

# A Constructive Formalisation of Hoare Logic within the Interactive Theorem Prover Agda

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## Abstract

Program correctness is a perennial problem for software engineers and computer scientists alike. Many methods exist for establishing the correctness of a program and broadly speaking these methods fall into one of two paradigms; a program can be tested or the correctness can be ‘proved’ outright. Due to the sheer complexity of software engineering, testing has reigned supreme in industry as formal techniques for proving correctness, while numerous, have lagged behind practice. However, with the advent of higher-order-logic theorem provers and dependently typed programming languages, both operating under the scope of the Curry-Howard correspondence, the gap between practice and theory is shrinking.

Hoare logic is a formal system in which one can reason rigorously about — and *prove* — the correctness of programs while Agda is both a dependently typed programming language *and* an interactive theorem prover in accordance with the Curry-Howard correspondence. Combining the two, this work sets out to formalise the salient rules from Hoare logic within Agda and in doing so, provide a novel library with which a user could reason and prove correct simple imperative-style programs.

This formalisation was achieved via a deep embedding of both a simple imperative language, dubbed ‘*Mini-Imp*,’ and of the propositional calculus used in the reasoning about programs in the guise of Mini-Imp’s expression language. Interfaces were also used to separate out the concerns of proving program correctness and proving trivial results within the expression language such as conjunction elimination or the distributivity of multiplication over addition.

The final result is an Agda library that is fit for the purpose of reasoning about and proving correct simple imperative-style programs using the implemented Hoare logic rules. A limitation of the work is the simplicity of the Mini-Imp language and corresponding lack of more sophisticated logical rules meaning there is no facility for reasoning about more complex language constructs like procedures, arrays or pointers. However, more powerful logics such as ‘separation logic’ — an extension of Hoare logic — could bridge this gap and owing to the expressive power of HOL, with time, there is no reason why the current library couldn’t be expanded to encompass separation logic too.

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# 1 Introduction

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## 2 Preliminaries & Literature Review

### 2.1 Weakest Precondition

How is one to give a semantics to computation? One answer is to provide a model of computation that denotes how a mechanism, a computation, or program<sup>1</sup> is to be computed; such as a Turing machine, or a FSA. Another way however is to describe what the mechanism, computation, or program can *do* for us; that is, specifying what input states it can accept, and what states it will produce.

OR: given a desired output (of states) specifying, how (read, in which input states), if at all, it can produce the desired output.

This approach gives us a way of specifying a ... without caring about the eventual form of the mechanism if indeed it ever takes form at all!

Computation as traversing the state space. Descartes - Cartesian product - [Dijkstra, p12]

Weakest precondition (according to Dijkstra) is unique when considered as a state space, but multiple predicates could denote the same space. (i.e.  $x == y$  and  $y == x$ )

Strongest postcondition? [Gries, exercise 4 section 9.1]

‘If for a given  $P$ ,  $S$ , and  $R$ ,  $P \Rightarrow wp(S, R)$  holds, this can often be proved without explicit formulation — or, if you prefer, “computation”, or “derivation” — of the predicate  $wp(S, R)$ ’

Note that in the text [dijkstra],  $wp(S, R)$ , is used interchangeably as a predicate and as the state space that said predicate captures. With our constructive formalisation however, this lack of precision is not possible nor

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<sup>1</sup>the three words here being used synonymously

desired, so we end up with the, perhaps superfluous, distinction between predicates and the state space that they describe. Meaning that under our formalisation,  $wp(S, F)$  is empty when considered as a state space, but inhabited when considered as a predicate (inhabited uniquely by  $F$  itself). This exposition also explains why  $\llbracket F \rrbracket S \llbracket Q \rrbracket$  is an inhabited type, as  $F$  is a valid precondition of any computation for any postcondition (think absurd function, or bluff function). << Actually explained by the fact that what we have formalised is the weakest *liberal* precondition!

Weakest Liberal Precondition is what has actually been formalised! Total correctness is denoted by  $\llbracket P \rrbracket S \llbracket Q \rrbracket$

7 regions of the state space. As such, we can — if we wish — give a semantics to the notion of a deterministic mechanism as one in which the last four regions of the state space are empty.

## 2.2 Hoare Logic

## 2.3 Agda

## 2.4 Constructive Mathematics

‘Agda is a constructive mathematical system by default, which amounts to saying that it can also be considered as a programming language for manipulating mathematical objects.’ - MHE

## 2.5 Formal Proof

## 2.6 Applications

# 3 Specification

## 3.1 Obfuscating Interfaces

Might have also wanted to abstract away expression language (page 42 surface properties (Ligler))

$x$  and  $y$  refer to possibly identical identifiers, while  $z$  is guaranteed to be distinct from both  $x$  and  $y$ . With more time a more expansive interface would be given allowing for as many identifiers as were necessary to reason about the desired program along with a mechanism for obtaining free identifiers from an

expression, with the identifiers being represented as natural numbers, a new *free* identifier could always be generated by summing the numerical value of the identifiers present in the supplied expression, or in a given list.

## 3.2 Exppresion Language

Carving up state space. Every predicate denotes a subset of the statespace (which in our case is infinite).

(day = 23) Dijkstra's example

T/F, x == 2

Relationship between logical operators and set theoretic operators i.e.

$\wedge \Leftrightarrow \cap$

$even \langle \_ \rangle : Exp \rightarrow Exp$   
 $even \langle P \rangle = op_2 (op_2 P \%_o (const \textcircled{2})) ==_o (const \textcircled{0})$

Ought to have differentiated between non stuck-ness and termination. I.e. D(E) as domain of expression E, to eliminate divide by zero and non-defined variables in an expression, as that is a problem that can be handled distinctly from termination (i.e. (I think anyway) that given a state S, and an expression E, one can deterministically/decidably determine whether or not it is a WFF).

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$WFF : Assertion \rightarrow S \rightarrow Set$   
 $WFF \ a \ s = ls\_just \ (evalExp \ a \ s)$

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$Assert : \forall \ s \ A \rightarrow Set$   
 $Assert \ s \ A = \Sigma \ (WFF \ A \ s) \ (T \circ toTruthValue)$   
- **Alternative, condensed syntax:**  
 $\_ \models \_ : \forall \ s \ A \rightarrow Set$   
 $s \models A = Assert \ s \ A$

**Figure 1:** Example of reasoning with the deep embedding of propositional logic

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a1 def = x == 2 ∧ y == 1
private a1 : Assertion
a1 = ((val x) == (const ②))
      ∧
      ((val y) == (const ①))

a2 def = x == 2
private a2 : Assertion
a2 = (val x) == (const ②)

inferenceExample : a1 ⇒ a2
inferenceExample s ⊢x&y = let x = getVarVal x s ==v (just ②) in
                          let y = getVarVal y s ==v (just ①) in
                          ConjunctionElimleft x y ⊢x&y

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$$\begin{aligned} \_ \Rightarrow \_ &: \text{Assertion} \rightarrow \text{Assertion} \rightarrow \text{Set} \\ P \Rightarrow Q &= (s : \mathbf{S}) \rightarrow s \models P \rightarrow s \models Q \end{aligned}$$

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- Swap values of x and y
swap : Program
swap = z := val x ;
      x := val y ;
      y := val z ;

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**Figure 2:** Some simple programs defined with Mini-Imp; ripe for reasoning!

<pre> - Euclids Algorithm for GCD gcd : (X Y : Exp) → Program gcd X Y =   x := X ;   y := Y ;   (WHILE (not (val x == val y ))     DO (IF (val x &gt; val y )       THEN (         x := val x - val y ;       ELSE (         y := val y - val x ;       ) ) ); </pre>	<pre> - Multiply X and Y, and store in z - without using multiplication op. - ((11.4) in TSOP,Gries) add* : (X Y : Exp) → Program add* X Y =   x := X ;   y := Y ;   z := const ① ;   (WHILE     ( (val y &gt; const ① ∧ even⟨val y⟩ )       ∨ (odd⟨val y⟩ )     )     DO (IF (even⟨val y⟩ )       THEN (         y := val y / const ② ;         x := val x + val x ;       ELSE (         y := val y - const ① ;         z := val z + val x ;       ) ) ); </pre>
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- Program composition
_THEN_ : Program → Program → Program

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**Figure 3:** The deep embedding in Agda of our ‘Mini-Imp’ imperative language.

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data SΔ : Set where
  skip : SΔ
  WHILE_DO_ : Exp → Program → SΔ
  IF_THEN_ELSE_ : Exp → Program → Program → SΔ
  _:=_ : Id → Exp → SΔ

data Program : Set where
  - Terminator:
    _; : SΔ → Program
  - Separator:
    _;_ : SΔ → Program → Program

(c ;) THEN b = c ; b
(c ; b1) THEN b2 = c ; (b1 THEN b2)

- Commutativity of program composition
THEN-comm : ∀ c1 c2 c3 →
  c1 THEN (c2 THEN c3) ≡ (c1 THEN c2) THEN c3
THEN-comm (sΔ ;) c2 c3 = refl
THEN-comm (sΔ ; c1) c2 c3
  rewrite THEN-comm c1 c2 c3 = refl

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ssEvalwithFuel :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Program} \rightarrow S \rightarrow \text{Maybe } S$

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-- SINGLE WHILE
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ( WHILE exp DO c ; ) s with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed e.g. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n ( c THEN WHILE exp DO c ; ) s
... | false = just s
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-- WHILE ; THEN C2
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ((WHILE exp DO c1) ; c2) s
  with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed e.g. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n (c1 THEN ((WHILE exp DO c1) ; c2)) s
... | false = ssEvalwithFuel n c2 s
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Terminates :  $C \rightarrow S \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
Terminates  $c\ s = \Sigma[ f \in \mathbb{N} ] ( \text{ls-just } ( \text{ssEvalwithFuel } f\ c\ s ) )$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \_ , \_ \rrbracket^t : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \\ & \llbracket \_ , \_ \rrbracket^t = \mathbf{Terminates} \end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{TerminatesWith} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \\ & \mathbf{TerminatesWith} \ f \ c \ s = \mathbf{Is-just} \ (\mathbf{ssEvalwithFuel} \ f \ c \ s) \end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \_ , \_ , \_ \rrbracket^t : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \\ & \llbracket \_ , \_ , \_ \rrbracket^t = \mathbf{TerminatesWith} \ f \ c \ s \end{aligned}$$


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$$\mathbf{EvalDet} : \forall \{s \ f \ f'\} \ C \rightarrow (a : \llbracket f \ , \ C \ , \ s \rrbracket^t) \rightarrow (b : \llbracket f' \ , \ C \ , \ s \rrbracket^t) \rightarrow \dagger a \equiv \dagger b$$


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$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{record} \ \mathbf{Split-} \llbracket \_ \rrbracket^t \ s \ f \ Q_1 \ Q_2 \ (\Phi : \llbracket f \ , \ Q_1 \ \mathbf{THEN} \ Q_2 \ , \ s \rrbracket^t) : \mathbf{Set} \ \mathbf{where} \\ & \ \mathbf{field} \\ & \ \mathbf{---} \ \mathbf{Termination} \ \mathbf{Left} \\ & \ \mathbf{L}^t : \llbracket f \ , \ Q_1 \ , \ s \rrbracket^t \\ & \ \mathbf{---} \ \mathbf{There's} \ \mathbf{an} \ f' \ \mathbf{s.t.} \\ & \ f' : \mathbb{N} \\ & \ \mathbf{---} \ \mathbf{Termination} \ \mathbf{Right} \\ & \ \mathbf{R}^t : \llbracket f' \ , \ Q_2 \ , \ (\dagger \ \mathbf{L}^t) \rrbracket^t \\ & \ \mathbf{---} \ \mathbf{and} \ \mathbf{2nd} \ \mathbf{proof} \ \mathbf{fuel} \ \mathbf{is} \ \mathbf{less} \ \mathbf{than} \ \mathbf{starting} \ \mathbf{fuel:} \\ & \ \mathbf{lt} : f' \leq f \\ & \ \mathbf{---} \ \mathbf{And} \ \mathbf{the} \ \mathbf{output} \ \mathbf{unchanged:} \\ & \ \Delta : \dagger \ \mathbf{R}^t \equiv \dagger \ \Phi \end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} \ll \_ \gg \_ \ll \_ \gg &: \text{Assertion} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \text{Assertion} \rightarrow \text{Set} \\ \ll P \gg C \ll Q \gg &= (s : \mathbf{S}) \rightarrow s \models P \rightarrow (\Phi : [^t C, s^t]) \rightarrow (\dagger \Phi) \models Q \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{LawOfExcludedMiracle-}\mathit{wp} (:=,-) &: \forall \{i\ e\} \rightarrow \text{sub } e\ i\ F \equiv F \\ \text{LawOfExcludedMiracle-}\mathit{wp} (:=,-) &= \text{refl} \end{aligned}$$

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### 3.3 Language

### 3.4 Axioms & Rules

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**D0-Axiom-of-Assignment** :  $\forall i \in P$

$$\rightarrow \ll (\text{sub } e \ i \ P) \gg (i := e ; ) \ll P \gg$$

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**D1-Rule-of-Consequence-post** :  $\forall \{P\} \{Q\} \{R\} \{S\}$

$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg Q \ll R \gg \rightarrow R \Rightarrow S$$

$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg Q \ll S \gg$$

**D1-Rule-of-Consequence-pre** :  $\forall \{P\} \{Q\} \{R\} \{S\}$

$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg Q \ll R \gg \rightarrow S \Rightarrow P$$

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$$\rightarrow \ll S \gg Q \ll R \gg$$

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**D2-Rule-of-Composition** :  $\forall \{P\} \{R_1\} \{R\} \{Q_1\} \{Q_2\}$

$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg Q_1 \ll R_1 \gg \rightarrow \ll R_1 \gg Q_2 \ll R \gg$$

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$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg Q_1 \text{ THEN } Q_2 \ll R \gg$$

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**D3-While-Rule** :  $\forall \{P\} \{B\} \{C\}$

$$\rightarrow \ll P \wedge B \gg C \ll P \gg$$

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$$\rightarrow \ll P \gg \text{ WHILE } B \text{ DO } C ; \ll (\text{not } B) \wedge P \gg$$

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D4-Conditional-Rule :  $\forall \{A\} \{B\} \{C\} \{P\} \{Q\}$

$\rightarrow \ll C \wedge P \gg A \ll Q \gg \rightarrow \ll (\text{not } C) \wedge P \gg B \ll Q \gg$

$\rightarrow \ll P \gg \text{ IF } C \text{ THEN } A \text{ ELSE } B ; \ll Q \gg$

## 4 Implementation

### 4.1 Constructive Termination

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**Figure 4:** D3-While: Full proof of the while rule; the crucial rule for reasoning with Hoare Logic:

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D3-While-Rule {P} {B} {C} PBCP s ⊨ P (suc f , [t C t]) = go (suc f) ⊨ P [t C t]
  where
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  - Using mutually recursive functions go and go-true
  go : ∀ {s} f → s ⊨ P → ([t C t] : [t f , (WHILE B DO C ;), s t])
    → († [t C t]) ⊨ (op2 (op1 ¬o B) &&o P)
  - f needs to be an argument by itself outside the Sigma type
  - so we can recurse on it as Agda can't see it always decrements
  - with each call if it is inside the product.
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  - case where B is true
  go-true : ∀ {s} {f} {v} → s ⊨ P → (evalExp B s ≡ just v)
    → (toTruthValue {just v} (just tt) ≡ true)
    → ([t C t] : [t f , (C THEN WHILE B DO C ;), s t])
    → (to-witness [t C t]) ⊨ (op2 (op1 ¬o B) &&o P)
  go-true {s} {f} ⊨ P p1 p2 [t C t]
    with [t]-split f s C (WHILE B DO C ;) [t C t]
  ... | record { Lt = Lt ; f' = f' ; Rt = Rt ; lt = lt ; Δ = Δ } = Λ
    where
    ⊨B : s ⊨ B
    ⊨B rewrite p1 = (just tt , subst T (sym p2) tt)
    ⊨P&B : s ⊨ (op2 P &&o B)
    ⊨P&B = ConjunctionIntro _ _ ⊨P ⊨B
    ⊨P' : († Lt) ⊨ P
    ⊨P' = PBCP s ⊨P&B (f , Lt)
    - Proof of termination of rhs of split with f'
    Rt+: [t f' + (k lt) , (WHILE B DO C ;) , († Lt) t]
    Rt+ = addFuel {WHILE B DO C ;} f' (k lt) Rt
    - f' with (f' ≤ f) implies termination with f fuel
    Rtf : [t f , (WHILE B DO C ;) , († Lt) t]
    Rtf = let C1 = (WHILE B DO C ;) in subst
      (λ f → [t f , C1 , († Lt) t]) (proof lt) Rt+
  
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**Figure 4:** D3-While: Full proof of the while rule; the crucial rule for reasoning with Hoare Logic:

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- This new proof of termination  $R^t f$  has same output
isDet :  $\dagger R^t f \equiv \dagger R^t$ 
isDet = EvalDet  $\{\_\} \{f\} \{f\}$  (WHILE B DO C;)  $R^t f R^t$ 
- and said output is identical to the original output
 $\Delta' : \dagger R^t f \equiv \dagger \llbracket^t C^t \rrbracket$ 
 $\Delta'$  rewrite isDet =  $\Delta$ 
- which we can now use in a recursive call:  $(\text{succ } f) \Rightarrow f$ 
GO :  $(\dagger R^t f) \models (\text{op}_2 (\text{op}_1 \neg_o B) \ \&\&_o P)$ 
GO = go  $\{\dagger L^t\} f \models P' R^t f$ 

- and finally get the type we need via substitution with  $\Delta'$ 
 $\Lambda : (\dagger \llbracket^t C^t \rrbracket) \models (\text{op}_2 (\text{op}_1 \neg_o B) \ \&\&_o P)$ 
 $\Lambda = \text{subst } (\lambda s \rightarrow s \models (\text{op}_2 (\text{op}_1 \neg_o B) \ \&\&_o P)) \ \Delta' \text{ GO}$ 
- case where B is false
go-false :  $\forall \{s\} \{v\} \rightarrow s \models P \rightarrow (\text{evalExp } B \ s \equiv \text{just } v)$ 
            $\rightarrow (\text{toTruthValue } \{\text{just } v\} \ (\text{just } \text{tt}) \equiv \text{false})$ 
            $\rightarrow s \models (\text{op}_2 (\text{op}_1 \neg_o B) \ \&\&_o P)$ 
go-false  $\{s\} \{v\} \models P \ p_1 \ p_2 = \text{ConjunctionIntro } \_ \_ \models \neg B \models P$ 
  where
     $\not\models B : \not\models (\text{just } v)$ 
     $\not\models B$  rewrite  $p_1 = (\text{just } \text{tt}) , \text{subst } (\text{T} \circ \text{not}) \ (\text{sym } p_2) \ \text{tt}$ 
     $\models \neg B : s \models (\text{op}_1 \neg_o B)$ 
     $\models \neg B$  rewrite  $p_1 = (\text{NegationIntro } (\text{just } v) \ (\not\models B))$ 

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go  $\{s\} \ (\text{succ } f) \models P \llbracket^t C^t \rrbracket$  with
  evalExp B s | inspect (evalExp B) s
... | f@(\text{just } v) |  $\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket$  with
  toTruthValue  $\{f\}$  (any tt) | inspect (toTruthValue  $\{f\}$ ) (any tt)
... | true |  $\llbracket p_2 \rrbracket = \text{go-true } \{s\} \{f\} \models P \ p_1 \ p_2 \llbracket^t C^t \rrbracket$ 
... | false |  $\llbracket p_2 \rrbracket$  rewrite ls-just-just  $\llbracket^t C^t \rrbracket = \text{go-false } \models P \ p_1 \ p_2$ 
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## 4.2 Small Step Evaluation with Fuel

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### 4.3 Termination Splitting

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## 4.4 Axiom & Rules in Agda

## 4.5 Using the System to Reason about Programs

Reasoning about swap was done for constants but a similar proof could be implemented with any expression as long as the variables to be swapped were also swapped across the whole expression. For example:

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< x == y + 1 > $\leftarrow$ sub x for z
z := x (z == y + 1) $\leftarrow$ sub y for x
x := y (z == x + 1) $\leftarrow$ sub z for y
y := z <y == x + 1 >
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Some maths:  $\ll P \gg C \ll Q \gg$  test test hello hello

# 5 Evaluation

## 5.1 Using Agda

Getting better at working with Agda — thanks to unicode suport, psychological bias of aesthetic but incorrect signature.

## 5.2 Missteps

Downsides: Having to define all logical manipulations in the interface. Some mechanism for making this less painful would be nice. Equally however, said logical manipulations are not really of the main concern. Just because nothing can be postulated for the proof to have a computational meaning,

**Figure 5:** `ssEvalwithFuel`: The small-step evaluation function

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ssEvalwithFuel : ℕ → C → S → Maybe S
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-- Skip always terminates successfully even with zero fuel
ssEvalwithFuel zero (skip ;) s = just s
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) (skip ;) s = just s
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-- Out of fuel
-- Need to explicitly give all cases here so Agda can see
-- 'eval zero C = nothing' is definitionally true when C≠skip
ssEvalwithFuel zero ( WHILE _ DO _ ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero ( IF _ THEN _ ELSE _ ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero ( _ := _ ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero ((WHILE _ DO _) ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero ((IF _ THEN _ ELSE _) ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero (( _ := _) ;) _ = nothing
ssEvalwithFuel zero (skip ; b) s = ssEvalwithFuel zero b s
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-- SINGLE WHILE
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ( WHILE exp DO c ;) s with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed i.e. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n ( c THEN WHILE exp DO c ;) s
... | false = just s
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-- SINGLE IF THEN ELSE
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ( IF exp THEN c1 ELSE c2 ;) s
  with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed i.e. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n c1 s
... | false = ssEvalwithFuel n c2 s
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Figure 5: ssEvalwithFuel cont.

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-- SINGLE ASSI
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ( id := exp ; ) s =
  map (λ v → updateState id v s) (evalExp exp s)
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-- SKIP ; THEN C
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) (skip ; c) s = ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) c s
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-- WHILE ; THEN C2
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ((WHILE exp DO c1) ; c2) s
  with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed i.e. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n (c1 THEN ((WHILE exp DO c1) ; c2)) s
... | false = ssEvalwithFuel n c2 s
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-- IF THEN ELSE ; THEN C2
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ((IF exp THEN c1 ELSE c2) ; c3) s
  with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed i.e. div by 0
... | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
... | true = ssEvalwithFuel n (c1 THEN c3) s
... | false = ssEvalwithFuel n (c2 THEN c3) s
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-- ASSI ; THEN C
ssEvalwithFuel (suc n) ((id := exp) ; c) s with evalExp exp s
... | nothing = nothing -- Computation failed i.e. div by 0
... | (just v) = ssEvalwithFuel n c (updateState id v s)
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**Figure 6:** The full proof that evaluation is deterministic via proof that for any two proofs of termination, the resultant states serving as evidence for each of those proofs - in accordance with them being *constructive* proofs - will be identical.  
n.b. that the  $\dagger$  function is the function that extracts the witness from the proof of termination - i.e. the resultant state after the computation has terminated successfully.

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EvalDet :  $\forall \{s \ f \ f'\} \ C$ 
           $\rightarrow (a : [^t \ f \ , \ C \ , \ s \ ^t]) \rightarrow (b : [^t \ f' \ , \ C \ , \ s \ ^t]) \rightarrow \dagger \ a \equiv \dagger \ b$ 
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pattern  $\uparrow x = \text{succ } x$ 
EvaluationIsDeterministic = EvalDet
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EvalDet {s} {0} {0} ( _ ; ) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} {0} { $\uparrow$  _} (skip ; ) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  _} {0} (skip ; ) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  _} { $\uparrow$  _} (skip ; ) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} ((while exp do c) ; ) ij1 ij2
  with evalExp exp s
... | cond@(just _) with toTruthValue {cond} (Any.just tt)
... | false rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
... | true = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} ((if exp then c1 else c2) ; ) ij1 ij2
  with evalExp exp s
... | cond@(just _) with toTruthValue {cond} (Any.just tt)
... | false = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
... | true = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} ((id := exp) ; ) ij1 ij2
  with evalExp exp s
... | (just _) rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} ((while exp do c1) ; c2) ij1 ij2
  with evalExp exp s
... | cond@(just _) with toTruthValue {cond} (Any.just tt)
... | false = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
... | true = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
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  with evalExp exp s
... | cond@(just _) with toTruthValue {cond} (Any.just tt)
... | false = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
... | true = EvalDet {s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} ((id := exp) ; c) ij1 ij2
  with evalExp exp s
... | (just v) = EvalDet {updateState id v s} {f} {f'} _ ij1 ij2
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} (skip ; c) = EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} { $\uparrow$  f'} c
EvalDet {s} {0} {0} (skip ; c) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
-- In the clause below, with  $f = 0$  and  $f' = \uparrow$  _, the only possibility if we
-- are still to have two proofs of termination in  $ij_1$  and  $ij_2$  is that the
-- rest of the mechanisms in  $c$  are all also 'skip'. So we take each of the two
-- cases of either  $c = (\text{skip} ; )$  or  $c = (\text{skip} ; \dots ; (\text{skip} ; ))$  in turn.
-- Annoyingly we have to do this for both permutations of  $f/f' = 0/\uparrow$  _
EvalDet {s} {0} { $\uparrow$  f} (skip ; (skip ; )) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} {0} { $\uparrow$  f} (skip ; (skip ; c)) = EvalDet {s} {0} { $\uparrow$  f} c
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} {0} (skip ; (skip ; )) ij1 ij2 rewrite  $\exists!IJ$  ij1 ij2 = refl
EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} {0} (skip ; (skip ; c)) = EvalDet {s} { $\uparrow$  f} {0} c
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**Figure 7:** [t]-split: The function for splitting two proofs of termination.

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[t]-split' : ∀ f s Q1 Q2 → (t12 : [t] f , Q1 THEN Q2 , st)
  → Σ [t] f , Q1 , st (λ t1
    → Σ ℕ (λ f'
      → f' ≤" f × Σ [t] f' , Q2 , † t1 t1) (λ t2
        → † t2 ≡ † t12 )))
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- Base case: Q1 = skip ;
[t]-split' f@0 s (skip ; Q2 t12) =
  (Any.just tt) , f , ≤with refl , t12 , refl
[t]-split' f@(suc _) s (skip ; Q2 t12) =
  (Any.just tt) , f , ≤with (+-comm f 0) , t12 , refl
- Q1 = skip : Q1'
[t]-split' f@0 s (skip ; Q1') = [t]-split' f s Q1'
[t]-split' f@(suc _) s (skip ; Q1') = [t]-split' f s Q1'

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- Most interesting inductive case: WHILE followed by Q1' THEN Q2.
- All other cases follow a similar recursive mechanism
[t]-split' (suc f) s Q1@((WHILE exp DO c) ; Q1') Q2 t12 = go
  where
  go : Σ [t] suc f , Q1 , st (λ t1 → Σ ℕ (λ f' → f' ≤" suc f ×
    Σ [t] f' , Q2 , † t1 t1) (λ t2 → † t2 ≡ † t12 )))
  go with evalExp exp s
  go | f@(just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
  - if false -----
  go | f@(just _) | false with [t]-split' f s Q1' Q2 t12
  go | just _ | false | t1 , f' , lt , t2 , Δ
    = t1 , f' , suc≤" lt , t2 , Δ
  - if true -----
  go | f@(just _) | true rewrite
    THEN-comm ((WHILE exp DO c) ; Q1') Q2
    | THEN-comm c ((WHILE exp DO c) ; Q1') Q2 with
    [t]-split' f s (c THEN WHILE exp DO c ; Q1') Q2 t12
  go | f@(just _) | true | t1 , f' , lt , t2 , Δ
    = t1 , f' , suc≤" lt , t2 , Δ

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**Figure 7:** [t]-split cont.

n.b. some cases have been omitted but none that vary from the general pattern here.

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- Q1 = if then else
[t]-split' (suc f) s Q1@((IF exp THEN c1 ELSE c2) ;) Q2 t12
= go
where
go : Σ [t suc f, Q1, st] (λ t1 → Σ ℕ (λ f' → f' ≤" suc f ×
    Σ [t f', Q2, † t1t] (λ t2 → † t2 ≡ † t12 )))
go with evalExp exp s
go | f@ (just _) with toTruthValue {f} (Any.just tt)
- if false -----
go | f@ (just _) | false with [t]-split' f s c2 Q2 t12
go | f@ (just _) | false | t1, f', lt, t2, Δ
    = t1, f', suc≤" lt, t2, Δ
- if true -----
go | f@ (just _) | true with [t]-split' f s c1 Q2 t12
go | f@ (just _) | true | t1, f', lt, t2, Δ
    = t1, f', suc≤" lt, t2, Δ
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- Q1 = x := exp ; Q1'
[t]-split' (suc f) s Q1@( id := exp ; Q1' ) Q2 t12 = go
where
go : Σ [t suc f, Q1, st] (λ t1 → Σ ℕ (λ f' → f' ≤" suc f ×
    Σ [t f', Q2, † t1t] (λ t2 → † t2 ≡ † t12 )))
go with evalExp exp s
go | f@ (just v)
    with [t]-split' f (updateState id v s) Q1' Q2 t12
go | f@ (just v) | t1, f', lt, t2, Δ
    = t1, f', suc≤" lt, t2, Δ
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- Q1 = id := exp ;
[t]-split' (suc f) s Q1@( id := exp ;) Q2 t12 = go
where
go : Σ [t suc f, Q1, st] (λ t1 → Σ ℕ (λ f' → f' ≤" suc f ×
    Σ [t f', Q2, † t1t] (λ t2 → † t2 ≡ † t12 )))
go with evalExp exp s
... | f@ (just _)
    = (Any.just tt), f, ≤with (+-comm f 1), t12, refl
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**Figure 8:** SWAP: Using the library to formalise the correctness of the SWAP program:

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SWAP :  $\forall X Y \rightarrow$ 
       $\ll x == (\text{const } X) \wedge y == (\text{const } Y) \gg$  - Precondition

       $z := \text{val } x ;$ 
       $x := \text{val } y ;$ 
       $y := \text{val } z ;$ 

       $\ll x == (\text{const } Y) \wedge y == (\text{const } X) \gg$  - Postcondition
SWAP X Y = ■
  where

  - Reasoning backwards from Postcondition Q to Precondition P

PRE : Assertion
PRE =  $x == (\text{const } X) \wedge y == (\text{const } Y)$ 

POST : Assertion
POST =  $x == (\text{const } Y) \wedge y == (\text{const } X)$ 

A1 : Assertion
A1 =  $((\text{sub } (\text{val } z) y (\text{val } x)) == (\text{const } Y)) \wedge (z == (\text{const } X))$ 

s1 :  $\ll A_1 \gg y := \text{val } z ; \ll \text{POST} \gg$ 
s1 = let  $\Psi = \text{D0-Axiom-of-Assignment } y (\text{val } z) \text{ POST in go } \Psi$ 
  where
  go :  $\ll ((\text{sub } (\text{val } z) y (\text{val } x)) == (\text{const } Y))$ 
       $\wedge ((\text{sub } (\text{val } z) y (\text{val } y)) == (\text{const } X)) \gg$ 
       $y := \text{val } z ; \ll \text{POST} \gg \rightarrow$ 
       $\ll A_1 \gg y := \text{val } z ; \ll \text{POST} \gg$ 
  go t with y ?id= x
  go t | yes p rewrite p with x ?id= x
  go t | yes p | yes q = t
  go t | yes p | no  $\neg q = \perp\text{-elim } (\neg q \text{ refl})$ 
  go t | no  $\neg p$  with y ?id= y
  go t | no  $\neg p$  | yes q = t
  go t | no  $\neg p$  | no  $\neg q = \perp\text{-elim } (\neg q \text{ refl})$ 

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**Figure 8:** SWAP: Using the library to formalise the correctness of the SWAP program:

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A2 : Assertion
A2 = ((sub (val y) x (sub (val z) y (val x))) == (const Y)) ∧ ( z == (const X))

s2 : « A2 » x := val y ; « A1 »
s2 = let Ψ = D0-Axiom-of-Assignment x (val y) A1 in go Ψ
  where
    go : « ((sub (val y) x (sub (val z) y (val x))) == (const Y))
      ∧ ((sub (val y) x (val z)) == (const X)) »
      x := val y ; « A1 » →
      « A2 » x := val y ; « A1 »
    go t with x ?id= z
    go t | yes p = ⊥-elim (x≠z p)
    go t | no _ = t

A3 : Assertion
A3 = ((sub (val x) z (sub (val y) x (sub (val z) y (val x)))) == (const Y))
  ∧ ( x == (const X) )

s3 : « A3 » z := val x ; « A2 »
s3 = let Ψ = D0-Axiom-of-Assignment z (val x) A2 in go Ψ
  where
    go : « ((sub (val x) z (sub (val y) x (sub (val z) y (val x)))) == (const Y))
      ∧ ((sub (val x) z (val z)) == (const X)) »
      z := val x ; « A2 » →
      « A3 » z := val x ; « A2 »
    go t with z ?id= z
    go t | yes _ = t
    go t | no ¬p = ⊥-elim (¬p refl)

⋮

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**Figure 8:** SWAP: Using the library to formalise the correctness of the SWAP program:

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s4 : A3 ≡ ( y == (const Y) ∧ x == (const X) )
s4 with y ?id= x
s4 | yes _ with x ?id= z
s4 | yes _ | yes q = ⊥-elim (x≠z q)
s4 | yes _ | no _ with z ?id= z
s4 | yes p | no _ | yes _ rewrite p = refl
s4 | yes _ | no _ | no w = ⊥-elim (w refl)
s4 | no ¬p with x ?id= x
s4 | no _ | no ¬q = ⊥-elim (¬q refl)
s4 | no _ | yes _ with z ?id= y
s4 | no _ | yes _ | yes w = ⊥-elim (y≠z (sym w))
s4 | no _ | yes _ | no _ = refl
s5 : « A2 » x := val y ; y := val z ; « POST »
s5 = D2-Rule-of-Composition {A2} {A1} {POST} s2 s1

s6 : « A3 » z := val x ; x := val y ; y := val z ; « POST »
s6 = D2-Rule-of-Composition {A3} {A2} {POST} s3 s5

■ : « PRE » z := val x ; x := val y ; y := val z ; « POST »
■ = D1-Rule-of-Consequence-pre {A3} {swap} {POST} {PRE} s6 go
  where
  go : PRE ⇒ A3
  go s x rewrite ConjunctionComm
    (evalExp (x == const X) s )
    (evalExp (y == const Y) s )
  = subst (λ p → s ⊨ p) (sym s4) x

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doesn't mean we need be bound by this restriction. Indeed, there is little reason for us to care about whether or not our proofs have this computational context so long as we trust the parts we omit, and as these omissions are oft simple logical manipulations, leaving them only in the record but not actually proved would be perfectly sensible and allow more focus to be on the manipulation of Hoare triples to reason about programs.

Actually, if I was doing it again, it would have been very sensible to not bother with implementing the interfaces at all. It was probably not a worthwhile use of my time to prove De Morgans law, or the commutativity of boolean and, in Agda when I could have instead focused on the more salient parts of the code base.

### 5.3 Future Work

Gries page 164 'a fine balance between the two' ...but! automation, Infer, parse a C program and create formal proof in background. Complain if fail

If the Agda code is to work as a library, there had ought to be some functionality for allowing potential users to add to `Data-Implementation.agda`, to define their own logical rules.

Ref paper: tactics for separation logic and how some reworking of data-interface could allow full use of HOL in Agda when manipulating assertions.

### 5.4 Conclusion

Hoare's surprise at test case success (see retrospective)

Not all that useful in practice, other tools are far more sophisticated and far better suited to practical applications, whether that be the verified software toolchain for reasoning about embedded software that needs to be correct, or Infer for catching a litany of bugs before they make their way into production. There's not a lot of room to claim that this Agda library has any real practical purpose. But that doesn't mean no purpose.

Constructive mathematics and interactive theorem provers are not front and center in mainstream mathematics, and perhaps never will be, but one oft talked about benefits of constructive mathematics is quite simply that it is fun to do [link MHE blog post] and it is on that note that one finds the most compelling use for this Agda library; it's actually a lot of fun — if you're of a particular sort — to reason about even the most simple of programs.

I certainly found it enjoyable to reason about the swap program and have Agda check my workings for me.

Never been so intimately acquainted with the three lines of code comprising the swap function.

## 6 Appendix

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