

- Consider again the example of adding a list of numbers (a_1, \dots, a_n) .

code	Number of Additions	sum
$sum = 0;$	0	0
$sum = sum + a_1$	1	a_1
$sum = sum + a_2$	2	$a_1 + a_2$
$sum = sum + a_3$	3	$a_1 + a_2 + a_3$
$sum = sum + a_4$	4	$a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4$
\dots		
$sum = sum + a_n$	n	$a_1 + \dots + a_n$

- To generalise: After k additions

$$sum = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} a_j$$

- Note here the range of values for j : $1 \leq j \leq k$

- **IMPORTANT:** Need to distinguish between the number of additions here and the value of the loop counter when programming.
- Often the loop counter starts at 0.
- Also: If processing numbers stored in an array, the array indices start at 0 also.
- List of numbers: (a_1, \dots, a_n) . Here the subscripts do not correspond to the array indices.
- Recall: A loop invariant is an assertion (condition) which holds both before and after executing the body of a loop.
- The loop invariant should be a statement about the variables that change within the loop

- From above:

$$a_1 + \dots + a_n = \sum_{j=1}^{j=n} a_j$$

- When the addition finishes

$$sum = \sum_{j=1}^{j=n} a_j$$

(postcondition)

- The invariant: After k additions (where $1 \leq k \leq n$) what will be stored in sum ?

- The invariant:

$$sum = a_1 + \dots + a_k \wedge k \leq n = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} a_j \wedge (k \leq n)$$

- In this example we assume that the list of numbers is not empty.

- Suppose you have a very basic calculator which cannot do multiplication but can do addition. How could you use it to evaluate $3 * 4$?
- $3 * 4 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 3$
- That is, evaluate multiplication as repeated addition.
- Use the variable *result* to store the result of the addition. After adding 0 numbers, $result = 0$
- After adding 1 number $result = ?$
- After adding 2 numbers $result = ?$
- After adding 3 numbers $result = ?$
- After adding k numbers $result = ?$

- Consider constructing a loop where a variable *result* (initially set to 0) is changed at each iteration by adding 3 to it. (And the loop should iterate 4 times to evaluate $3 * 4$)

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int i=0;
int result=0;
while(i<4)
{
    result=result+3; i=i+1;
}
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- The loop follows the following execution:

code	iteration	result
	number(i)	
$result = 0;$	0	0
$result = result + 3$	1	3
$result = result + 3$	2	6
$result = result + 3$	3	9
$result = result + 3$	4	12

- What is the invariant in this instance?

- Show that if the loop condition and the invariant holds at the start of an iteration of the loop then the invariant holds after the loop has executed.

$\{i < 4 \wedge result = 3 * i \wedge i \leq 4\}$ (precondition: loop cond. \wedge invariant)

$result = result + 3; i = i + 1$

$\{result = 3 * i \wedge i \leq 4\}$ (postcondition: invariant)

- This is what you try to show when you apply the while rule for proving the correctness of loops

- Start with the last assignment and substitute its right hand side into the postcondition

$$result = 3 * (i + 1) \wedge i + 1 \leq 4$$

- Now take the previous assignment and substitute its right hand side into this condition

$$result + 3 = 3 * (i + 1) \wedge i + 1 \leq 4$$

- Simplify this and you get:

$$result = 3 * i \wedge i < 4$$

The precondition is stronger than (in this case as strong as) this condition

- Now suppose that the simple calculator you have can do multiplication but cannot evaluate powers e.g. x^y
- Construct a loop which will evaluate x^y using multiplication
- Identify the invariant for the loop
- Try to show that if the invariant and the loop condition holds before the loop body is executed, then the loop invariant holds afterwards.