

## Exercises on Program Verification with Hoare Logic (Resolution)

### Notes:

- In exercises 1 to 6, assume that all variables are of type integer.

### 1. Indicate (by direct inspection) whether the following Hoare triples are true or false. [Selected]

- $\{x > 5\} \text{ skip } \{x > 0\}$   
R: True
- $\{x < 6\} x := x+1 \{x > 5\}$   
R: False (counter example:  $x_{\text{ini}}=0$ )
- $\{x = 5 \wedge y = 0\} \text{ if } x > 0 \text{ then } y := 10 \text{ else skip } \{y = 10\}$   
R: True
- $\{x=a \wedge y=b\} x := y; y := a \{x=b \wedge y=a\}$   
R: True
- $\{x > y\} \text{ while } x > y \text{ do } x := x - 1 \{x = y\}$   
R: True

### 2. Indicate (by direct inspection) the weakest precondition (wp) in the following Hoare triples. [Selected]

- $\{wp\} x := x+1 \{x > 5\}$   
R:  $x > 4$
- $\{wp\} \text{ if } a > b \text{ then } x := a \text{ else } x := b \{x > 0\}$   
R:  $a > 0 \vee b > 0$
- $\{wp\} \text{ while } x > y \text{ do } x := x-1 \{x = y\}$   
R:  $x \geq y$

### 3. Prove or disprove the Hoare triples $\{P\} S \{Q\}$ of exercises 1.a to 1.d by calculating $wp(S, Q)$ and proving $P \rightarrow wp(S, Q)$ (see slides 22-40). [Selected]

- $wp(\text{skip}, x > 0) = x > 0$
  - $(P \Rightarrow wp(S, Q)) \Leftrightarrow (x > 5 \Rightarrow x > 0) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$
- $wp(x := x+1, x > 5) = (x+1 > 5) = (x > 4)$
  - $(P \Rightarrow wp(S, Q)) \Leftrightarrow (x < 6 \Rightarrow x > 4) \Leftrightarrow (x \geq 6 \vee x > 4) \Leftrightarrow (x > 4)$   
Since this does not reduce to true (does not always hold), the triple is not valid.
- $wp(\text{if } x > 0 \text{ then } y := 10 \text{ else skip}, y = 10)$   

$$= [(x > 0 \wedge wp(y := 10, y = 10)) \vee (x \leq 0 \wedge wp(\text{skip}, y = 10))]$$

$$= [(x > 0 \wedge 10 = 10) \vee (x \leq 0 \wedge y = 10)]$$

$$= [(x > 0) \vee (x \leq 0 \wedge y = 10)]$$

$$= (x > 0 \vee y = 10)$$
  - $(P \Rightarrow wp(S, Q)) \Leftrightarrow (x = 5 \wedge y = 0 \Rightarrow x > 0 \vee y = 10) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$
- $wp(x := y; y := a, x = b \wedge y = a)$   

$$= wp(x := y, wp(y := a, x = b \wedge y = a))$$

$$= wp(x := y, x = b \wedge a = a)$$

$$= wp(x := y, x = b)$$

$$= (y = b)$$
  - $(P \Rightarrow wp(S, Q)) \Leftrightarrow (x = a \wedge y = b \Rightarrow y = b) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

4. Prove the Hoare triple of 1.e using the proof procedure for loops described in the slides (41-52).

[Selected]

Hint: Use  $I \equiv x \geq y$  and  $V \equiv x-y$ .

- (i)  $(P \Rightarrow I) \Leftrightarrow (x > y \Rightarrow x \geq y) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$   
(ii)  $(I \wedge \neg C \Rightarrow Q)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x \geq y \wedge x \leq y \Rightarrow x = y)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x = y \Rightarrow x = y)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$   
(iii)  $\{I \wedge C \wedge V=V_0\} S \{I \wedge 0 \leq V < V_0\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \{x \geq y \wedge x > y \wedge x-y=V_0\} x:=x-1 \{x \geq y \wedge 0 \leq x-y < V_0\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \{x > y \wedge x-y=V_0\} x:=x-1 \{x \geq y \wedge x-y < V_0\}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x > y \wedge x-y=V_0 \Rightarrow x-1 \geq y \wedge x-1-y < V_0)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x > y \wedge x-y=V_0 \Rightarrow x \geq y+1 \wedge x-y \leq V_0)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x > y \wedge x-y=V_0 \Rightarrow x > y \wedge x-y \leq V_0)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

So the given triple is valid (true).

5. Prove the correctness of the following program, using the proof tableau technique (slide 53). Start by selecting an appropriate loop invariant and loop variant. [Selected]

Inputs: Dividend  $D (\geq 0)$ , divisor  $d (> 0)$ .

Outputs: Quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$  of integer division.

$\{D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0\}$

$q := 0;$

$r := D;$

**while**  $r \geq d$  **do**

$q := q + 1;$

$r := r - d;$

$\{0 \leq r < d \wedge q \times d + r = D\}$

R:

- i) Select loop invariant and loop variant

$I = r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D$

$V = r$

Note:  $d > 0$  is needed in the loop invariant to prove loop termination

Note:  $r \geq 0$  is needed in the loop invariant to prove the post-condition

- ii) inject the corresponding assertions in the code

$\{D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0\}$

$q := 0;$

$r := D;$

$\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D\} // I$

**while**  $r \geq d$  **do**

$\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r \geq d \wedge r = V_0\} // I \wedge C \wedge V = V_0$

$q := q + 1;$

$r := r - d;$

$\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge 0 \leq r < V_0\} // I \wedge 0 \leq V < V_0$

$\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r < d\} // I \wedge \neg C$

$\{0 \leq r < d \wedge q \times d + r = D\}$

- iii) compute weakest pre-conditions

$\{D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0\}$

$\{D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge 0 \times d + D = D\}$

$q := 0;$

$\{D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + D = D\}$

$r := D;$

$\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D\} // I$   
 while  $r \geq d$  do  
    $\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r \geq d \wedge r = V0\} // I \wedge C \wedge V = V0$   
    $\{r - d \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge (q + 1) \times d + (r - d) = D \wedge 0 \leq r - d < V0\}$   
    $q := q + 1;$   
    $\{r - d \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + (r - d) = D \wedge 0 \leq r - d < V0\}$   
    $r := r - d;$   
    $\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge 0 \leq r < V0\} // I \wedge 0 \leq V < V0$   
 $\{r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r < d\} // I \wedge \neg C$   
 $\{0 \leq r < d \wedge q \times d + r = D\}$

iv) prove implications between pairs of consecutive assertions

$(D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \Rightarrow D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge 0 \times d + D = D)$

$\Leftrightarrow (D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \Rightarrow D \geq 0 \wedge d > 0)$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

$(r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r \geq d \wedge r = V0 \Rightarrow r - d \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge (q + 1) \times d + (r - d) = D \wedge 0 \leq r - d < V0)$

$\Leftrightarrow (d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r \geq d \wedge r = V0 \Rightarrow r \geq d \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r < V0 + d)$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

$(r \geq 0 \wedge d > 0 \wedge q \times d + r = D \wedge r < d \Rightarrow 0 \leq r < d \wedge q \times d + r = D)$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

6. (Mini-test, 6/11/2019) One wants to prove the correctness of the following Hoare triple, taking as loop invariant  $I \equiv (z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0)$  and as loop variant  $V \equiv z$ .

$\{x \geq 0\} \ z := x; \ y := 0; \ \text{while } z \neq 0 \text{ do } (y := y + 1; \ z := z - 1) \ \{x = y\}$

To that end:

a) Complete the proof tableau below, calculating by backward reasoning the weakest preconditions in the points indicated with “?”.

01.  $\{x \geq 0\}$

02.  $\{x + 0 = x \wedge x \geq 0\} \Leftrightarrow \{x \geq 0\}$

03.  $z := x;$

04.  $\{z + 0 = x \wedge z \geq 0\}$

05.  $y := 0;$

06.  $\{z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0\}$

07. while  $z \neq 0$  do

08.  $\{z \neq 0 \wedge z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0 \wedge z = V0\} \Leftrightarrow \{z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z = V0\}$

09.  $\{z - 1 + y + 1 = x \wedge z - 1 \geq 0 \wedge z - 1 < V0\} \Leftrightarrow \{z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z - 1 < V0\}$

10.  $y := y + 1;$

11.  $\{z - 1 + y = x \wedge z - 1 \geq 0 \wedge z - 1 < V0\}$

12.  $z := z - 1$

13.  $\{z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0 \wedge 0 \leq z < V0\} \Leftrightarrow \{z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0 \wedge z < V0\}$

14.  $\{z = 0 \wedge z + y = x \wedge z \geq 0\} \Leftrightarrow \{z = 0 \wedge z + y = x\} \Leftrightarrow \{z = 0 \wedge y = x\}$

15.  $\{x = y\}$

b) Prove the implications between consecutive assertions ( $1 \Rightarrow 2, 8 \Rightarrow 9, 14 \Rightarrow 15$ ).

i)  $(x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$

ii)  $(z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z = V0 \Rightarrow z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z - 1 < V0)$

$\Leftrightarrow (z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z = V0 \Rightarrow z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge V0 - 1 < V0)$

$\Leftrightarrow (z + y = x \wedge z > 0 \wedge z = V0 \Rightarrow z + y = x \wedge z > 0)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{true.}$

iii)  $(z = 0 \wedge y = x \Rightarrow x = y)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \text{True}$

7. Indicate in natural language preconditions and postconditions for the following operations:

a) calculate the natural logarithm of a real number  $\ln(x)$  (assuming that  $\exp(x)$  is defined);

pre:  $x > 0$

post:  $\exp(\text{result}) = x$

b) obtain a topological sorting of the vertices of a directed graph  $G=(V, E)$ ;

pre:  $G$  is acyclic

post: the resulting sequence  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  is a permutation of  $V$ , and  
there are no two elements  $s_i, s_k$  with  $i < k$  such that  $(s_i, s_k) \in E$

c) obtain an Eulerian circuit in an undirected graph  $G=(V, E)$ .

pre:  $G$  is connected, and

all the vertices in  $G$  have even degree (number of incident edges)

post: the resulting circuit  $(s_1, \dots, s_{n+1})$  is such that:

(i)  $s_1 = s_{n+1}$

(ii)  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  is a permutation of  $V$

(iii)  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \cdot (s_i, s_{i+1}) \in E$