







# LAFF-On

## Programming for Correctness

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# Preface



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## A Review of Logic and Proofs

### 3.1 Opening Remarks

#### 3.1.1 Launch

### 3.1.2 Outline Week 3

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### 3.1.3 What you should know

### 3.1.4 What you will learn

This week introduces the reader to the systematic derivation of algorithms for linear algebra operations. Through a very simple example we illustrate the core ideas: We describe the notation we will use to express algorithms; we show how assertions can be used to establish correctness; and we propose a goal-oriented methodology for the derivation of algorithms. We also discuss how to incorporate an analysis of the cost into the algorithm. Finally, we show how to translate algorithms to code so that the correctness of the algorithm implies the correctness of the implementation.

Upon completion of this week, you should be able to

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Track your progress in Appendix ??.



		not	and	or	implies	equivalent
$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$

Figure 3.1: Truth table for the basic logic operations.

## 3.2 Propositions

### 3.2.1 Boolean functions

**Notice:** much of the below was inspired by “The Science of Programming” [?]

**Definition 3.1** A Boolean variable is a variable that can take on the values true ( $T$ ) or false ( $F$ ).

We will denote the set of all Boolean values  $\mathbb{B} = \{T, F\}$ .

**Definition 3.2** A Boolean function  $f : \mathbb{B}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  maps a vector  $x \in \mathbb{B}^k$  to a value in  $\mathbb{B}$ .

In other words, it is a function that takes as input Boolean values and produces as output  $T$  or  $F$ .

### 3.2.2 Basic logic operations

We will use the symbols  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ , and  $\Leftrightarrow$  to denote the logical “not”, “and”, “or”, “implies”, and “is equivalent” operations. In Figure 3.1 a truth table that summarizes all the basic operations is summarized. Below we discuss each individual operation. *truth table* define these operation:

**Negation (not).** The “not” operation maps a boolean to a boolean,  $\neg : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ . Given boolean  $p$ ,  $\neg p$  evaluates to  $F$  if  $p$  is originally  $T$ , and  $F$  otherwise

**Conjunction (and).** The “and” operation maps two boolean to a boolean,  $\neg : \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ . Given boolean  $p$  and  $q$ , the expression  $p \wedge q$  evaluates to  $T$  if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are *true*.

**Disjunction (or).**

**Implication (implies).**

**Equivalence (equivalent).**

### 3.2.3 Propositions

In an algebra course you will have been introduced to algebraic expression. For example, if  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $2x + 1$  is an algebraic expression. It consists of a variable ( $x$ ), constants (2 and 1), algebraic operations (multiplication and addition), and rules by which these are composed.

Propositions are expressions that evaluate to  $T$  or  $F$ . The set of all propositions is defined by the following rules:

1.  $T$  and  $F$  are propositions.
2. Sometimes we will use an identifier to denote an expression that evaluates to  $T$  or  $F$ . An identifier is a proposition.
3. If  $E$  is a proposition, so is  $\neg E$ .
4. If  $E1$  and  $E2$  are propositions, so are
  - $(E1 \wedge E2)$ ,
  - $(E1 \vee E2)$ ,
  - $(E1 \Rightarrow E2)$ , and
  - $(E1 \Leftrightarrow E2)$ .

Notice that subexpressions in a proposition themselves can be algebraic expressions. For example

$$(((2x + 1) > 4) \vee (y < 1) \wedge (p \vee q)),$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are integers, and  $p$  and  $q$  are boolean variables, is a proposition. It has algebraic expressions as subexpressions, but evaluates to  $T$  or  $F$ .

**Example 3.3** Examples of propositions:

$$F \quad (\neg F) \quad (p \wedge r) \quad ((p1 \wedge r1) \vee (p2 \Rightarrow r2))$$

To avoid the unnecessary extra parentheses, there is a *precedence order* in which operations are evaluated:

- First negate:  $\neg p \wedge q$  is the same as  $(\neg p) \wedge q$ .
- Second, evaluate  $\wedge$ :  $\neg p \wedge q \Rightarrow r$  is the same as  $((\neg p) \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$ . Third, evaluate  $\vee$ :  $\neg p \wedge q \vee r \Rightarrow s$  is the same as  $((\neg p) \wedge q) \vee r \Rightarrow s$ .
- Fourth, evaluate  $\Rightarrow$ :  $t \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge q \vee r \Rightarrow s$  is the same as  $t \Leftrightarrow (((\neg p) \wedge q) \vee r \Rightarrow s)$ .
- Last evaluate  $\Leftrightarrow$ .

We will throw in extra parentheses if we think it makes the proposition clearer! So should you!

**Exercise of precedence of operations here.**

### 3.2.4 The Basic Equivalences (“Laws of Equivalence”)

**Definition 3.4** A *tautology* is a proposition (statement) that always evaluates to true.

In Figure 3.2 we provide a set of tautologies that are known as the *Basic Equivalences* (*Laws of Equivalence*). These laws will be our principal tools for manipulating propositions, for example, as part of a proof. Each of these can be easily proved, for example by using a truth table:

E1	E2	$(E1 \wedge E2)$	$(E2 \wedge E1)$	$(E1 \wedge E2) \Leftrightarrow (E2 \wedge E1)$
<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>T</i>

You should learn them and their names well.

**Homework 3.2.4.1** Use the Basic Equivalences to prove the following. (Do NOT use the weakening/strengthening laws given in Figure 3.3, which we will discuss later.)

1.  $(b \wedge (b \Rightarrow c)) \Rightarrow c$ .
2.  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$
3.  $p \Rightarrow p \vee r$
4.  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \vee r$
5.  $((x \wedge y) \Rightarrow z) \Leftrightarrow (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z))$

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Exercises 2–4 will become powerful weapons as we prove programs correct. Together we will call them the *Weakening/Strengthening Laws*. They are summarized in Figure 3.3. These form a second set of useful tautologies.

**Homework 3.2.4.2** In Figure 3.3 we present three Weakening/Strengthening Laws. This exercise shows that if you only decide to remember one, it should be the last one.

1. Show that  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow E1$  is a special case of  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$ .
2. Show that  $E1 \Rightarrow (E1 \vee E3)$  is a special case of  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$ .

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What you will find later is that it is  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$  becomes our tool of choice in many proofs.

**Homework 3.2.4.3** Prove the *counterpositive*:  $(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p)$ .

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Let  $E1$ ,  $E2$ , and  $E3$  be any propositions whatsoever. Then

Commutativity:	$(E1 \wedge E2) \Leftrightarrow (E2 \wedge E1)$ $(E1 \vee E2) \Leftrightarrow (E2 \vee E1)$ $(E1 \Leftrightarrow E2) \Leftrightarrow (E2 \Leftrightarrow E1)$
Associativity:	$E1 \wedge (E2 \wedge E3) \Leftrightarrow (E1 \wedge E2) \wedge E3$ $E1 \vee (E2 \vee E3) \Leftrightarrow (E1 \vee E2) \vee E3$
Distributivity:	$E1 \wedge (E2 \vee E3) \Leftrightarrow (E1 \wedge E2) \vee (E1 \wedge E3)$ $E1 \vee (E2 \wedge E3) \Leftrightarrow (E1 \vee E2) \wedge (E1 \vee E3)$
De Morgan:	$\neg(E1 \wedge E2) \Leftrightarrow (\neg E1 \vee \neg E2)$ $\neg(E1 \vee E2) \Leftrightarrow (\neg E1 \wedge \neg E2)$
Negation:	$\neg(\neg E1) \Leftrightarrow E1$
Excluded Middle:	$E1 \vee \neg E1 \Leftrightarrow T$
Contradiction:	$E1 \wedge \neg E1 \Leftrightarrow F$
Implication:	$(E1 \Rightarrow E2) \Leftrightarrow (\neg E1 \vee E2)$
Equality:	$(E1 \vee E2) \Leftrightarrow (E1 \Rightarrow E2) \wedge (E2 \rightarrow E1)$
$\vee$ -simplification:	$E1 \vee E1 \Leftrightarrow E1$ $E1 \vee T \Leftrightarrow T$ $E1 \vee F \Leftrightarrow E1$ $E1 \vee (E1 \wedge E2) \Leftrightarrow E1$
$\wedge$ -simplification:	$E1 \wedge E1 \Leftrightarrow E1$ $E1 \wedge T \Leftrightarrow E1$ $E1 \wedge F \Leftrightarrow F$ $E1 \wedge (E1 \vee E2) \Leftrightarrow E1$
Identity:	$E1 \Leftrightarrow E1$

Figure 3.2: Basic equivalences.

Weakening/ Strengthening:	$(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow E1$ $E1 \Rightarrow (E1 \vee E2)$ $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E2 \vee E3)$
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Figure 3.3: Weaking/strengthening laws.

### 3.2.5 Predicates

**Homework 3.2.5.4** Let us consider a one dimensional array  $b(1 : n)$  (using Matlab notation), where  $1 \leq n$ . Let  $j$  and  $k$  be two integer variables satisfying  $1 \leq j \leq k \leq n$ . By  $b(j : k)$  we mean the subarray of  $b$  consisting of  $b(j), b(j+1), \dots, b(k)$ . The segment  $b(j : k)$  is empty if  $j > k$ .

Translate the following sentences into predicates.

1. All elements of  $b(j : k)$  equal zero.
2. No value of  $b(j : k)$  is zero.
3. Some values of  $b(j : k)$  are zero.
4. All zeros in  $b(1 : n)$  are in subarray  $b(j : k)$ .
5. Some zeros in  $b(1 : n)$  are in subarray  $b(j : k)$ .
6. Those values in  $b(1 : n)$  that are not in  $b(j : k)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .
7. It is not the case that all zeros of  $b(1 : n)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .
8. If  $b(1 : n)$  contains a zero, then so does  $b(j : k)$ .
9. It is not the case that all zeros of  $b(1 : n)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .
10. Either  $b(1 : j)$  or  $b(j : k)$  contains a zero (or both).
11. The values of  $b(j : k)$  are in ascending order.
12. The segment  $b(j : k)$  contains at least two zeros.
13. Every element of  $b(1 : j)$  is less than  $x$  and every value of  $b(j+1 : k)$  exceeds  $x$ .

### 3.2.6 Specifications

**Homework 3.2.6.5** Formalize the following English specifications. Be sure to introduce necessary restrictions. Use  $\min(x, y)$  and  $\max(x, y)$  to denote the minimum and maximum of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

1. Calculate the sum of elements  $b(j : k)$ .
2. Find the maximum value of  $b(j : k)$ .
3. Find the index of a maximum value of  $b(j : k)$ .
4. Store in array  $c(1 : n)$  a sorted (in ascending order) permutation of  $b(1 : n)$ . Use the predicate  $\text{perm}(b, c, n)$  to denote that  $b(1 : n)$  is a permutation of  $c(1 : n)$ . Use the predicate  $\text{ascending}(b, n)$  to indicate that the elements of  $b(1 : n)$  are in ascending order.
5. Calculate the greatest power of 2 that is not greater than  $n$ .
6. Count how many zeros  $b(1 : n)$  has.
7. Suppose we have an array of integers  $b(1 : n)$ . Each of its subsegments  $b(i : j)$  has a sum. Find the largest such sum. Use the symbol  $S_{i,j}$  for  $\sum_{k=i}^j b(k)$ .
8. Assume that array  $b(1 : n)$  is sorted. Find the highest index of an element in  $b$  that equals  $x$ . Be sure to take care of the case where  $x$  is not in array  $b$ .

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### 3.2.7 Weaker/stronger predicates

In our discussion, the notion of one predicate being “stronger” or “weaker” than another predicate will play an important role in reasoning about code.

Consider the code segment

$$\begin{array}{l} \{P : x = 5\} \\ y := x + 1 \\ \{R : y > 3\} \end{array}$$

This code segment evaluates to  $T$  because executing  $y := x + 1$  in a state where  $x = 5$  will complete (in a finite amount of time) in a state in which  $y > 3$  is  $T$ .

Notice that there are many other states such that executing  $y := x + 1$  leaves you in a state where  $y > 3$ :  $\{P : x = 4\}$ ,  $\{P : x = 3\}$  etc. Indeed, any time  $x \geq 3$  it is the case that  $y := x + 1$  leaves you in a state where  $y > 3$ . We can indicate this with

$$\begin{array}{l} \{P : x = 5\} \\ \{x \geq 3\} \\ y := x + 1 \\ \{R : y > 3\} \end{array}$$

So, it now merely suffices to determine whether  $x = 5$  means  $x \geq 3$ , because then we know that the code segment is correct. Clearly,  $(x = 5) \Rightarrow (x \geq 3)$  in this case, so

$$\{P : x = 5\}$$

$$y := x + 1$$

$$\{R : y > 3\}$$

is correct.

When two predicates  $p$  and  $q$  have the property that  $p \Rightarrow q$ , the predicate  $q$  is said to be *weaker* (less restrictive) than predicate  $p$ . Equivalently,  $p$  is said to be *stronger* (more restrictive) than  $q$ .

How do we most systematically show that  $x \geq 3$  is weaker than  $x = 5$  using what we have learned before?

$$\begin{aligned} & (x = 5) \Rightarrow (x \geq 3) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < algebra >} \\ & (x = 5) \Rightarrow (x \geq 6) \vee (x = 5) \vee (x = 4) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Weakening/strengthening law (twice) >} \\ & T \end{aligned}$$

Here we employ the “weakening/strengthening laws” from Figure 3.3.

**Homework 3.2.7.6** For each of the following, if applicable, determine which predicate is the weaker predicate:

1.  $0 \leq x \leq 10$  and  $1 \leq x < 5$ .
2.  $x = 5 \wedge y = 4$  and  $y = 4$ .
3.  $x \leq 5 \vee y = 3$  and  $x = 5 \wedge y = 4$ .
4.  $T$  and  $F$ .
5.  $(\forall i | 5 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i))$  and  $(\forall i | 7 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i))$
6.  $x \leq 1$  and  $x \geq 5$ .

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## 3.3 A Simple Language

### 3.3.1 The weakest precondition

We are now going to define a simple language that will allow us to very precisely reason about program correctness.

Consider a Hoare triple

$$\{P\}y := x + 1\{y > 5\}.$$

For what values of  $x$ , specified by predicate  $P$ , will executing  $y := x + 1$  complete in a state where  $y > 5$ ? Some possible answers:

- $P : x = 5$ . Clearly,  $y$  will end up equaling  $y = 6$  and hence  $\{y > 5\}$  holds after  $y := x + 1$  is executed. In other words, the predicate  $\{x = 5\}y := x + 1\{y > 5\}$  evaluates to  $T$ . It is a correct code segment.

- $P : x \geq 5$ . Clearly,  $y$  will end up satisfying  $\{y > 5\}$ . Again, the predicate  $\{x = 5\}y := x + 1\{y > 5\}$  evaluates to  $T$ . It is a correct code segment.

The real question is

“What is the set of all states (of relevant variables) such that executions of  $y := x + 1$  results in a state where  $y > 5$ ?

Let us look at this question more generally: Consider the command  $S$  and let us assume that we would like to check whether the code segment

$$\begin{array}{c} \{P\} \\ S \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

is correct. Now, what if we had a magic function,  $wp(command, R)$  that gives us a predicate that describes all conditions under which  $S$  completes in a state where  $R$  is true. We then know that

$$\begin{array}{c} \{P\} \\ S \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

is correct ( $T$ ) only if

$$\begin{array}{c} \{P\} \\ \{wp(S, R)\} \\ S \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

is correct. Now, what does this mean? If  $P$  is true, it better imply that  $wp(S, R)$  is true, because no computation happens between  $\{P\}$  and  $\{wp(S, R)\}$ . What this means is that the code segment is correct if and only if

$$P \Rightarrow wp(S, R).$$

This magic function is known as the weakest precondition so that command  $S$  completes in a state described by predicate  $R$ .

Notice

- Any  $P$  such that  $\{P\}S\{R\}$  is  $T$  is a precondition so that command  $S$  completes in a state described by predicate  $R$ .
- If  $Q$  satisfies  $P \Rightarrow Q$  then  $Q$  is weaker: It is *less* restrictive than predicate  $Q$ .
- The *least* restrictive predicate  $Q$  such that  $\{Q\}S\{R\}$  is  $T$  describes the set of *all* states in which statement  $S$  can be executed so that it completes (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $R$  is  $T$ .
- The  $wp$  is the function that takes the command  $S$  and the postcondition  $R$ , and returns a predicate that describes the set of all states such that executing  $S$  completes (in a finite amount of time) in a state that satisfies the postcondition  $R$ .



It will take a bit of practice to fully understand and appreciate this. In the next subsections, we actually use  $wp$  to define a simple language.

**Homework 3.3.1.7** For each of the below code segments, determine the weakest precondition (by examination):

1.  $wp(\text{"y := x - 1"}, y \leq 1) =$
2.  $wp(\text{"x := x - 1"}, x \leq 1) =$
3.  $wp(\text{"\alpha := \alpha + b(i)"}, \alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} b(k)) =$

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### 3.3.2 Properties of $wp$

We keep repeating this, but let's once again consider

$$wp(S, R)$$

and its interpretation:

$wp(S, R)$  notes the weakest predicate so that execution of  $S$  started in a state that satisfies this predicate is guaranteed to terminate in a finite amount of time in a state that satisfies  $R$ .

Another way of saying this is

$wp(S, R)$  notes the set of states so that if the execution of  $S$  is started in any of these states, it is guaranteed to terminate in a finite amount of time in a state such that  $R$  is *true*.

Try to internalize these interpretations.

We will now reason that for a language with reasonable semantics, the  $wp$  operator should obey the following properties. Afterwards, we will take them as axioms.

**Law of Excluded Miracle.** What if the predicate  $R$  is the state described by  $F$  (*false*)? Let's plug this into the second interpretation:

$wp(S, F)$  notes the set of states so that if the execution of  $S$  is started in any of these states, it is guaranteed to terminate in a finite amount of time in a state such that *false* is *true*.

Now, obviously there is no state that has this property. The predicate that describes "no states" is  $F$  (*false*). We conclude that

$$wp(S, F) = F$$

for all reasonably defined commands  $S$ . This is known as the *Law of Excluded Miracle*.

**Law Distributivity of Conjunction.** Next, let us consider an arbitrary command  $S$  and postconditions  $Q$  and  $R$ . Then

$$wp(S, Q) \wedge wp(S, R) = wp(S, Q \wedge R)$$

Why is this?

Remember that  $wp(S, Q) \wedge wp(S, R)$  describes a set of states  $s$ . If  $s$  satisfies  $wp(S, Q) \wedge wp(S, R)$  then it satisfies  $wp(S, Q)$  and hence it has the property that if  $S$  is executed with state  $s$  then it will complete in a state where  $Q$  is true. Similarly,  $s$  also satisfies  $wp(S, R)$  and hence it has the property that if  $S$  is executed with state  $s$  then it will complete in a state where  $R$  is true. Thus,  $s$  has the property that if  $S$  is executed with state  $s$  then it will complete in a state where  $Q$  and  $R$  are true. This shows that  $s$  also satisfies  $wp(S, Q \wedge R)$ .

Now, if  $s$  satisfies  $wp(S, Q \wedge R)$  then it has the property that if  $S$  is executed with state  $s$  then it will complete in a state where  $Q \wedge R$  is true. But that means it completes in a state where  $Q$  is true and hence  $s$  also satisfies  $wp(S, Q)$ . Similarly, we can argue that it also satisfies  $wp(S, R)$ . We conclude that it satisfies  $wp(S, Q) \wedge wp(S, R)$ .

**Law of Monotonicity.** The Law of Monotonicity is given by

If  $Q \Rightarrow R$  then  $wp(S, Q) \Rightarrow wp(S, R)$ .

Here is the way we will reason that a statement  $S$  in a reasonable language has this property.

- The definition of  $wp$  means the following Hoare triple (annotated code segment) evaluates to *true* (is correct):

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{Q\} \end{array}$$

- The fact that  $Q \Rightarrow R$  means that the following annotated code segment is also correct:

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{Q\} \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

- Hence the Hoare triple

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

evaluates to *T*.

- But a Hoare triple only evaluates to *true* if its precondition implies the weakest precondition.
- Hence  $\{wp(S, Q) \Rightarrow wp(S, R)\}$ .

**Law of Distributivity of Disjunction.** Finally, we discuss Distributivity of Disjunction

$$(wp(S, Q) \vee wp(S, R)) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R)$$

The following exercise prepares us for the reasoning behind this axiom:

**Homework 3.3.2.8** Prove that

$$((p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)) \Leftrightarrow ((p \vee q) \Rightarrow r)$$

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Here is the way we will reason that a statement  $S$  in a reasonable language obeys Distributivity of Disjunction:

- The definition of  $wp$  means the following Hoare triple (annotated code segment) evaluates to *true* (is correct):

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{Q\} \end{array}$$

- We know from the Weakening/Strengthening Laws that  $Q \Rightarrow Q \vee R$  and hence

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{Q\} \\ \{Q \vee R\} \end{array}$$

- Hence we conclude that the Hoare triple

$$\begin{array}{c} \{wp(S, Q)\} \\ S \\ \{Q \vee R\} \end{array}$$

evaluates to  $T$ .

- But a Hoare triple only evaluates to *true* if its precondition implies the weakest precondition.
- Hence,

$$wp(S, Q) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R).$$

- Similarly, we can conclude that

$$wp(S, R) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R).$$

- In other words,

$$(wp(S, Q) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R)) \wedge (wp(S, R) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R))$$

- By the last homework, this is equivalent to

$$(wp(S, Q) \vee wp(S, R) \Rightarrow wp(S, Q \vee R)).$$

We take this property to now be an axiom.

### 3.3.3 skip

Let us consider the command **skip**, which simply doesn't do anything:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{P : ?\} \\ \mathbf{skip} \\ \{R : x > 4\} \end{array}$$

From what state  $P$  will the command **skip** finish (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $x > 4$  is  $T$ ? Obviously,  $x > 4$  better be true before the **skip** command is executed. Reasoning through this, it becomes clear that,

$$wp(\mathbf{skip}, R) = R$$

for any predicate  $R$ : The set of all states such that executing **skip** completes (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $R$  is true is described by the predicate  $R$ .

**Homework 3.3.3.9** Prove that **skip** command satisfies the Laws of Excluded Micacle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

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### 3.3.4 abort

Let us consider the command **abort**, which stops the execution of the program:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{P\} \\ \mathbf{abort} \\ \{R : x > 4\} \end{array}$$

From what state  $P$  will the command **abort** finish (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $x > 4$  is  $T$ ? Obviously, it never reaches the point in the program where we would want  $R : x > 4$  to be  $T$ . Thus, no matter what state the variables are in before **abort**, it will never reach the point in the program where the postcondition  $R$  is to be  $T$ . This means

$$wp(\mathbf{abort}, R) = F$$

for any predicate  $R$ : The set of all states such that executing **abort** completes (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $R$  is true is described by the predicate  $F$ , the most restrictive predicate of all.

**Homework 3.3.4.10** Prove that **abort** command satisfies the Laws of Excluded Micacle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

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### 3.3.5 Composition

Obviously, a program that consists of a single statement,  $S$ , is not a very interesting program. Consider the program that consists of two arbitrary statements

$$\begin{array}{l} S_0 \\ S_1 \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

which we can also write as  $S_0;S_1$ . We would like to determine

$$wp("S_0;S_1'', R)$$

Let us think about this, working backwards. The states from which executing  $S_1$  leaves one in a state where  $R$  is true is given by  $wp(S_1, R)$ . Thus, over executing  $S_0$  one must be in a state where  $wp(S_1, R)$  is  $T$ . The predicate that describes the states from which executing  $S_0$  leaves one in a state where  $wp(S_1, R)$  is  $T$  is described by  $wp(S_0, wp(S_1, R))$ . In other words, only the following assertions make the code segment  $S_0;S_1$  complete (in a finite amount of time) in a state where  $R$  is  $T$ :

$$\begin{array}{l} \{wp(S_0, wp(S_1, R))\} \\ S_0 \\ \{wp(S_1, R)\} \\ S_1 \\ \{R\} \end{array}$$

Thus

$$wp("S_0;S_1'', R) = wp(S_0; wp(S_1, R))$$

**Homework 3.3.5.11** Prove that composition of statements satisfies the Laws of Excluded Micacle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

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### 3.3.6 Assignment

Consider again the code segment

$$\begin{array}{l} \{P : x = 5\} \\ y := x + 1 \\ \{R : y > 3\} \end{array}$$

While it is easy to argue that if  $x = 5$  then the assignment  $y := x + 1$  leaves one in a state where  $y > 3$ . The question we must answer is who to describe *all* states such that executing  $y := x + 1$  leaves us in a state where  $y > 3$  holds. More importantly, we need to expose a systematic way of taking an arbitrary postcondition, and transforming it into the weakest precondition for an arbitrary assignment.

Going back to our example, notice that after the assignment  $R : y > 3$ . The expression  $x + 1$  was just assigned to  $y$ . Thus, only if  $(x + 1) > 3$  before the assignment will the assignment leave the program in a state where  $y > 3$ .

This example leads us to the definition

$$wp("x := e'', R) = R_e^x$$

where  $R_e^x$  equals the predicate  $R$  with all *free* occurrences of variable  $x$  replaced by the expression  $(e)$ . We will refer to this as the *textual substitution* of variable  $x$  by expression  $e$ . The parentheses are needed to makes sure that the order of operations is properly preserved. What we mean by a free occurrence of a variable will become clear shortly. Thus,

$$wp(\underbrace{"y := x + 1"}_{y := e}, \underbrace{y > 3}_R) = \underbrace{((x + 1) > 3)}_{R_e^y} = (x + 1 > 3) = (x > 2).$$

**Homework 3.3.6.12** For each of the below code segments, determining the weakest precondition:

1.  $wp(i := i + 1, i = j)$
2.  $wp(i := i + 1; j := j + i, i = j)$
3.  $wp(i := 2i + 1; j := j + i, i = j)$
4.  $wp(j := j + i; i := 2i + 1, i = j)$
5.  $wp("t := i; i := j; j := t", i = \hat{i} \wedge j = \hat{j})$
6.  $wp("i = 0; s := 0", 0 \leq i < n \wedge s = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j)))$
7.  $wp(s := s + b(i); i = i + 1, 0 < i < n \wedge s = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j))) =$

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Now, consider the following problem:

$$wp("i := 0", (\forall i | 0 \leq i < 5 : b(i) = 0))$$

A naive evaluation would yield

$$(\forall i | 0 \leq i < 5 : b(i) = 0)_0^i = (\forall 0 | 0 \leq 0 < 5 : b(0) = 0)$$

which is obviously nonsense. The problem here is that in the predicate the  $i$  is a “bound variable” of the quantification. If one replaced it with, for example,  $j$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} wp("i := 0", (\forall i | 0 \leq i < 5 : b(i) = 0)) &= (\forall j | 0 \leq j < 5 : b(j) = 0)_0^i \\ &= (\forall j | 0 \leq 0 < 5 : b(j) = 0) \end{aligned}$$

which does makes sense. The point: If a variable that is bound to a quantification in  $R$  appears in the assignment, then the bound variable should be replaced with something that does not appear in the assignment before performance the textual substitution.

We are now in a position to revisit how the weakest precondition can be used to prove a code segment correct. Consider an array  $b(1 : n)$ ,  $0 \leq n$ , a scalar variable  $\alpha$ , and the code segment

$$\begin{aligned} \{P : 0 \leq n \wedge \alpha = 0\} \\ S : k := 0 \\ \{R : 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))\} \end{aligned}$$

This code segment may be part of a program that sums the entries in array  $b(i)$ . Is this code segment correct? To determine this, we must check that

$$P \Rightarrow wp(S, R).$$

The proof that this holds is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& P \Rightarrow wp(S, R) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \langle \text{Instantiate } P, S, \text{ and } R \rangle \\
& \quad (0 \leq n) \wedge (\alpha = 0) \Rightarrow wp("k := 0", 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \langle \text{definition of } := \rangle \\
& \quad ((0 \leq n) \wedge (\alpha = 0)) \Rightarrow (0 \leq k \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i)))_0^k \\
& \Leftrightarrow \langle \text{definition of } R_e^k \rangle \\
& \quad ((0 \leq n) \wedge (\alpha = 0)) \Rightarrow (0 \leq 0 \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq 0 : b(i))) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \langle \text{Summation over empty range, property of } \leq \rangle \\
& \quad ((0 \leq n) \wedge (\alpha = 0)) \Rightarrow ((0 \leq n) \wedge (\alpha = 0)) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \langle p \Rightarrow p \rangle \\
& \quad T
\end{aligned}$$

This, the code segment is correct.

**Homework 3.3.6.13** Consider an array  $b(1 : n)$ ,  $1 \leq n$ , a scalar variable  $\alpha$ , and the code segment

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{P : 0 \leq k < n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))\} \\
& S_0 : k := k + 1 \\
& S_1 : \alpha := \alpha + b(k) \\
& \{R : 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))\}
\end{aligned}$$

This code segment may be part of a program that sums the entries in array  $b(i)$ . Prove this code segment correct.

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# Answers

## Week 3: Review of Logic and Proofs

**Homework 3.2.4.1** Use the Basic Equivalences to prove the following. (Do NOT use the weakening/strengthening laws given in Figure 3.3, which we will discuss later.)

1.  $(b \wedge (b \Rightarrow c)) \Rightarrow c$ .

**Answer:** We will use an “equivalence style” of proof, in which we show that the proposition reduces to  $T$  via a sequences of equivalences:

$$\begin{aligned} & (b \wedge (b \Rightarrow c)) \Rightarrow c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Implication >} \\ & (b \wedge (\neg b \vee c)) \Rightarrow c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Distribution >} \\ & ((b \wedge \neg b) \vee (b \wedge c)) \Rightarrow c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Contradiction >} \\ & (F \vee (b \wedge c)) \Rightarrow c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < } \vee\text{-simplification >} \\ & (b \wedge c) \Rightarrow c \end{aligned}$$

Now, at this point it would be nice to say “well, dah, of course  $b$  **and**  $c$  implies  $c$ .” But we don’t have that as a law. So we have to go on

$$\begin{aligned} & (b \wedge c) \Rightarrow c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Implication >} \\ & \neg(b \wedge c) \vee c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < De Morgan’s >} \\ & (\neg b \vee \neg c) \vee c \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Associativity >} \\ & \neg b \vee (\neg c \vee c) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Excluded middle >} \\ & \neg b \vee T \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < } \vee\text{-simplification >} \\ & T \end{aligned}$$

2.  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$

**Answer:** Now, we noticed that in the last proof there was a point at which we would have liked to have said “well, dah, of course  $b$  **and**  $c$  implies  $c$ .” This exercise shows that particular insight in isolation. Again, we use an “equivalence style” of proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Implication >} \\
& \neg(p \wedge q) \vee p \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < De Morgan's >} \\
& (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee p \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Commutivity/Associativity >} \\
& \neg q \vee (\neg p \vee p) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Excluded middle >} \\
& \neg q \vee T \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < } \vee \text{-simplification >} \\
& T
\end{aligned}$$

3.  $p \Rightarrow p \vee r$

**Answer:** Here is another one of those “well, dah” problems. Let’s prove it:

$$\begin{aligned}
& p \Rightarrow p \vee r \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Implication >} \\
& \neg p \vee (p \vee r) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Associativity >} \\
& (\neg p \vee p) \vee r \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < Excluded middle >} \\
& T \vee r \\
\Leftrightarrow & \text{ < } \vee \text{-simplification >} \\
& T
\end{aligned}$$

4.  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \vee r$  **Answer:** This one generalized the last two results.

$$p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \vee r$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < Implication >

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee r)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < De Morgan's >

$$(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee r)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < Commutivity/Associativity >

$$\neg q \vee (\neg p \vee p) \vee r$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < Excluded middle >

$$\neg q \vee T \vee r$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  <  $\vee$ -simplification (twice) >

$$T$$

5.  $((x \wedge y) \Rightarrow z) \Leftrightarrow (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z))$

**Answer:** The strategy is to reduce both sides of the equivalence to the same expression

$$((x \wedge y) \Rightarrow z) \Leftrightarrow (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z))$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < Implication, twice >

$$(\neg(x \wedge y) \vee z) \Leftrightarrow (\neg x \vee (y \Rightarrow z))$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < De Morgan's, Implication >

$$(\neg x \vee \neg y \vee z) \Leftrightarrow (\neg x \vee \neg y \vee z)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < Identity >

$$T$$

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**Homework 3.2.4.2** In Figure 3.3 we present three Weakening/Strengthening Laws. This exercise shows that if you only decide to remember one, it should be the last one.

1. Show that  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow E1$  is a special case of  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$ .

**Answer:**  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$  is *true* for all expressions  $E1$ ,  $E2$ , and  $E3$ . If you choose  $E3 = F$  then you get  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow E1$

2. Show that  $E1 \Rightarrow (E1 \vee E3)$  is a special case of  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$ .

**Answer:**  $(E1 \wedge E2) \Rightarrow (E1 \wedge E3)$  is *true* for all expressions  $E1$ ,  $E2$ , and  $E3$ . If you choose  $E2 = T$  then you get  $E1 \Rightarrow (E1 \vee E3)$

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**Homework 3.2.4.3** Prove the *counterpositive*:  $(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p)$ .

**Answer:** Start from the more complicated side: it is often easier to simplify.

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < implication >} \\ & \neg(\neg q) \vee \neg p \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < negation >} \\ & q \vee \neg p \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < commutativity >} \\ & \neg p \vee q \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < implication >} \\ & p \Rightarrow q \end{aligned}$$

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**Homework 3.2.5.4** Let us consider a one dimensional array  $b(1:n)$  (using Matlab notation), where  $1 \leq n$ . Let  $j$  and  $k$  be two integer variables satisfying  $1 \leq j \leq k \leq n$ . By  $b(j:k)$  we mean the subarray of  $b$  consisting of  $b(j), b(j+1), \dots, b(k)$ . The segment  $b(j:k)$  is empty if  $j > k$ .

Translate the following sentences into predicates.

1. All elements of  $b(j:k)$  equal zero.

**Answer:**

$$(\forall i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) = 0)$$

2. No value of  $b(j:k)$  is zero.

**Answer:**

$$(\forall i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) \neq 0)$$

or

$$\neq (\exists i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) = 0)$$

(You can use De Morgan's Law to show the equivalence of these statements.)

3. Some values of  $b(j:k)$  are zero.

**Answer:**

$$\neq (\forall i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) \neq 0)$$

or

$$(\exists i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) = 0)$$

(You can use De Morgan's Law to show the equivalence of these statements. Notice that here we use "at least one" to mean some. Is that really meant?)

4. All zeros in  $b(1 : n)$  are in subarray  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:**

$$(\forall i | 1 \leq i \leq n : b(i) = 0 \Rightarrow (j \leq i \leq k))$$

or

$$(\forall i | 1 \leq i < j \vee k < i \leq n : b(i) \neq 0)$$

5. Some zeros in  $b(1 : n)$  are in subarray  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:**

$$(\exists i | k \leq i \leq j : b(i) = 0)$$

6. Those values in  $b(1 : n)$  that are not in  $b(j : k)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:**

$$(\forall i | 1 \leq i \leq n : \neg(\exists m | j \leq m \leq k : b(i) = b(m)) \Rightarrow (\exists m | j \leq m \leq k : b(i) = b(m)))$$

which, if you think about it, reduces to *F unless  $j : k$  is empty*.

7. It is not the case that all zeros of  $b(1 : n)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .

8. If  $b(1 : n)$  contains a zero, then so does  $b(j : k)$ .

9. It is not the case that all zeros of  $b(1 : n)$  are in  $b(j : k)$ .

10. Either  $b(1 : j)$  or  $b(j : k)$  contains a zero (or both).

11. The values of  $b(j : k)$  are in ascending order.

12. The segment  $b(j : k)$  contains at least two zeros.

13. Every element of  $b(1 : j)$  is less than  $x$  and every value of  $b(j + 1 : k)$  exceeds  $x$ .

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**Homework 3.2.6.5** Formalize the following English specifications. Be sure to introduce necessary restrictions. Use  $\min(x, y)$  and  $\max(x, y)$  to denote the minimum and maximum of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively.

1. Calculate the sum of elements  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:** We will assume that the result of the sum is stored in variable  $\alpha$ .

$$\alpha = (\sum i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i))$$

What if  $j : k$  is empty? This should return zero, which this properly captures.

2. Find the maximum value of  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:** We will assume that the result of the max is stored in variable  $\alpha$ .

$$(\exists i | j \leq i \leq k : \alpha = b(i)) \wedge (\forall i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) \leq \alpha)$$

What if  $j : k$  is empty? Then the  $\exists$  clause evaluates to  $F$  and hence the whole thing evaluates to false. This means that the program should not complete.

3. Find the index of a maximum value of  $b(j : k)$ .

**Answer:** We will assume that the index of the value in  $b(j : k)$  where the maximum is stored is computed in variable  $m$ .

$$(j \leq m \leq k) \wedge (\forall i | j \leq i \leq k : b(i) \leq b(m))$$

What if  $j : k$  is empty? Then the  $(j \leq m \leq k)$  clause evaluates to  $F$  and hence the whole thing evaluates to false. This means that the program should not complete.

4. Store in array  $c(1 : n)$  a sorted (in ascending order) permutation of  $b(1 : n)$ . Use the predicate  $\text{perm}(b, c, n)$  to denote that  $b(1 : n)$  is a permutation of  $c(1 : n)$ . Use the predicate  $\text{ascending}(b, n)$  to indicate that the elements of  $b(1 : n)$  are in ascending order.

**Answer:**

$$\text{perm}(b, c, n) \wedge (\forall i | 1 < i \leq n : c(i-1) \leq c(i))$$

What if  $1 : n$  is empty? Then  $\text{perm}(b, c, 0)$  should evaluate to  $T$  (an empty array is a permutation of an empty array) and the  $\forall$  is defined as  $T$  when the range is empty. This makes sense.

5. Calculate the greatest power of 2 that is not greater than  $n$ .

**Answer:** We will assume that  $n$  is a positive integer and that the result is returned in  $\alpha$ .

$$1 \leq n \wedge (\exists i | 0 \leq i : \alpha = 2^i) \wedge \alpha \leq n \wedge \neg (\exists i | 0 \leq i : \alpha < 2^i \leq n)$$

6. Count how many zeros  $b(1 : n)$  has.

**Answer:** For this we introduce a new quantifier:

$$(\mathbb{N}i | i \in S : P(i))$$

returns the number of elements in set  $S$  for which the predicate  $P(i)$  is  $T$ .

$$\alpha = (\mathbb{N}i | 1 \leq i \leq n : b(i) = 0)$$

7. Suppose we have an array of integers  $b(1 : n)$ . Each of its subsegments  $b(i : j)$  has a sum. Find the largest such sum. Use the symbol  $S_{i,j}$  for  $\sum_{k=i}^j b(k)$ .

**Answer:**

$$(\exists i, j | 1 \leq i, j \leq n : \alpha = S_{i,j}) \wedge \neg(\exists i, j | 1 \leq i, j \leq n : \alpha < S_{i,j})$$

or

$$(\exists i, j | 1 \leq i, j \leq n : \alpha = S_{i,j}) \wedge (\forall i, j | 1 \leq i, j \leq n : \alpha \geq S_{i,j})$$

8. Assume that array  $b(1 : n)$  is sorted. Find the highest index of an element in  $b$  that equals  $x$ . Be sure to take care of the case where  $x$  is not in array  $b$ .

**Answer:** We will assume that  $m$  contains the desired index

$$1 \leq m \leq n + 1 \wedge (\forall i | m < i \leq n : b(m) < b(i))$$

Now

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**Homework 3.2.7.6** For each of the following, if applicable, determine which predicate is the weaker predicate:

1.  $0 \leq x \leq 10$  and  $1 \leq x < 5$ .

**Answer:** By examination,  $0 \leq x \leq 10$  is weaker. Proof:

$$(1 \leq x < 5) \Rightarrow (0 \leq x \leq 10)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < algebra >

$$(1 \leq x < 5) \Rightarrow (0 = x \vee 1 \leq x < 5 \vee 5 \leq x \leq 10)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < weakening/strengthening law >

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2.  $x = 5 \wedge y = 4$  and  $y = 4$ .

**Answer:** By examination,  $y = 4$  is weaker. Proof:

$$(x = 5 \wedge y = 4) \Rightarrow (y = 4)$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  < weakening/strengthening law >

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3.  $x \leq 5 \vee y = 3$  and  $x = 5 \wedge y = 4$ .

**Answer:** By examination,  $x \leq 5 \vee y = 3$  is weaker. Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x = 5 \wedge y = 4) \Rightarrow (x \leq 5 \vee y = 3) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < algebra >} \\
 & (x = 5 \wedge y = 4) \Rightarrow (x < 5 \vee x = 5 \vee y = 3) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < weakening/strengthening law >} \\
 & T
 \end{aligned}$$

4.  $T$  and  $F$ . **Answer:** By examination,  $T$  is weaker. Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F \Rightarrow T \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < } \wedge\text{-simplication >} \\
 & F \wedge T \Rightarrow T \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < weakening/strengthening law >} \\
 & T
 \end{aligned}$$

5.  $(\forall i | 5 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i))$  and  $(\forall i | 7 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i))$  **Answer:** By examination,  $(\forall i | 5 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i))$  is weaker. Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\forall i | 5 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i)) \Rightarrow (\forall i | 7 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i)) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < split range >} \\
 & (\forall i | 5 \leq i \leq 6 : b(i+1) < b(i)) \wedge (\forall i | 7 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i)) \Rightarrow (\forall i | 7 \leq i \leq 10 : b(i+1) < b(i)) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \text{ < weakening/strengthening law >} \\
 & T
 \end{aligned}$$

6.  $x \leq 1$  and  $x \geq 5$ .

**Answer:** Neither of these implies the other, so neither is weaker than the other.

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**Homework 3.3.1.7** For each of the below code segments, determine the weakest precondition (by examination):

1.  $wp(\text{"y := x - 1"}, y \leq 1) = (x \leq 2)$
2.  $wp(\text{"x := x - 1"}, x \leq 1) = (x \leq 2)$

$$3. \text{wp}(\alpha := \alpha + b(i), \alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} b(k)) = \alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} b(k) + b(i) = \alpha = \sum_{k=0}^i b(k)$$

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**Homework 3.3.2.8** Prove that

$$((p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)) \Leftrightarrow ((p \vee q) \Rightarrow r)$$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{< Implication >} \\ & (\neg p \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee r) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{< Distributivity of >} \\ & (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee r \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{< De Morgan's >} \\ & \neg(p \vee q) \vee r \\ \Leftrightarrow & \text{< Implication >} \\ & p \vee q \Rightarrow r \end{aligned}$$

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**Homework 3.3.3.9** Prove that **skip** command satisfies the Laws of Excluded Miracle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

**Answer:**

**Excluded Miracle:** Since  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, R) = R$  clearly  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, F) = F$ .

**Distributivity of Conjunction:**  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q) \wedge \text{wp}(\text{skip}, R) = Q \wedge R = \text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q \wedge R)$ .

**Monotonicity:** Assume  $Q \Rightarrow R$ . Since  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q) = Q$  and  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, R) = R$  clearly  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q) \Rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{skip}, R)$ .

**Distributivity of Disjunction:**  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q) \vee \text{wp}(\text{skip}, R) = Q \vee R = \text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q \vee R)$ . Hence  $\text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q) \vee \text{wp}(\text{skip}, R) \Rightarrow \text{wp}(\text{skip}, Q \vee R)$

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**Homework 3.3.4.10** Prove that **abort** command satisfies the Laws of Excluded Miracle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

**Answer:**

**Excluded Miracle:** Since  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, R) = F$  clearly  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, F) = F$ .

**Distributivity of Conjunction:**  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q) \wedge wp(\mathbf{abort}, R) = F \wedge F = F = wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q \wedge R)$ .

**Monotonicity:** Assume  $Q \Rightarrow R$ . Since  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q) = F$  clearly  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q) \Rightarrow wp(\mathbf{abort}, R)$  (independent of the fact that  $Q \Rightarrow R$  for this command).

**Distributivity of Disjunction:**  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q) \vee wp(\mathbf{abort}, R) = F \vee F = F$ . Hence  $wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q) \vee wp(\mathbf{abort}, R) \Rightarrow wp(\mathbf{abort}, Q \vee R)$ .

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**Homework 3.3.5.11** Prove that composition of statements satisfies the Laws of Excluded Miracle, Distributivity of Conjunction, Monotonicity, and Distributed Disjunction.

**Answer:**

**Excluded Miracle:**  $wp("S_0, S_1'', F) = wp(S_0, wp(S_1, F)) = wp(S_0, F) = F$ .

**Distributivity of Conjunction:**  $wp("S_0, S_1'', Q) \wedge wp("S_0, S_1'', R) = wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q)) \wedge wp(S_0, wp(S_1, R)) = wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q \wedge R)) = wp("S_0, S_1'', Q \wedge R)$ .

**Monotonicity:** Assume  $Q \Rightarrow R$ . Then  $wp("S_0, S_1'', Q) = wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q)) \Rightarrow wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q \Rightarrow R)) = wp("S_0, S_1'', Q \Rightarrow R)$ .

**Distributivity of Disjunction:**  $wp("S_0, S_1'', Q) \vee wp("S_0, S_1'', R) = wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q)) \vee wp(S_0, wp(S_1, R)) \Rightarrow wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q) \vee wp(S_1, R)) \Rightarrow wp(S_0, wp(S_1, Q \vee R)) = wp("S_0, S_1'', Q \vee R)$ .

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**Homework 3.3.6.12** For each of the below code segments, determining the weakest precondition:

1.  $wp(i := i + 1, i = j) = ((i + 1) = j) = (i = j)$

2.  $wp(i := i + 1; j := j + i, i = j)$

**Answer:**  $= wp("i := i + 1", wp("j := j + 1", i = j))$   
 $= wp("i := i + 1", i = j + 1)$   
 $= ((i + 1) = (j + 1)) = (i = j)$

3.  $wp(i := 2i + 1; j := j + i, i = j)$

**Answer:**  $= wp("i := 2i + 1", wp("j := j + 1", i = j))$   
 $= wp("i := 2i + 1", i = j + 1)$   
 $= ((2i + 1) = (j + 1)) = (2i = j)$

4.  $wp(j := j + i; i := 2i + 1, i = j)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer: } &= wp("j := j + i", wp("i := 2i + 1", i = j)) \\ &= wp("j := j + i", (2i + 1) = (j + 1)) \\ &= ((2i + 1) = ((j + i) + 1)) \\ &= (2i = (j + i)) = (i = j) \end{aligned}$$

5.  $wp("t := i; i := j; j := t", i = \hat{1} \wedge j = \hat{j})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer: } &= wp("t := i", wp("i := j", wp("j := t", i = \hat{1} \wedge j = \hat{j}))) \\ &= wp("t := i", wp("i := j", i = \hat{1} \wedge t = \hat{j})) \\ &= wp("t := i", i = \hat{j} \wedge t = \hat{j}) \\ &= (i = \hat{j} \wedge i = \hat{j}) \end{aligned}$$

6.  $wp("i = 0; s := 0", 0 \leq i < n \wedge s = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j)))$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Answer: } &= wp("i = 0", wp("s := 0", 0 \leq i < n \wedge s = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j)))) \\ &= wp("i = 0", 0 \leq i < n \wedge 0 = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j))) \\ &= (0 \leq 0 < n \wedge 0 = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < 0 : b(j))) \\ &= (T \wedge 0 = 0) = T \end{aligned}$$

7.  $wp(s := s + b(i); i = i + 1, 0 < i < n \wedge s = (\sum j | 0 \leq j < i : b(j))) =$

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**Homework 3.3.6.13** Consider an array  $b(1 : n)$ ,  $1 \leq n$ , a scalar variable  $\alpha$ , and the code segment

$$\begin{aligned} \{P : 0 \leq k < n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))\} \\ S_0 : k := k + 1 \\ S_1 : \alpha := \alpha + b(k) \\ \{R : 0 \leq k \leq n \wedge \alpha = (\sum i | 1 \leq i \leq k : b(i))\} \end{aligned}$$

This code segment may be part of a program that sums the entries in array  $b(i)$ . Prove this code segment correct.

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