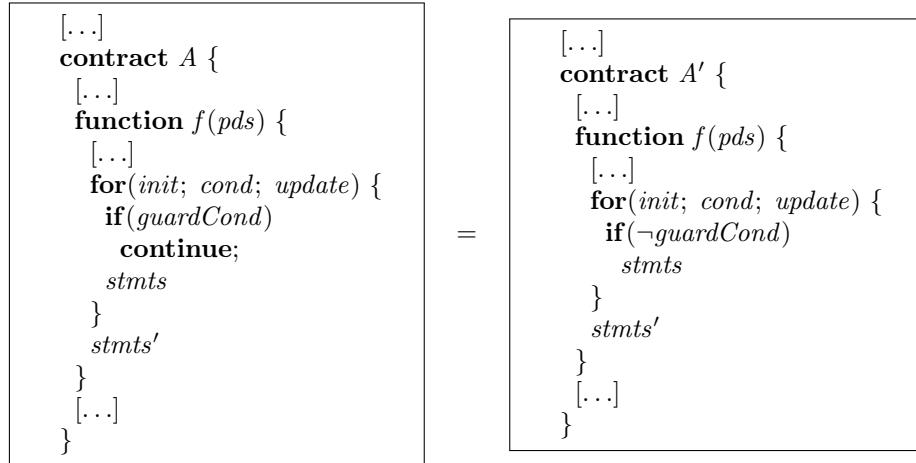


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**Rule 0.29** *(Redundant Control Flow Removal (Continue))*

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**where**

*guardCond* is a boolean condition that guards the execution of *stmts*;  
*stmts* represents the statements in the loop body that should be conditionally executed;  
*init*, *cond*, and *update* are the loop initialization, condition, and update expressions;  
*stmts'* represents statements following the loop;  
 $\neg guardCond$  denotes the logical negation of *guardCond*.

**provided**

The **continue** statement is immediately executed when *guardCond* is true;  
No statements exist after *stmts* and before the end of the loop iteration;  
*guardCond* has no side effects;  
*stmts* does not modify variables used in *guardCond* in a way that would affect the loop's semantics.

**Invariant:**

Let  $s_i$  and  $s'_i$  be the initial state of  $A$  and  $A'$ , respectively.

Let  $s_f$  and  $s'_f$  be the state reached by  $A$  and  $A'$ , respectively, after  $A.f()$  and  $A'.f()$  are executed from  $s_i$  and  $s'_i$ , respectively.

Then, the coupling invariant is

$$\forall s_i, s'_i . (s_i = s'_i) \rightarrow (s_f = s'_f)$$


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