

Non-assessed Exercise – Solutions

Bounded Model Checking

1. Control flow simplification (converting for loops to while loops; removing side-effects):

```
x := 0;
i := 1;
while (i ≤ 10) {
  j := j + 1;
  if (i < 4) {
    x := x + i * i;
  } else {
    x := x + i * i * j;
    j := j + 1;
  }
  i := i + 1;
}
assert x < 100;
```

Loop unwinding (assuming an unrolling depth of 1):

```
x := 0;
i := 1;
if (i ≤ 10) {
  j := j + 1;
  if (i < 4) {
    x := x + i * i;
  } else {
    x := x + i * i * j;
    j := j + 1;
  }
  i := i + 1;
}
assert x < 100;
```

Conversion to single static assignment form:

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x1 := 0;
i1 := 1;
if (i1 ≤ 10) {
    j1 := j0 + 1;
    if (i1 < 4) {
        x2 := x1 + i1 * i1;
    } else {
        x3 := x1 + i1 * i1 * j1;
        j2 := j1 + 1;
    }
    x4 := (i1 < 4) ? x2 : x3;
    j3 := (i1 < 4) ? j1 : j2;
    i2 := i1 + 1;
}
x5 := (i1 ≤ 10) ? x4 : x1;
j4 := (i1 ≤ 10) ? j3 : j0;
i3 := (i1 ≤ 10) ? i2 : i1;
assert x5 < 100;

```

Conversion to conjunctive normal form (CNF).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x_1 = 0) \wedge (i_1 = 1) \wedge (j_1 = j_0 + 1) \wedge (x_2 = x_1 + i_1 * i_1) \wedge (x_3 = x_1 + i_1 * i_1 * j_1) \wedge \dots \\
 & \dots (j_2 = j_1 + 1) \wedge (x_4 = (i_1 < 4) ? x_2 : x_3) \wedge (j_3 = (i_1 < 4) ? j_1 : j_2) \wedge (i_2 = i_1 + 1) \wedge \dots \\
 & \dots (x_5 = (i_1 \leq 10) ? x_4 : x_1) \wedge (j_4 = (i_1 \leq 10) ? j_3 : j_0) \wedge (i_3 = (i_1 \leq 10) ? i_2 : i_1) \wedge \neg(x_5 < 100)
 \end{aligned}$$

For one unrolling ($k = 1$), as done above, the CNF formula is unsatisfiable, so no violation of the assertion is found. However, we cannot say that the program is correct without considering larger values of k .

In terms of the original program, for the first three iterations of the **for** loop, the ‘then’ branch of the **if** statement is taken and so x will not exceed 100. This is why no assertion violation is found for $k = 1$.

For larger numbers of unrolling, more precisely for $k > 3$, we can pick an arbitrary value of j which will make the assertion fail. This could be found using bounded model checking using, e.g. $k = 4$ unrollings.