Forward Assignment, & sp

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Solution

For Problems 1 – 4, $p \equiv x - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z$.

1. $p[y + z / x]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (x - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z)[y + z / x] \\ &\equiv (y + z) - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z \end{aligned}$$

2. $p[a - y / y]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (x - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z)[a - y / y] \\ &\equiv x - (a - y) < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * (a - y) \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z \end{aligned}$$

3. $p[a * y / a]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (x - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z)[a * y / a] \\ &\equiv x - y < f(a * y) \vee \forall x. x \geq (a * y) * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > (a * y) + y * z \end{aligned}$$

4. $p[x \div y / a][y - z / x]$. First, let's do the initial substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} &p[x \div y / a] \\ &\equiv (x - y < f(a) \vee \forall x. x \geq a * y \rightarrow \exists y. f(x - y) > a + y * z)[x \div y / a] \\ &\equiv x - y < f(x \div y) \vee \forall u. u \geq (x \div y) * y \rightarrow \exists v. f(u - v) > (x \div y) + v * z \\ &\quad \text{(after renaming } x \text{ to } u \text{ and } y \text{ to } v) \end{aligned}$$

Then we can do the second substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} &p[x \div y / a][y - z / x] \\ &\equiv (x - y < f(x \div y) \vee \forall u. u \geq (x \div y) * y \rightarrow \exists v. f(u - v) > (x \div y) + v * z)[y - z / x] \\ &\equiv (y - z) - y < f((y - z) \div y) \vee \forall u. u \geq ((y - z) \div y) * y \rightarrow \exists v. f(u - v) > ((y - z) \div y) + v * z \end{aligned}$$

5. (Find an S such that $\models \{T\} S \{sp(T, S)\}$ but $\not\models_{\text{tot}} \{T\} S \{sp(T, S)\}$)

For any σ , we know $M(S, \sigma) \perp \models sp(T, S)$ for partial correctness. For lack of total correctness, we must have $\perp \in M(S, \sigma)$ to get $M(S, \sigma) \not\models sp(T, S)$. So we need an S that always fails to converge. Examples are $x := 1/0$ and **while true do skip od**.

6. (Calculate an sp of two assignments)

We want to calculate $sp(p, S_1; S_2) \equiv sp(sp(p, S_1), S_2)$ where $p \equiv x < y \wedge x + y \leq n$, $S_1 \equiv x := f(x + y)$, and $S_2 \equiv y := g(x * y)$. First,

$$sp(p, S_1) \equiv sp(x < y \wedge x + y \leq n, x := f(x + y)) \equiv x_0 < y \wedge x_0 + y \leq n \wedge x = f(x_0 + y)$$

Then $sp(sp(p, S_1), S_2)$ is $sp(x_0 < y \wedge x_0 + y \leq n \wedge x = f(x_0 + y), y := g(x * y))$
 $\equiv x_0 < y_0 \wedge x_0 + y_0 \leq n \wedge x = f(x_0 + y_0) \wedge y = g(x * y_0)$.

7. $sp(x < x * k, x := x/2) \equiv x_0 < x_0 * k \wedge x = x_0/2$.

Simplifying, $x_0 < x_0 * k \Leftrightarrow (x_0/2) < (x_0/2) * k \Leftrightarrow x < x * k$.

8. $wp(x := x/2, x < x * k) \equiv x/2 < x/2 * k$ 9. (sp and wp of **if-else**) We're given $S \equiv \text{if even}(n) \text{ then } n := n - 1 \text{ fi}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } wp(S, \text{odd}(n)) &\equiv wp(\text{if even}(n) \text{ then } n := n - 1 \text{ else skip fi}, \text{odd}(n)) \\ &\equiv (\text{even}(n) \rightarrow wp(n := n - 1, \text{odd}(n))) \wedge (\text{odd}(n) \rightarrow wp(\text{skip}, \text{odd}(n))) \\ &\equiv (\text{even}(n) \rightarrow \text{odd}(n - 1)) \wedge (\text{odd}(n) \rightarrow \text{odd}(n)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } sp(n = n_0, S) &\equiv sp(n = n_0, \text{if even}(n) \text{ then } n := n - 1 \text{ else skip fi}) \\ &\equiv sp(n = n_0 \wedge \text{even}(n), n := n - 1) \vee sp(n = n_0 \wedge \text{odd}(n), \text{skip}) \\ &\equiv \text{even}(n_0), n = n_0 - 1 \vee (n = n_0 \wedge \text{odd}(n)) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{odd}(n_0) \wedge \text{odd}(n_0) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{odd}(n_0) \end{aligned}$$