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

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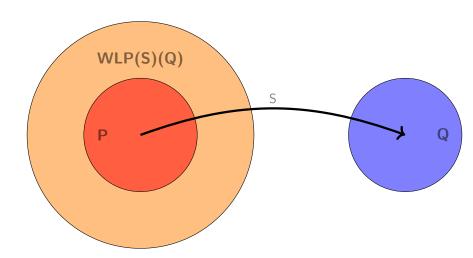
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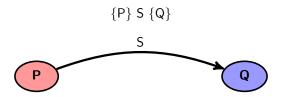
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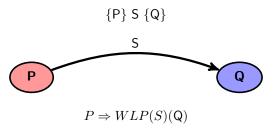
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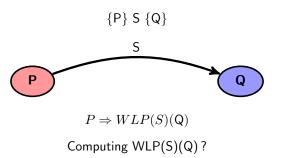
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Asserted Program $\{P\}$ S $\{Q\}$







Writing a simple contract

```
variables x
requires x >= 0 \land x <= 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}
                 end
```

- result is the value returned by the command rezturn(y).
- return(y) is equivalent to result:= v.

```
(Writing a simple contract.)
                            Listing 1 – project-divers/annotation.c
    /*@ requires x >= 0 \&\& x <= 10;
      @ assigns \nothing;
      @ ensures \times \% 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2*\backslash result == x;
      Q ensures x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* \text{result} \Longrightarrow x-1:
      @*/
    int annotation (int x)
       int v:
      y = x / 2;
      return(y);
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```

Writing a simple contract

```
(Writing a simple contract.)
                       Listing 2 – project-divers/annotationwp.c
/*0 requires 0 <= x && x <= 10;
  @ assigns \ nothing:
  @ ensures x \% 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2* \ result = x;
  Q ensures x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* \text{result} \Longrightarrow x-1:
int annotation (int x)
/*@ assert x % 2 == 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) == x: */
/*@ assert x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) \Longrightarrow x-1: */
  int v:
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) == x; */
/*@ assert x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) \Longrightarrow x-1; */
 y = x / 2;
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v = x; */
/*@ \ assert \ \ x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v == x-1; */
  return(y);
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v = x; */
/*@ \ assert \ \ x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2*y == x-1: */
```

Property to check

$$x \ge 0 \land x \le 10 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x\%2 \ne 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x - 1 \\ x\%2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x \end{cases}$$

```
(Checking the precondition.)
                   Listing 3 – project-divers/annotation0.c
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;
 @ assigns \nothing;
 @ ensures \ result == 0;
 @*/
int annotation 0 (int x)
  int y;
 y = y / (x-x);
 return(y);
```

Writing a simple contract

```
(Checking the precondition.)
                 Listing 4 – project-divers/annotation0wp.c
/*@ requires x >= 0 && x < 0;
 @ assigns \nothing;
 @ ensures \ result == 0;
 @*/
int annotation (int x)
 /*0 assert y / (x-x) = 0; */
 /*0 assert y / (x-x) = 0; */
 y = y / (x-x);
 /*@ assert v == 0; */
  return(y);
  /*@ assert y == 0; */
```

Property to check

$$x > 0 \land < 0 \Rightarrow y/(x-x) = 0$$

```
\begin{array}{l} //@ \text{ assert } P(v0,v): \\ S1;S2 \\ //@ \text{ assert } Q(v0,v): \end{array}
```

Applying the property : wp(S1; S2)(A) = wp(S1)(wp(S2)(A))

```
//@ \ \text{assert} \ P(v0,v): S1; //@ \ \text{assert} \ wp(S2)(Q(v0,v)): S2; //@ \ \text{assert} \ Q(v0,v):
```

```
//@ \ \text{assert} \ P(v0,v): \\ //@ \ \text{assert} \ xp(S1)(wp(S2)(Q(v0,v))): \\ S1; \\ //@ \ \text{assert} \ wp(S2)(Q(v0,v)): \\ S2; \\ //@ \ \text{assert} \ Q(v0,v): \\
```

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

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

```
\label{eq:continuous_problem} \begin{split} //@& \text{ assert } P(v0,v): \\ & \text{ IF } B \text{ THEN} \\ & S1 \\ //@& \text{ assert } Q(v0,v): \\ & \text{ELSE} \\ & S2 \\ //@& \text{ assert } Q(v0,v): \\ & \text{FI} \\ //@& \text{ assert } Q(v0,v): \end{split}
```

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

S2

//@ assert Q(v0,v):

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

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

 $\blacktriangleright b \land P(v0,v) \Rightarrow$

 $b \wedge wp(S1)(Q(v0,v))$

 $\neg b \land wp(S2)(Q(v0,v))$

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```
//@ \ \text{assert} \ P(v0,v): //@ \ \text{loop invariant} \ I(v0,v): WHILE \ B \ THEN S \ \text{OD} //@ \ \text{assert} \ Q(v0,v):
```

Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :

```
\label{eq:continuous_problem} $$ //@ \ \text{assert} \ P(v0,v): $$ //@ \ \text{loop invariant} \ I(v0,v): $$ $$ WHILE $B$ THEN $$ $$ OD $$ //@ \ \text{assert} \ Q(v0,v): $$
```

Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :

```
//@ \ \operatorname{assert} \ P(v0,v): \\ //@ \ \operatorname{loop} \ \operatorname{invariant} \ I(v0,v): \\ //@ \ \operatorname{assert} \ I(v0,v): \\ WHILE \ B \ \mathsf{THEN} \\ //@ \ \operatorname{assert} \ b \wedge I(v0,v): \\ S \\ //@ \ \operatorname{assert} \ I(v0,v): \\ \mathsf{OD} \\ //@ \ \operatorname{assert} \ Q(v0,v): \\ \\
```

```
\label{eq:continuous_problem} $$ //@ \ assert \ P(v0,v): $$ //@ \ loop invariant \ I(v0,v): $$ WHILE $B$ THEN $$ S $$ OD $$ //@ assert \ Q(v0,v): $$
```

Applying the iteration rule of Hoare Logic :

```
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```

- $\blacktriangleright b \land I(v0,v) \Rightarrow wp(S)(I(v0,v))$
- $ightharpoonup P(v0,v) \Rightarrow I(v0,v)$
- $ightharpoonup \neg b \land I(v0,v) \Rightarrow Q(v0,v)$

Summary of transformations

- ► 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; */
```

Verification using WLP

```
(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

Programming by contract

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

```
Listing 7 — contrat

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

```
Listing 8 — project-divers/annotation.c

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

```
(Division)
                        Listing 9 – project-divers/annotationwp.c
/*0 requires 0 \le x & x \le 10;
  @ assigns \nothing;
  \emptyset ensures x \% 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2* \text{result} = x;
  \emptyset ensures x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* \text{result} \Longrightarrow x-1;
  @*/
int annotation (int x)
/*@ assert x % 2 == 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) == x; */
/*@ assert x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) \Longrightarrow x-1; */
  int y;
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 == 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) == x; */
/*@ assert x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2* (x / 2) \Longrightarrow x-1; */
 y = x / 2;
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v = x; */
/*@ \ assert \ \ x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v \Longrightarrow x-1; */
  return(y);
/*@ \ assert \ x \% \ 2 = 0 \Longrightarrow 2*v = x; */
/*@ \ assert \ \ x \% 2 != 0 \Longrightarrow 2*y == x-1; */
```

Examples of contract (1)

Property to check

$$x \ge 0 \land x < 0; \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc} x \% & 2 & = & 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x \\ x \% & 2 & \neq & 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (x/2) = x - 1 \end{array}\right)$$

```
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;
 /*0 assert y / (x-x) = 0; */
 y = y / (x-x);
 /*@ assert v == 0; */
  return(y);
  /*@ assert y == 0; */
```

Examples of contract (2)

Property to check
$$0 \le x \land x \le 10 \Rightarrow y/(x-x) = 0$$

Definition of a contract (specification)

- ▶ Define the mathematical fucntion to compute (what to compute?)
- ▶ Define an inductive method for computing the mathematical function and using axioms.

```
(facctorial what)
                   Listing 12 – project-factorial/factorial.h
#ifndef _A_H
#define _A_H
/*@ axiomatic mathfact {
  @ logic integer mathfact(integer n);
  @ axiom mathfact_1: mathfact(1) == 1:
  @ axiom mathfact_rec: \forall integer n; n > 1
  \implies mathfact(n) \implies mathfact(n-1);
  @ } */
/*0 requires n > 0;
  decreases n;
  ensures \result == mathfact(n);
  assigns \nothing;
int codefact(int n);
#endif
```

Definition of a contract (programming)

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

```
(facctorial how )
                   Listing 13 – project-factorial/factorial.c
#include "factorial.h"
int codefact(int n) {
  int y = 1;
  /*@ 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 axtiomatic framework and is preferably inductive (mathfact) which is used in assrtions or theorems or lemmas.
- ► The relationship between the ciomputed value (\result) and the mathematical value (mathfact(n)) is stated in the ensures clause :
- ► The main property to prove is codefact(n)==mathfact(n) : Calling codefact for n returns a value equal to mathfact(n).



```
Listing 14 – contrat
/*@ requires P;
@ behavior b1:
  @ assumes A1:
  @ requires R1;
  @ assigns L1;
  @ ensures E1:
@ behavior b2:
  @ assumes A2;
  @ requires R2;
  @ assigns L2;
  @ ensures E2:
@*/
```

Division should not return silly expressions!

```
(Pairs of integers)

Listing 15 — project-divers/structures.h

#ifndef _STRUCTURE.H

struct s {
   int q;
   int r;
};

#endif
```

```
(Specification)
                     Listing 16 – project-divers/division.h
#ifndef _A_H
#define _A_H
#include "structures.h"
/*0 requires a >= 0 \&\& b >= 0:
@ hehavior b :
  @ assumes b == 0:
  @ assigns \nothing;
  @ ensures \result.q = -1 && \result.r = -1;
@ behavior B2:
  @ assumes b != 0:
  @ assigns \ nothing:
  Q ensures 0 \le |result.r|
  @ ensures \ result . r < b:
  @ ensures a == b * \result.q + \result.r;
struct s division (int a, int b);
#endif
```

```
(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
  /+0
    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;
```

Iteration Rule for PC

If $\{P \wedge B\}$ **S** $\{P\}$, then $\{P\}$ while **B** do **S** od $\{P \wedge \neg B\}$.

- ▶ Prove $\{P \land B\}$ **S** $\{P\}$ or $P \land B \Rightarrow \{S\}(P)$.
- ▶ By the iteration rule, we conclude that $\{P\}$ while **B** do **S** od $\{P \land \neg B\}$ without using WLP.
- Introduction of LOOP INVARIANTS in the notation.

```
Listing 18 – loop.c
```

```
/*@ loop invariant I1;
loop invariant I2;
...
loop invariant In;
loop assigns X;
loop variant E;
*/
```

```
(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:
```

- 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 = \langle at(*b, Pre) + \rangle 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 ;
```

- ▶ id is one of the possible expressions : Pre, Here, Old, Post, LoopEntry, LoopCurrent, Init

```
(label Pre)
                         Listing 21 – project-divers/at1.c
/*@
  requires \valid(a) && \valid(b);
  assigns *a, *b;
  ensures *a = \setminus old(*a) + 2;
  ensures *b = \langle old(*b)+ \rangle 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:
```

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```
(otherlabel)

Listing 23 — project-divers/change1.c

/*@ requires \valid(a) && *a >= 0;
@ assigns *a;
@ ensures *a = \old(*a)+2 && \result = 0;
*/
int change1(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 \le |result|;
 ensures \result < b;
 ensures \exists integer k; a = k * b + \text{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:
```