

## Chapter 29: The Minimum distance.

*In which we again use monotonicity.*

Given  $f[0..M)$ ,  $g[0..N)$  of int, which contain values.  $\{0 \leq M \wedge 0 \leq N\}$   
 We are also given that both of these are ascending.

We are asked to establish

$$\text{Post} : r = \langle \downarrow i, j : 0 \leq i < M \wedge 0 \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle$$

Where  $|x|$  means the absolute value of  $x$ .

*Domain modelling.*

$$* (0) C.m.n = \langle \downarrow i, j : m \leq i < M \wedge n \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle$$

Appealing to emptying or falsifying the range we immediately get the following theorems

$$\begin{aligned} - (1) C.M.n &= \text{Id} \downarrow, 0 \leq n \leq N \\ - (2) C.m.N &= \text{Id} \downarrow, 0 \leq m \leq M \end{aligned}$$

We observe

$$\begin{aligned} & C.m.n \\ = & \{(0)\} \\ & \langle \downarrow i, j : m \leq i < M \wedge n \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle \\ = & (\text{split off } i=m \text{ term}) \\ & \langle \downarrow i, j : m+1 \leq i < M \wedge n \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle \downarrow \langle \downarrow j : n \leq j < N : |f.m - g.j| \rangle \\ = & \{(0) (5)\} \\ & C.(m+1).n \downarrow D.n \end{aligned}$$

$$- (3) C.m.n = C.(m+1).n \downarrow D.n, 0 \leq m < M$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & C.m.n \\ = & \{(0)\} \\ & \langle \downarrow i, j : m \leq i < M \wedge n \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle \\ = & (\text{split off } j=n \text{ term}) \\ & \langle \downarrow i, j : m \leq i < M \wedge n+1 \leq j < N : |f.i - g.j| \rangle \downarrow \langle \downarrow i : m \leq i < M : |f.i - g.n| \rangle \\ = & \{(0) (6)\} \\ & C.(m+1).n \downarrow E.m \end{aligned}$$

$$- (4) C.m.n = C.m.(n+1) \downarrow E.m, 0 \leq n < N$$

$$* (5) D.n = \langle \downarrow j : n \leq j < N : |f.m - g.j| \rangle$$

$$* (6) E.m = \langle \downarrow i : m \leq i < M : |f.i - g.n| \rangle$$

Now let's explore the monotonicity of  $f$  and  $g$ .

$$- (7) D.n = g.n - f.m \Leftarrow f.m \leq g.n$$

$$- (8) D.n = ? \Leftarrow f.m > g.n$$

$$- (9) E.m = ? \Leftarrow f.m < g.n$$

$$- (10) E. = f.m - g.n \Leftarrow g.n \leq f.m$$

Now let us return to our program. We can now rephrase our postcondition as

$$\text{Post} : r = C.0.0$$

*Choose invariants.*

$$P0 : r \downarrow C.m.n = C.0.0$$

$$P1 : 0 \leq m \leq M \wedge 0 \leq n \leq N$$

*Establish invariants.*

$$r, m, n := \text{Id} \downarrow, 0, 0$$

*Termination.*

(1) and (2) allow us to conclude that

$$P0 \wedge P1 \wedge (m=M \vee n=N) \Rightarrow \text{Post}$$

*Guard.*

$$m \neq M \wedge n \neq N$$

*Loop body.*

We observe

$$\begin{aligned}
& P0 \\
= & \quad \{ \text{definition } P0 \} \\
& r \downarrow C.m.n = C.0.0 \\
= & \quad \{ \text{case analysis } f.m \leq g.n, (7) \} \\
& r \downarrow C.(m+1).n \downarrow (g.n - f.m) = C.0.0 \\
= & \quad \{ WP \} \\
& (r, m := r \downarrow (g.n - f.m), m+1).P0
\end{aligned}$$

Giving us

$$\text{if } f.m \leq g.n \rightarrow r, m := r \downarrow (g.n - f.m), m+1$$

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= & \quad \{ \text{definition } P0 \} \\
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= & \quad \{ \text{case analysis } g.n \leq f.m, (10) \} \\
& r \downarrow C.m.(n+1) \downarrow (f.m - g.n) = C.0.0 \\
= & \quad \{ WP \} \\
& (r, n := r \downarrow (f.m - g.n), n+1).P0
\end{aligned}$$

which gives us

$$\text{if } g.n \leq f.m \rightarrow r, n := r \downarrow (f.m - g.n), n+1$$

*Finished program.*

$$\begin{aligned}
& r, m, n := Id \downarrow, 0, 0 \{ P0 \wedge P1 \} \\
& ; \text{do } m \neq M \wedge n \neq N \rightarrow \quad \{ P0 \wedge P1 \wedge m \neq M \wedge n \neq N \} \\
& \quad \text{if } f.m \leq g.n \rightarrow r, m := r \downarrow (g.n - f.m), m+1 \\
& \quad \quad [] \text{ } g.n \leq f.m \rightarrow r, n := r \downarrow (f.m - g.n), n+1 \\
& \quad \text{fi} \\
& \quad \{ P0 \wedge P1 \} \\
& \text{od} \\
& \{ P0 \wedge P1 \wedge (m=M \vee n=N) \}
\end{aligned}$$

