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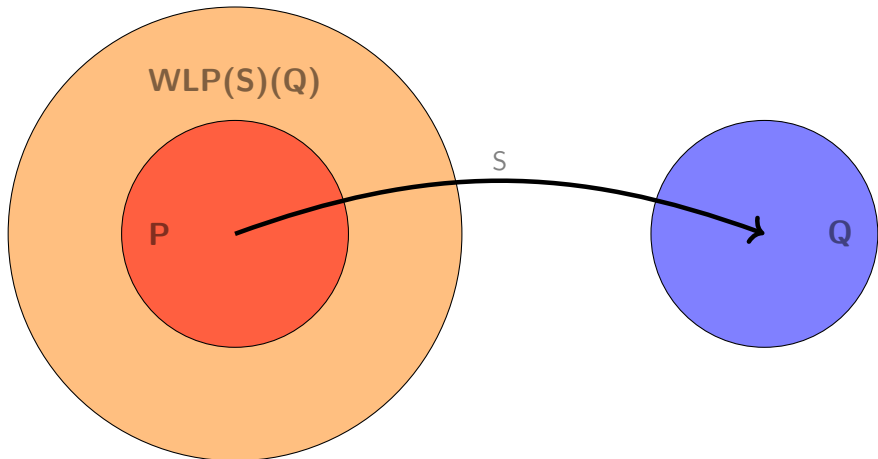
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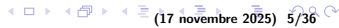
Vérification mécanisée de contrats (II) (The ANSI/ISO C Specification Language (ACSL))

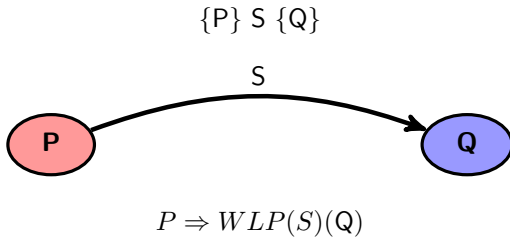
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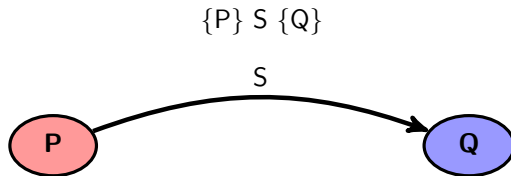
- ### ③ Contracts

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);
}
```


(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);  
}
```

(continued)

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```
/*@ 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; */
}
```

— $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$

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

```

```

//@ 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  $P(v0, v)$  :
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  $Q(v_0, v)$  :

```

```

//@ 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  $Q(v0, v)$  :
```

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

```

```

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

- ▶ Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :

Transformations of annotated programs (3)

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

```

//@ 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  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

- ▶ 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  $Q(v0, v)$  :

```

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

- ▶ Checking the preservation of invariant.
- ▶ Applying the wps on assertions according to startements.

- ▶ 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

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

- ▶ The calling function should guarantee the required condition or precondition introduced by the clause requires $P1 \wedge \dots \wedge Pn$ at the calling point.
- ▶ The called function returns results that are ensured by the clause ensures $E1 \wedge \dots \wedge Em$; ensures clause expresses a relationship between the initial values of variables and the final values.
- ▶ initial values of a variable v is denoted $\backslash old(v)$
- ▶ The variables which are not in the set $L1 \cup \dots \cup Lp$ are not modified.

Listing 7 – contrat

```
/*@ requires P1;...;requires Pn;
   @ assigns L1;...;assigns Lm;
   @ ensures E1;...;ensures Ep;
   @*/
```

Examples of contract (1)

(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)

Property to check

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

(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);
}
```

```

/*@ 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; */
}

```

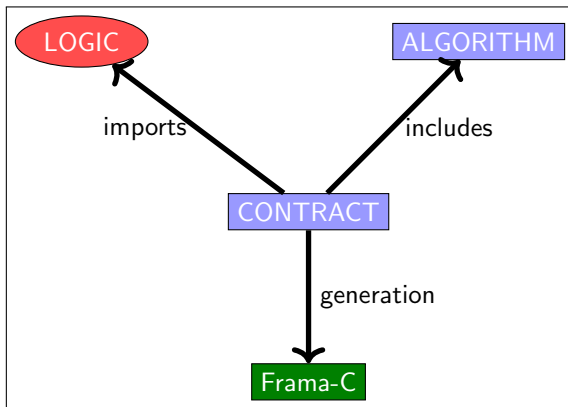
Property to check

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

Definition of a contract (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)`.



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; */
    }
  }
}
```

Listing 23 – project-divers/change1.c

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



```
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;
}

```