

# Cours MVS

## Modélisation et Vérification des Systèmes Informatiques

### Vérification mécanisée de contrats (II)

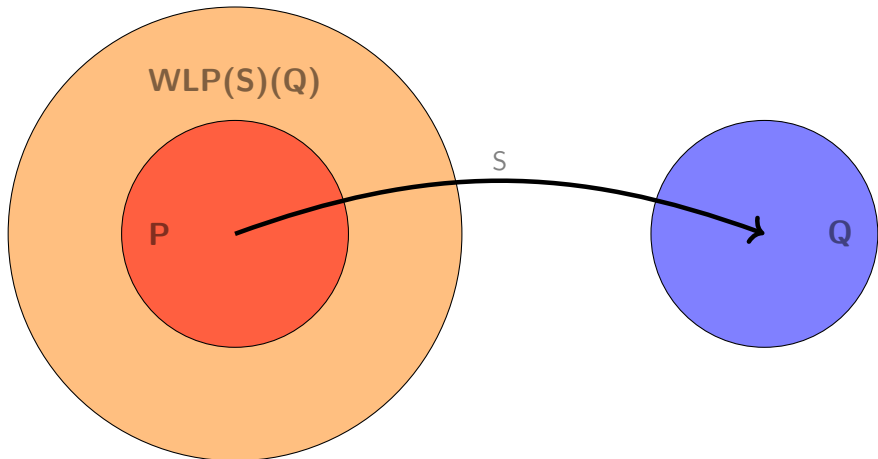
### (The ANSI/ISO C Specification Language (ACSL))

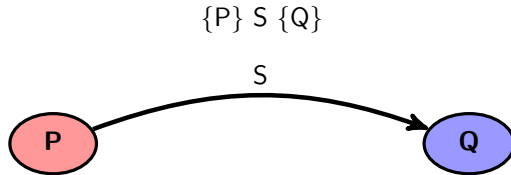
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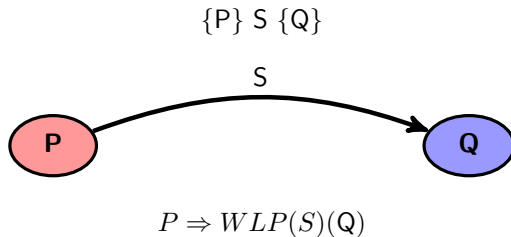
- Extending C programming  
language by contracts  
Playing with variables  
Ghost Variables

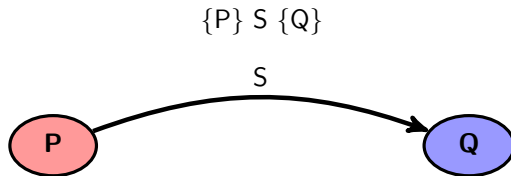
### ③ Contracts

## Ghost Variables









$$P \Rightarrow WLP(S)(Q)$$

Computing  $WLP(S)(Q)$  ?

## Writing a simple contract

variables  $x$

requires  $x \geq 0 \wedge x \leq 10$ ;

ensures  $\begin{cases} x \% 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot \text{result} = x +; \\ x \% 2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot \text{result} = x - 1; \end{cases}$

begin

*int*  $y$ ;

$y = x / 2$ ;

*return*( $y$ );

end

► result is the value returned by the command *return*( $y$ ).

► *return*( $y$ ) is equivalent to  $\text{result} := y$ .

(Writing a simple contract.)

### Listing 1 – project-divers/annotation.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x <= 10;
   @ assigns \nothing;
   @ ensures x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*\result == x;
   @ ensures x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*\result == x-1;
   @*/
int annotation(int x)
{
    int y;
    y = x / 2;
    return(y);
}
```



(Writing a simple contract.)

## Listing 2 – project-divers/annotationwp.c

```
/*@ requires 0 <= x && x <= 10;  
  @ assigns \nothing;  
  @ ensures x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*\result == x;  
  @ ensures x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*\result == x-1;  
  @*/  
int annotation(int x)  
{  
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x; */  
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x-1; */  
  int y;  
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x; */  
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x-1; */  
  y = x / 2;  
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*y == x; */  
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*y == x-1; */  
  return(y);  
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*y == x; */  
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*y == x-1; */  
}
```

## Property to check

$$x \geq 0 \wedge x \leq 10 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \% 2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x-1 \\ x \% 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x \end{cases}$$

(Checking the precondition.)

### Listing 3 – project-divers/annotation0.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;
   @ assigns \nothing;
   @ ensures \result == 0;
   @*/
int annotation0(int x)
{
    int y;
    y = y / (x-x);
    return(y);
}
```

(Checking the precondition.)

### Listing 4 – project-divers/annotation0wp.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;  
  @ assigns \nothing;  
  @ ensures \result == 0;  
  @*/  
int annotation(int x)  
{  
  /*@ assert y / (x-x) == 0; */  
  int y;  
  /*@ assert y / (x-x) == 0; */  
  y = y / (x-x);  
  /*@ assert y == 0; */  
  return(y);  
  /*@ assert y == 0; */  
}
```

## Property to check

$$x \geq 0 \wedge x < 0 \Rightarrow y / (x - x) = 0$$

## Transformations of annotated programs (1)

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v) :$ 
 $S1; S2$ 
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v) :$ 
```

- ▶ Applying the property :  

$$wp(S1; S2)(A) = wp(S1)(wp(S2)(A))$$

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v) :$ 
S1;
//@ assert  $wp(S2)(Q(v0, v)) :$ 
S2;
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v) :$ 
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
//@ assert  $xp(S1)(wp(S2)(Q(v0, v)))$  :
 $S1$ ;
//@ assert  $wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :
 $S2$ ;
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

## Transformations of annotated programs (2)

```

//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
IF  $B$  THEN
     $S1$ 
ELSE
     $S2$ 
FI
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

► Applying the property :  

$$wp(if(B, S1, S2))(A) = b \wedge wp(S1)(A) \vee \neg B \wedge wp(S2)(A).$$

```

//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
IF  $B$  THEN
     $S1$ 
ELSE
     $S2$ 
FI
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

```

//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
IF  $B$  THEN
     $S1$ 
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
ELSE
     $S2$ 
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
FI
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

## Transformations of annotated programs (2)

```

//@ assert  $P(v_0, v)$  :
IF  $B$  THEN
     $S_1$ 
//@ assert  $Q(v_0, v)$  :
ELSE
     $S_2$ 
//@ assert  $Q(v_0, v)$  :
FI
//@ assert  $Q(v_0, v)$  :

```

## Transformations of annotated programs (2)

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
   $S1$   
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
   $S2$   
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
FI  
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
//@ assert  $B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S1$   
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
//@ assert  $\neg B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S2$   
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

## Transformations of annotated programs (2)

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
   $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
   $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
FI  
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
  //@ assert  $B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
     $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
  //@ assert  $\neg B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
     $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
  //@ assert  $b \wedge wp(S1)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
     $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
  //@ assert  $\neg b \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
     $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
FI  
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```



## Transformations of annotated programs (2)

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
   $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
   $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
FI  
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
  //@ assert  $B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
  //@ assert  $\neg B \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

```
//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :  
IF  $B$  THEN  
  //@ assert  $b \wedge wp(S1)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S1$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
ELSE  
  //@ assert  $\neg b \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$  :  
   $S2$   
  //@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :  
FI  
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

- ▶  $b \wedge P(v0, v) \Rightarrow b \wedge wp(S1)(Q(v0, v))$
- ▶  $\neg b \wedge P(v0, v) \Rightarrow \neg b \wedge wp(S2)(Q(v0, v))$

## Transformations of annotated programs (3)

```

//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
//@ loop invariant  $I(v0, v)$  :
WHILE  $B$  THEN
     $S$ 
OD
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

- ▶ Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :



## Transformations of annotated programs (3)

```
//@ assert  $P(v_0, v)$  :
//@ loop invariant  $I(v_0, v)$  :
WHILE  $B$  THEN
     $S$ 
OD
//@ assert  $Q(v_0, v)$  :
```

- ▶ Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :

```

//@ assert  $P(v0, v)$  :
//@ loop invariant  $I(v0, v)$  :
//@ assert  $I(v0, v)$  :
WHILE  $B$  THEN
  //@ assert  $b \wedge I(v0, v)$  :
   $S$ 
  //@ assert  $I(v0, v)$  :
OD
//@ assert  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

- ▶  $b \wedge I(v0, v) \Rightarrow wp(S)(I(v0, v))$
- ▶  $P(v0, v) \Rightarrow I(v0, v)$
- ▶  $\neg b \wedge I(v0, v) \Rightarrow Q(v0, v)$

11. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2000; 283: 2689-2693.

- ▶ Assertions at a control point of the program

```
/*@ assert pred; */
```

```
//@ assert pred;
```

- ▶ Assertions at a control point of the program components.

```
/*@ for id1,id2, ..., idn: assert pred; */
```

(Incrementing a number)

## Listing 5 – project-divers/compwp0.c

```
#define x0 5
/*@ assigns \nothing; */
int exemple() {
    int x=x0;
    //@ assert x == x0;
    x = x + 1;
    //@ assert x == x0+1;
    return x;
}
```

(Incrementing a number)

## Listing 6 – project-divers/compwp0wp.c

```
#define x0 5
/*@ assigns \nothing; */
int exemple() {
    //@ assert x0 == x0;
    //@ assert x0+1 == x0+1;
    int x=x0;
    //@ assert x == x0;
    //@ assert x+1 == x0+1;
    x = x + 1;
    //@ assert x == x0+1;
    return x;
}
```

## Summary on annotations and assertions

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- ▶ requires
- ▶ assigns
- ▶ ensures
- ▶ decreases
- ▶ predicate
- ▶ logic
- ▶ lemma





(Division)

### Listing 8 – project-divers/annotation.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x <= 10;  
   @ assigns \nothing;  
   @ ensures x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*\result == x;  
   @ ensures x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*\result == x-1;  
   @*/  
int annotation(int x)  
{  
    int y;  
    y = x / 2;  
    return(y);  
}
```

(Division)

## Listing 9 – project-divers/annotationwp.c

```
/*@ requires 0 <= x && x <= 10;
   @ assigns \nothing;
   @ ensures x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*\result == x;
   @ ensures x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*\result == x-1;
   @*/
int annotation(int x)
{
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x; */
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x-1; */
  int y;
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x; */
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2* (x / 2) == x-1; */
  y = x / 2;
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*y == x; */
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*y == x-1; */
  return(y);
  /*@ assert x % 2 == 0 ==> 2*y == x; */
  /*@ assert x % 2 != 0 ==> 2*y == x-1; */
}
```

## Examples of contract (1)

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*Property to check*

$$x \geq 0 \wedge x < 0; \Rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} x \% 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x \\ x \% 2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x-1 \end{array} \right)$$

## Examples of contract (2)

(Precondition)

## Listing 10 – project-divers/annotation0.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;
   @ assigns \nothing;
   @ ensures \result == 0;
   @*/
int annotation0(int x)
{
    int y;
    y = y / (x-x);
    return(y);
}
```

(Precondition)

### Listing 11 – project-divers/annotation0wp.c

```
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;  
  @ assigns \nothing;  
  @ ensures \result == 0;  
  @*/  
int annotation(int x)  
{  
  /*@ assert y / (x-x) == 0; */  
  int y;  
  /*@ assert y / (x-x) == 0; */  
  y = y / (x-x);  
  /*@ assert y == 0; */  
  return(y);  
  /*@ assert y == 0; */  
}
```

*Property to check*

$$0 \leq x \wedge x \leq 10 \Rightarrow y/(x-x) = 0$$





## Definition of a contract (programming)

- ▶ Define the program codefact for computing mathfact (How to compute?)
- ▶ Define the algorithm computing the function mathfact

(factorial how )

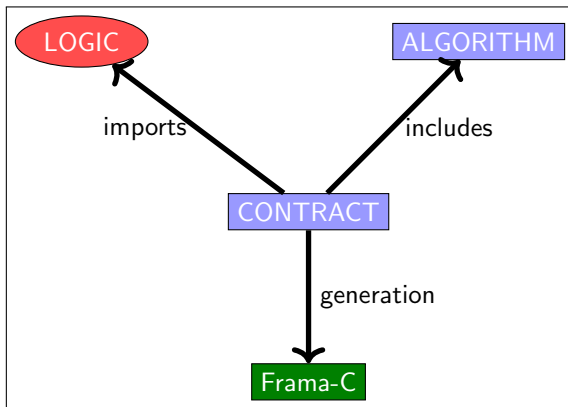
### Listing 13 – project-factorial/factorial.c

```
#include "factorial.h"

int codefact(int n) {
    int y = 1;
    int x = n;
    /*@ loop invariant x >= 1 && x <= n && mathfact(n) == y * mathfact(x);
       loop assigns x, y;
       loop variant x;
    */
    while (x != 1) {
        y = y * x;
        x = x - 1;
    };
    return y;
}
```

## Definition of a contract (approach)

- ▶ The specification of a function (`mathfact`) to compute requires to define it mathematically.
- ▶ The definition is stated in an axiomatic framework and is preferably inductive (`mathfact`) which is used in assertions or theorems or lemmas.
- ▶ The relationship between the computed value (`\result`) and the mathematical value (`mathfact(n)`) is stated in the ensures clause :
 
$$\text{\result} == \text{mathfact}(n)$$
- ▶ The main property to prove is `codefact(n) == mathfact(n)` : Calling `codefact` for `n` returns a value equal to `mathfact(n)`.





(Pairs of integers)

### Listing 15 – project-divers/structures.h

```
#ifndef _STRUCTURE_H
```

```
struct s {
    int q;
    int r;
};
```

```
#endif
```

# Division should not return silly expressions !

(Specification)

## Listing 16 – project-divers/division.h

```
#ifndef _A_H
#define _A_H
#include "structures.h"
/*@ requires a >= 0 && b >= 0;
@ behavior b :
  @ assumes b == 0;
  @ assigns \nothing;
  @ ensures \result.q == -1 && \result.r == -1 ;
@ behavior B2:
  @ assumes b != 0;
  @ assigns \nothing;
  @ ensures 0 <= \result.r;
  @ ensures \result.r < b;
  @ ensures a == b * \result.q + \result.r;
*/
struct s division(int a, int b);
#endif
```

# Division should not return silly expressions!

(Algorithm)

## Listing 17 – project-divers/division.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#include "division.h"

struct s division(int a, int b)
{
    int rr = a;
    int qq = 0;
    struct s silly = {-1,-1};
    struct s resu;
    if (b == 0) {
        return silly;
    }
    else
    {
        /*@
        loop invariant
        ( a == b*qq + rr ) &&
        rr >= 0;
        loop assigns rr,qq;
        loop variant rr;
        */
        while (rr >= b) { rr = rr - b; qq=qq+1;};
        resu.q = qq;
        resu.r = rr;
        return resu;
    }
}
```





(Invariant de boucle)

### Listing 19 – project-divers/anno6.c

```

/*@ requires a >= 0 && b >= 0;
   ensures 0 <= \result;
   ensures \result < b;
   ensures \exists integer k; a == k * b + \result;
*/
int rem(int a, int b) {
    int r = a;
    /*@
       loop invariant
       (\exists integer i; a == i * b + r) &&
       r >= 0;
       loop assigns r;
    */
    while (r >= b) { r = r - b; };
    return r;
}

```

- ▶  $\backslash old(x)$  is the value of the variable when the function is called.
- ▶ It can be used in the postcondition of the *ensures* clause.

(Modifying variables while calling)

## Listing 20 – project-divers/old1.c

```

/*@ requires \valid(a) && \valid(b);
   @ assigns *a,*b;
   @ ensures  *a == \at(*a,Pre) +2;
   @ ensures  *b == \at(*b,Pre)+\at(*a,Pre)+2;

           @ ensures \result == 0;

*/
int old(int *a, int *b) {
    int x,y;
    x = *a;
    y = *b;
    x=x+2;
    y = y +x;

    *a = x;
    *b = y;
    return 0 ;
}

```

- ▶  $\backslash at(e, id)$  is the value of  $e$  at the control point  $id$ .
- ▶  $id$  should occur before  $\backslash at(e, id)$
- ▶  $id$  is one of the possible expressions : Pre, Here, Old, Post, LoopEntry, LoopCurrent, Init
- ▶  $\backslash old(e)$  is equivalent to  $\backslash at(e, Old)$

(label Pre)

### Listing 21 – project-divers/at1.c

```
/*@
  requires \valid(a) && \valid(b);
  assigns *a,*b;
  ensures *a == \old(*a)+2;
  ensures *b == \old(*b)+\old(*a)+2;
*/
int at1(int *a, int *b) {
  //@ assert *a == \at(*a, Pre);
  *a = *a + 1;
  //@ assert *a == \at(*a, Pre)+1;
  *a = *a + 1;
  //@ assert *a == \at(*a, Pre)+2;
  *b = *b + *a;
  //@ assert *a == \at(*a, Pre)+2 && *b == \at(*b, Pre)+\at(*a, Pre)+2;
  return 0;
}
```



(autre label)

### Listing 22 – project-divers/at2.c

```
void f (int n) {  
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    /*@ assert \at(i, LoopEntry) == 0; */  
    int j=0;  
    while (j++ < i) {  
      /*@ assert \at(j, LoopEntry) == 0; */  
      /*@ assert \at(j, LoopCurrent) + 1 == j; */  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```

/*@ requires \valid(a) && *a >= 0;
   @ assigns *a;
   @ ensures  *a == \old(*a)+2 && \result == 0;
*/
int  chngel(int *a)
{
    int x = *a;
    x = x + 2;
    *a = x;
    return 0;
}

```

- ▶ A variable called *ghost* allows to model a computed value useful for stating a model property : the ghost variable is hidden for the computer but not for the model.
- ▶ It should not change the semantics of others variables and should not change the effective variables.



(Bug)

### Listing 24 – project-divers/ghost2.c

```
int f (int x, int y) {
    //@ghost int z=x+y;
    switch (x) {
    case 0: return y;
    //@ ghost case 1: z=y;
    // above statement is correct.
    //@ ghost case 2: { z++; break; }
    // invalid , would bypass the non-ghost default
    default: y++; }
    return y; }

int g(int x) { //@ ghost int z=x;
    if (x>0){return x;}
    //@ ghost else { z++; return x; }
    // invalid , would bypass the non-ghost return
    return x+1; }
```

(Ghost variable)

## Listing 25 – project-divers/ghost1.c

```

/*@ requires a >= 0 && b >= 0;
   ensures 0 <= \result;
   ensures \result < b;
   ensures \exists integer k; a == k * b + \result; */
int rem(int a, int b) {
    int r = a;
    /*@ ghost    int q=0;    */
    /*@
       loop invariant
       a == q * b + r &&
       r >= 0 && r <= a;
       loop assigns r;
       loop assigns q;
    // loop variant r;
    */
    while (r >= b) {
        r = r - b;
    /*@ ghost    q = q+1;    */
    };
    return r;
}

```