

# Exam Program Verification 2016/2017 (SAMPLE VERSION)

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## 1. Program Semantic [1.5 pt].

Consider a simple programming language  $E^+$  with the following syntax:

<i>Program</i>	→	<b>vars</b> <i>declarations</i> ; <i>assignments</i>
<i>declarations</i>	→	one or more declaration separated by ”;”
<i>declaration</i>	→	<i>identifier</i> = <i>expression</i>
<i>assignments</i>	→	one or more assignment separated by ”;”
<i>assignment</i>	→	<i>identifier</i> := <i>expression</i>
<i>expression</i>	→	numeric constants like 0,1,2,...   <i>identifier</i>   <i>identifier</i> <sup>--</sup>   <i>identifier</i> <sup>++</sup>   <i>expression</i> + <i>expression</i>

The meaning of the above constructs, except for  $x^{--}$  and  $x^{++}$ , is as usual. For example:

**vars**  $x=1$  ;  $y=x$  ;  $y := y + 1$  ;  $x := y$

is a program that creates the variables  $x$  and  $y$ , both initialized with the value 1. The program then does the specified sequence of assignments, and ends up with the value of  $x$  and  $y$  both equal to 2.

Expressions like  $x^{--}$  and  $x^{++}$  have side effect. For example, if  $x$  and  $y$  both are currently 1, then executing:

$z := x^{--} + y^{++}$

first decreases the value of  $x$  (so now  $x$  is 0), then adds  $y$  to it to calculate the sum (so the sum is 1). After evaluating  $y$ , its value is increased (so now  $y$  is 2). So the above assignments results in the value of  $x, y, z$  to become respectively 0, 2, 1.

In general, the evaluation of the expression  $x^{--}$  proceeds by first decreasing the value of  $x$  by one, then we return this value as the result of the evaluation. Whereas the evaluation of the expression  $x^{++}$  proceeds by first remembering the current value of  $x$ , say  $x_0$ , then we increase  $x$  by 1, then we return  $x_0$  as the result of the evaluation.

- Provide an operational semantic for the above programming language. You can choose whether you want to provide a small step or a big step semantic.
- Propose a definition of Hoare triple  $\{P\} S \{Q\}$  in terms of the semantic you define above. Here  $S$  is a series of assignments from  $L^+$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  are predicates which can be evaluated on a state. You can assume that there is a function  $eval(P, s)$  that evaluates whether  $P$  holds on the state  $s$ .

## 2. Loop Invariant [1.5 pt].

Give an invariant for each of the GCL loops below. It should be an invariant that is consistent, strong enough to realize the asked post-condition, and realistic to be established by the pre-condition or initialization of the loop. Use the partial correctness interpretation of Hoare triples.

Below, **a** is an infinite array of **int**; **b** is of type **bool**; other variables are of type **int**.

- (a)  $\{ x = 10 \} \text{ while } x > 0 \text{ do } \{ x := x - 1 \} \{ x = 0 \}$
- (b)  $\{ x = 10 \wedge y = 0 \} \text{ while } x > 0 \text{ do } \{ x := x - 1 ; y := y + 1 \} \{ x = 0 \wedge y = 10 \}$
- (c)  $\{ x = 10 \wedge y = 1 \} \text{ while } x > y \text{ do } \{ y := y + 2 \} \{ y = 11 \}$
- (d)  $\{ (\exists k : 0 \leq k < 10 : a[k] < 0) \}$   
 $k, \text{found} := 0, (a[0] < 0) ;$   
 $\text{while } \neg \text{found} \text{ do } \{ \text{var } i ; k := i ; \text{found} := 0 \leq i < 10 \wedge a[i] < 0 \}$   
 $\{ a[k] < 0 \}$

Note that a new variable declared in a **var**-block is uninitialized (it takes an arbitrary value, but of the right type).

- (e)  $\{ \text{true} \}$   
 $b, i := \text{true}, 1 ;$   
 $\text{while } i < 10 \wedge b \text{ do } \{$   
 $\quad \text{--check if } a[i] \text{ is equal to } a[i-1]$   
 $\quad b := (a[i] = a[i-1]) ; i := i + 1$   
 $\}$   
 $\{ b = (\forall k : 0 \leq k < 10 : a[k] = a[0]) \}$

## 3. Weakest pre-condition [1.5 pt].

- (a) Consider a new statement construct for GCL:  $(\parallel k : 0 \leq k < n : stmt_k)$ , where  $k$  can be assumed to be a fresh variable,  $n$  is an existing variable, and  $stmt_k$  is a statement which may use  $k$ . Example:

$(\parallel k : 0 \leq k < n : \text{if } a[k] > 0 \text{ then } a[k] := a[k] - 1 \text{ else skip})$

The construct non-deterministically chooses one of the  $stmt_k$  and executes it.

Propose a definition of the **wlp** of such a construct.

- (b) Give the definition of **refby** and propose a definition of the **wlp** of assignments that target a two dimensional array.
- (c) Describe a procedure to calculate the **wlp** of a **while**-loop through a fix-point iteration.

4. **Basic HOL** [1 pt].

- (a) **DISCH** is a rule of the type `term → thm → thm`. If  $t$  is a member of the assumptions of a theorem  $A \vdash u$ , **DISCH**  $t$  will do the following:

$$\frac{A \vdash u}{A - t \vdash t \Rightarrow u} \text{ DISCH } t$$

where  $A - t$  means all the assumptions in  $A$ , but without  $t$ .

In HOL, a tactic is a function of the type:

$$goal \rightarrow (goal \text{ list } \# \text{ proofFunction})$$

where  $goal = (\text{term list } \# \text{ term})$  and  $\text{proofFunction} = \text{thm list} \rightarrow \text{thm}$ .

Show how this works by demonstrating how the tactic **DISCH.TAC** can be constructed from the **DISCH** rule.

- (b) Show how the quantifiers  $\forall$  and  $\exists$  are defined in the primitive HOL. If you use operators other than function application,  $\lambda$ ,  $=$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ , and **T** define your operators as well.

5. **Program Semantic** [0.5 pt, challenging].

Consider again the language  $E^+$  in the question No. 1. *Propose a definition* of **wlp**  $(x := e) Q$  for this language. Keep in mind that expressions in  $E^+$  may have side effect. We want to have a sound and complete **wlp**. That is, it should satisfy:

$$\{P\} x := e \{Q\} \quad \equiv \quad P \Rightarrow \text{wlp } (x := e) Q$$

You can assume that all variables in  $e$  and  $Q$  are defined/declared.

*Motivate* why you think that your proposal is sound and complete.

6. **HOL** [4 subquestions for total 4 pt, time: 48 hrs].

From the PV website, you can download the file xxx.smx. This is basically the same as in the HOL-tutorial.

It contains the following parts:

**Section 1** defines an embedding of a subset of GCL in HOL. It also contains an example of how a simple GCL program is expressed in HOL.

**Section 2** defines the semantic of GCL constructs, the semantic of Hoare triple, and provides a definition of *wlp*.

**Section 3** provides the proofs of some basic laws of Hoare logic, for example these:

**pre-condition strengthening:**

$$\frac{\{q\} \textit{stmt} \{r\} \quad , \quad p \Rightarrow q}{\{p\} \textit{stmt} \{r\}}$$

**post-condition weakening:**

$$\frac{\{p\} \textit{stmt} \{q\} \quad , \quad q \Rightarrow r}{\{p\} \textit{stmt} \{r\}}$$

**Section 4** proves the soundness the *wlp* defined in Section 3. 'Sound' here means that any final state that results from executing a GCL statement *stmt* from any state in the pre-condition produced by *wlp stmt q* will satisfy *q*. In other words, the following Hoare triple is always valid:

$$\{ \textit{wlp stmt q} \} \textit{stmt} \{ q \}$$

for any GCL statement *stmt*.

**Section 5** shows how to prove the correctness of the example from Section 1, with respect to some post-condition.

The problems that you have to solve are listed below (REMOVED in this version). Send your solution in the form of a modified script.