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module Workshop2 where

import Data.List

infix 1 ==>

(==>) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
p ==> q = (not p) || q

forall = flip all
```

## Workshop Testing and Formal Methods, Week 2

This workshop is about understanding fundamental concepts in algorithm specification and algorithm design.

The focus is on pre- and postcondition specifications.

The first exercise uses a sudoku example that you will encounter further on in the course.

**Question 1** A sudoku is a  $9 \times 9$  matrix of numbers in  $\{1, \dots, 9\}$ , possibly including blanks, satisfying certain constraints. A *sudoku problem* is a sudoku containing blanks, but otherwise satisfying the sudoku constraints. The sudoku solver transforms the problem into a solution.

Give a Hoare triple for a sudoku solver. If the solver is called  $P$ , the Hoare triple consists of

$$\frac{\{\text{precondition}\}}{P} \{\text{postcondition}\}$$

The precondition of the sudoku solver is that the input is a correct sudoku problem.

The postcondition of the sudoku solver is that the transformed input is a solution to the initial problem.

State the pre- and postconditions as clearly and formally as possible.

**Question 2** A function of type  $a \rightarrow a$  (a unary function with arguments and values of the same type) can be tested with test properties of the type  $a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$  or of the type  $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$ .

We will consider test properties of type  $a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$ .

Define the following predicate on test properties:

```
stronger, weaker :: [a] -> (a -> Bool) -> (a -> Bool) -> Bool
stronger xs p q = forall xs (\ x -> p x ==> q x)
weaker  xs p q = stronger xs q p
```

This gives:

```
*Workshop2> stronger [1..10] odd odd
True
*Workshop2> stronger [1..10] odd (\ x -> odd x || x > 5)
True
*Workshop2> stronger [1..10] odd (\ x -> odd x && x > 5)
False
*Workshop2> weaker [1..10] odd odd
True
*Workshop2> weaker [1..10] odd (\ x -> odd x || x > 5)
False
*Workshop2> weaker [1..10] odd (\ x -> odd x && x > 5)
True
```

Predict the output of the following Haskell tests:

```
test1 = stronger [1..10] (\ x -> even x && x > 3) even
test2 = stronger [1..10] (\ x -> even x || x > 3) even
test3 = stronger [1..10] (\ x -> (even x && x > 3) || even x) even
test4 = stronger [1..10] even (\ x -> (even x && x > 3) || even x)
```

**Question 3** Now suppose  $\{p\} f \{q\}$  holds for some function  $f : a \rightarrow a$  and a pair of properties  $p$  and  $q$ .

Recall the meaning of  $\{p\} f \{q\}$ :

For every possible argument  $x$  for  $f$  it is the case that if  $x$  has property  $p$  then  $f(x)$  has property  $q$ .

1. If  $p'$  is stronger than  $p$ , does it follow that  $\{p'\} f \{q\}$  still holds?

2. If  $p'$  is weaker than  $p$ , does it follow that  $\{p'\} f \{q\}$  still holds?
3. If  $q'$  is stronger than  $q$ , does it follow that  $\{p\} f \{q'\}$  still holds?
4. If  $q'$  is weaker than  $q$ , does it follow that  $\{p\} f \{q'\}$  still holds?

**Question 4** Which of the following properties is stronger?

1.  $\lambda x \mapsto x = 0$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto x \geq 0$
2.  $\lambda x \mapsto x \neq 0$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto x > 3$
3.  $\lambda x \mapsto x \neq 0$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto x < 3$
4.  $\lambda x \mapsto x^3 + 7x^2 \geq 3$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto \perp$
5.  $\lambda x \mapsto x \geq 2 \vee x \leq 3$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto x \geq 2$
6.  $\lambda x \mapsto x \geq 2 \wedge x \leq 3$  and  $\lambda x \mapsto x \geq 2$

**Question 5** Implement all properties from the previous question as Haskell functions of type `Int -> Bool`. Note: this is a pen and paper exercise: just write out the definitions. If you have a computer, this allows you to check your answers to the previous exercise, on some small domain like  $[(-10)..10]$ .

**Question 6** Now that we know what weaker and stronger means, we can talk about the weakest property  $p$  for which

$$\{p\} f \{q\}$$

holds, for a given function  $f$  and a given postcondition property  $q$ .

Example: the weakest  $p$  for which

$$\{p\} \lambda x \mapsto 2 * x + 4 \quad \{\lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 8\}$$

holds is  $\lambda x \mapsto -2 \leq x < 2$ .

Note:  $\lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 8$  has to hold. The recipe for finding out when that is the case is as follows.

Use the function  $\lambda x \mapsto 2 * x + 4$  as a *substitution*: substitute the right-hand side  $2 * x + 4$  for  $x$  in the postcondition  $q$  to get the weakest precondition, and simplify.

Work out the weakest preconditions for the following triples.

1.  $\{\dots\} \lambda x \mapsto x+1 \quad \{\lambda x \mapsto 2x - 1 = A\}$
2.  $\{\dots\} \lambda x \mapsto x * x + 1 \quad \{\lambda x \mapsto x = 10\}$

$$3. \{ \dots \} \lambda x \mapsto x+y \{ \lambda x \mapsto x-y = 7 \}$$

$$4. \{ \dots \} \lambda x \mapsto x+y \{ \lambda x \mapsto x \geq y \}$$

$$5. \{ \dots \} \lambda x \mapsto -x \{ \lambda x \mapsto x \geq 0 \}$$

**Question 7** Show the following:

$$1. \{ \lambda n \mapsto x = n^2 \} \lambda n \mapsto n+1 \{ \lambda n \mapsto x = (n-1)^2 \}$$

$$2. \{ \lambda x \mapsto A = x \} \lambda x \mapsto x+1 \{ \lambda x \mapsto A = x-1 \}$$

$$3. \{ \lambda x \mapsto x \geq 0 \} \lambda x \mapsto x+y \{ \lambda x \mapsto x \geq y \}$$

$$4. \{ \lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x < 100 \} \lambda x \mapsto x+1 \{ \lambda x \mapsto 0 \leq x \leq 100 \}$$

$$5. \{ \lambda n \mapsto x = (n+1)^2 \wedge n = A \} \lambda n \mapsto n+1 \{ \lambda n \mapsto x = n^2 \wedge n = A+1 \}$$