

# Proof Outlines; Convergence

CS 536: Science of Programming, Fall 2022

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## A. Why?

- A formal proof lets us write out in detail the reasons for believing that something is valid.
- Proof outlines condense the same information as a proof.

## B. Outcomes

After this homework, you should be able to

- Translate between full proof outlines and formal proofs of partial correctness.
- Translate between a full proof outline and a minimal proof outline.

## C. Problems [60 points total]

### Classes 16 & 17: Proof Outlines [35 points]

1. (Full outline from formal proof) Show the full outline derived from the full proof.

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| 1.  | $\{n > 0\} k := n-1 \{n > 0 \wedge k = n-1\}$  | assignment (forward)        |
| 2.  | $\{n > 0 \wedge k = n-1\} x := n \{n > 0 \wedge k = n-1 \wedge x = n\}$  | assignment (forward)        |
| 3.  | $n > 0 \wedge k = n-1 \wedge x = n \rightarrow p$<br>// where $p \equiv 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge x = n!/k!$                          | predicate logic             |
| 4.  | $\{n > 0 \wedge k = n-1\} x := n \{p\}$  | postcondition weak. 2, 3    |
| 5.  | $\{n > 0\} k := n-1 ; x := n \{p\}$  | sequence 1, 4               |
| 6.  | $\{p[x^*k/x]\} x := x^*k \{p\}$  | assignment (backward)       |
| 7.  | $\{p[x^*k/x][k-1/k]\} k := k-1 \{p[x^*k/x]\}$  | assignment (backward)       |
| 8.  | $p \wedge k > 1 \rightarrow p[x^*k/x][k-1/k]$  | predicate logic             |
| 9.  | $\{p \wedge k > 1\} k := k-1 \{p[x^*k/x]\}$  | precondition strength. 8, 7 |
| 10. | $\{p \wedge k > 1\} k := k-1 ; x := x^*k \{p\}$  | sequence 9, 6               |
| 11. | $\{\text{inv } p\} W \{p \wedge k \leq 1\}$<br>// where $W \equiv \text{while } k > 1 \text{ do } k := k-1 ; x := x^*k \text{ od}$ | while loop 10               |
| 12. | $\{n > 0\} k := n-1 ; x := n \{\text{inv } p\} W \{p \wedge k \leq 1\}$  | sequence 5, 11              |

Expanded substitutions: (You don't have to re-include this with your outline)

$p \equiv 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge x = n!/k!$

$p[x^*k/x] \equiv 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge x^*k = n!/k!$

$p[x^*k/x][k-1/k] \equiv 1 \leq k-1 \leq n \wedge x^*(k-1) = n!/(k-1)!$

2. [10 pts] Give a full proof outline obtained by expansion of the partial proof outline below. Work forward through the program (use  $\text{sp}$  on the four assignments and **if-else** statement). If you use  $p[e/v]$  substitution notation, show their resulting expansions somewhere.

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{q ≡ r = X*Y - x*y}
if even(x) then
    y := 2*y; x := x/2
else
    r := r+y; x := x-1
fi {q}

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3. [10 pts] Give a full proof outline obtained by expansion of the partial proof outline below. Work backward through the program (use  $\text{wp}$  on the four assignments). Show the results of substitutions somewhere.

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{y ≥ 1} x := 0; r := 1;
{inv p ≡ 1 ≤ r = 2^x ≤ y}
while 2*r ≤ y do
    r := 2*r; x := x+1
od
{r = 2^x ≤ y ≤ 2^(x+1)}

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4. [5 points] For each of the following, say yes or no and explain briefly. If "no", also say whether this is a problem or not and explain briefly.
- Does a full formal proof map to a unique full proof outline?
  - Does a full proof outline map to a unique minimal proof outline?
  - Does a partial proof outline map to a unique full proof outline?
  - Does a full proof outline map to a unique full proof?
  - Which of the following maps to a longer full proof? I.e., one with more lines? (Assume each  $S$  is an arbitrary simple statement (an assignment or **skip**).)

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{p1} S1 ; {p2} S2 ; {p3} S3; {p4} S4 {p5} {p6}
{q1} if B then {q2} {q3} S1; {q4} S2 else {q5} S3 {q6} fi {q4 ∨ q6}
{r1} {inv r1} while B do {r2} S1 {r3} {r1} od; {r4} S2 {r5}

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### ***Class 18: Convergence [25 points total]***

5. [5 points] For  $\{\text{inv } p\} \{\text{bd } t\} \text{ while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od } \{p \wedge \neg B\}$ , which of the following properties must be hold to get convergence? Briefly discuss why the wrong properties are wrong.
- $(p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0) \rightarrow \text{wp}(S, t < t_0)$

- b.  $\text{sp}(p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0, S) \rightarrow t < t_0$
- c.  $p \wedge t > 0 \rightarrow B$
- d.  $p \wedge \neg B \rightarrow t = 0$
- e.  $\{p \wedge B \wedge t > t_0\} S \{t = t_0\}$
- f.  $p \wedge t = 0 \rightarrow \neg B$

6. [10 = 5 \* 2 points] Consider the loop

$\{\text{inv } p\} \{\text{bd } t\} \text{ while } k \leq n \text{ do } \dots k := k+1 \text{ od}$

Assume  $p \rightarrow (n \geq 0 \wedge 0 < C \leq k \leq n+C)$  (where  $C$  is a named constant). For each of the following expressions, say whether or not it can be used as the bound expression  $t$  above (if not, briefly explain why). Include a list of predicate logic obligations and show the expansion of any substitutions.

- a.  $n - k$
- b.  $n + k + C$
- c.  $n - k + C$
- d.  $n - k + 2 * C$
- e.  $2^{(n+C)} / 2^k$

7. [10 points] Complete the proof of total correctness of the program below by filling in the missing pieces that ensure convergence. You'll have predicates  $p_0 - p_7$  and the bound expression  $t$ . If you want, feel free to define other predicates ("Let  $q \equiv \text{predicate}$ "). Also Include a list of predicate logic obligations and the results of any substitutions. **Notation:** Below,  $|b|$  is a synonym for  $\text{size}(b)$ ; use either notation you like.

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{  $p_0 \wedge 0 \leq c < |b|$  }
 $x := 1; \{p_1\} k := 0; \{p_2\}$ 
{ inv  $p \equiv x = 2^k \leq b[c] \wedge 0 \leq c < |b| \wedge p_3$  } // [2022-10-31] typo fix
{ bd  $t$  } // Hint:  $p_3$  ensures that the bound is  $\geq 0$ 
while  $2 * x \leq b[c]$  do
  {  $p \wedge 2 * x \leq b[c] \wedge p_4$  }
  {  $p_5$  }  $k := k+1; \{p_6\} x := 2 * x$ 
  {  $p \wedge p_7$  }
od
{  $p \wedge 2 * x > b[c]$  }
{  $x = 2^k \leq b[c] < 2^{(k+1)}$  }

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**Solution to Homework 8****Classes 16 & 17: Proof Outlines**

## 1. (Full outline from formal proof)

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{ n > 0 }
k := n-1; { n > 0 ∧ k = n-1 }
x := n; { n > 0 ∧ k = n-1 ∧ x = n }
{ inv p } while k > 1 do      // where p ≡ 1 ≤ k ≤ n ∧ x = n!/k!
    { p ∧ k > 1 }
    { p[x*k/x][k-1/k] } k := k-1;
    { p[x*k/x] } x := x*k
    { p }
od
{ p ∧ k ≤ 1 }
{ x = n! }

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## 2. (Expand partial outline)

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{ q ≡ r = X*Y-x*y }
if even(x) then
    { q ∧ even(x) } y := 2*y;
    { q1 ≡ (q ∧ even(x))[q0/q] ∧ y = 2*y0 }      // q1 ≡ r = X*Y-x*y0 ∧ even(x) ∧ y = 2*y0
    x := x/2
    { q2 ≡ q1[x0/x] ∧ x = x0/2 }                  // q2 ≡ r = X*Y-x0*y0 ∧ even(x0) ∧ y = 2*y0
else
    { q ∧ odd(x) } r := r+y;
    { q3 ≡ (q ∧ odd(x))[r0/r] ∧ r = r0+y }        // q3 ≡ r0 = X*Y-x*y ∧ odd(x) ∧ r = r0+y
    x := x-1
    { q4 ≡ q3[x0/x] ∧ x = x0-1 }                  // q4 ≡ r0 = X*Y-x0*y ∧ odd(x0) ∧ r = r0+y ∧ x = x0-1
fi { q2 ∨ q4 } { q }

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## 3. (Expand partial outline)

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{ y ≥ 1 }
{ p[1/r][0/x] }      // p[1/r][0/x] ≡ 1 ≤ 1 = 20 ≤ y
x := 0;
{ p[1/r] }           // p[1/r] ≡ 1 ≤ 1 = 2x ≤ y
r := 1;
{ inv p ≡ 1 ≤ r = 2x ≤ y }
while 2*r ≤ y do
    { p ∧ 2*r ≤ y }
    { p[x+1/x][2*r/r] }      // p[x+1/x][2*r/r] ≡ 1 ≤ 2*r = 2(x+1) ≤ y
    r := 2*r;
    { p[x+1/x] }           // p[x+1/x] ≡ 1 ≤ r = 2(x+1) ≤ y

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    x := x+1
    { p }
od
{ p ∧ 2*r > y }
{ r = 2^x ≤ y ≤ 2^(x+1) }

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#### 4. (Proofs vs outlines)

- A full formal proof does map to a unique full proof outline. Each line of a proof generates one correctness triple, with no choice as to location.
- A full proof outline does map to a unique minimal proof outline. Argument is by induction on outline length.
- A partial proof outline map can map to multiple unique full proof outlines. A simple example is a sequence of assignments; each one can be expanded using wp or sp, and that choice generates different outlines.
- A full proof outline can map to multiple unique full proofs. For example, with  $\{p_1\} \{p_2\} S_1; \{p_3\} S_2 \{p_4\}$  there's a choice of whether we use precondition strengthening on  $S_1$  or the sequence  $S_1; S_2$ , and this choice generates different proofs.
- (Lengths of proofs) The first proof requires the most number of lines.

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{ p1 } S1 ; { p2 } S2 ; { p3 } S3 ; { p4 } S4 { p5 } { p6 }

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Requires 9 lines of proof (4 for the individual  $S_1 - S_4$ , 3 for the sequences, and 2 for a postcondition weakening of  $p_5$  to  $p_6$ ).

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{ q1 } if B then { q2 } { q3 } S1; { q4 } S2 { q7 } else { q5 } S3 { q6 } fi { q7 ∨ q6 }

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Requires 7 lines of proof (1 each for  $S_1, S_2$ , and  $S_3$ , 2 for a precondition strengthening of  $q_3$  to  $q_2$ , 1 for the sequence  $S_2; S_3$ , and 1 for the **if-fi** statement)

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{ r1 } { inv r1 } while B do { r2 } S1 { r3 } { r1 } od; { r4 } S2 { r5 }

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Requires 6 lines of proof (1 for  $S_1$ , 2 to weaken  $r_3$  to  $r_1$ , 1 for the while statement, 1 for  $S_2$ , and 1 for the sequence of while loop and  $S_2$ ).

#### Class 18: Convergence [25 points total]

##### 5. (Convergence of $\{\text{inv } p\} \{\text{bd } t\} \text{ while } B \text{ do } S \text{ od } \{p \wedge \neg B\} \text{ loop}$ )

- Must be true:  $(p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0) \rightarrow \text{wp}(S, t < t_0)$
- Must be true:  $\text{sp}(p \wedge B \wedge t = t_0, S) \rightarrow t < t_0$
- Can be false:  $p \wedge t > 0 \rightarrow B$ . ( $t$  can be  $> 0$  on loop termination)
- Can be false:  $p \wedge \neg B \rightarrow t = 0$  (Same as previous line:  $t$  can be  $> 0$  on loop termination)
- Must be true:  $\{p \wedge B \wedge t > t_0\} S \{t = t_0\}$  (Whatever  $t$  is at the end of the iteration; it needed to be larger at the start of the iteration.)
- Must be true:  $p \wedge t = 0 \rightarrow \neg B$  (If  $t = 0$  at the start of an iteration, decreasing it would make  $t$  negative at the end of the iteration.)

6. (Possible bound functions for  $\{\text{inv } p\} \{\text{bd } t\} \text{ while } k \leq n \text{ do } \dots k := k+1 \text{ od where } p \rightarrow (n \geq 0 \wedge 0 < C \leq k \leq n+C, \text{ for constant } C.$
- $(n - k)$  Cannot be a bound function because it can be negative. Since  $k \leq n+C$ , we can subtract  $C+k$  from both sides and get  $k - (C+k) \leq n+C - (C+k)$ , which simplifies to  $-C \leq n - k$ . (Incrementing  $k$  does make  $n - k$  smaller.)
  - $n + k + C$  Cannot be a bound function because increasing  $k$  makes  $n + k + C$  larger, not smaller. (It's nonnegative:  $0 < C \leq k \leq n+C$  implies  $0 < n+C$ , which implies  $k < n + k + C$ .)
  - $n - k + C$  Can be a bound function. Since  $k \leq n+C$ , we know  $0 \leq n - k + C$ , so it's non-negative, and incrementing  $k$  decreases  $n - k + C$ .
  - $n - k + 2 \cdot C$  Can be a bound function. From part (c),  $n - k + C$  is a bound function, and adding a positive constant yields another bound function.
  - $2^{n+C} / 2^k$  Can be a bound function. It's nonnegative ( $0 \leq k \leq n+C$  implies  $2^k \leq 2^{n+C}$  implies  $2^{n+C} / 2^k \geq 1$ ), and it's decreased by incrementing  $k$ .
7. (From partial correctness to total correctness.)

To get a outline for total correctness, we need  $p_3 \equiv t \geq 0$ ,  $p_4 \equiv t = t_0$  and  $p_7 \equiv t < t_0$ . This has implications for  $p_5$  and  $p_6$ , but aside from that, everything else comes from the proof of partial correctness.

$\{p_0 \wedge 0 \leq c <  b \}$	// $p_0 \equiv b[c] \geq 1$
$x := 1;$	
$\{p_1\}$	// $p_1 \equiv b[c] \geq 1 \wedge 0 \leq c <  b  \wedge x = 1$
$k := 0;$	
$\{p_2\}$	// $p_2 \equiv p_1 \wedge k = 0 \equiv b[c] \geq 1 \wedge 0 \leq c <  b  \wedge x = 1 \wedge k = 0$
$\{\text{inv } p\} \{\text{bd } t\}$	// $p \equiv x = 2^k \leq b[c] \wedge 0 \leq c <  b  \wedge p_3$
<b>while</b> $2^x \leq b[c]$ <b>do</b>	where $p_3 \equiv t \geq 0$
$\{p \wedge 2^x \leq b[c] \wedge p_4\}$	// $p_4 \equiv t = t_0$
$\{p_5\}$	// $p_5 \equiv p_6[k+1 / k] \equiv 2^x = 2^{k+1} \leq b[c] \wedge t_2 < t_0$
$k := k+1;$	where $t_4 \equiv t[2^x / x][k+1 / k]$
$\{p_6\}$	// $p_6 \equiv (p \wedge p_7)[2^x / x] \equiv 2^x = 2^k \leq b[c] \wedge t_1 < t_0$
$x := 2^x$	where $t_1 \equiv t[2^x / x]$
$\{p \wedge p_7\}$	// $p_7 \equiv t < t_0$
<b>od</b>	
$\{p \wedge 2^x > b[c]\}$	
$\{x = 2^k \leq b[c] < 2^{k+1}\}$	