

# Automating Hoare Logic

- Given  $P, S$ , and  $Q$ , determine whether
$$\{P\} S \{Q\}$$
holds
- Strategy: construct derivation guided by syntax of  $S$

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$$\{P\} S \{Q\}$$

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$$\overline{\{P\} \text{ skip } \{P\}}$$

$$\overline{\{P[e/x]\} \ x := e \ \{P\}}$$

$$\frac{\{P\} s_1 \{R\} \quad \{R\} s_2 \{Q\}}{\{P\} s_1 ; s_2 \{Q\}}$$

$$\frac{P \Rightarrow P' \quad \{P'\} \vdash \{Q'\} \quad Q' \Rightarrow Q}{\{P\} \vdash \{Q\}}$$

$$\overline{\{P \wedge e\} \text{ assert } e \ \{P\}}$$

$$\frac{\{I \wedge e\} \vdash \{I\}}{\{I\} \text{ while } e \vdash \{I \wedge \neg e\}}$$

- change our view to make precond  
an output

Pontificate.

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$$\{?\} s \{Q\}$$

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$\boxed{wp(s, Q)}$

$$wp(\text{skip}, Q) = Q$$

$$wp(x := e, Q) = Q[e/x]$$

$$wp(\text{assert } e, Q) = Q \wedge e$$

$$wp(s_1; s_2, Q) = wp(s_1, wp(s_2, Q))$$

wp computes all intermediate annotations!

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- with  $\text{WP}$ , can check  $\{P\} \vdash \{Q\}$   
Via  $P \Rightarrow \text{WP}(S, Q)$
- solve the checking problem by  
solving more general problem!

Thm: If  $P \Rightarrow \text{WP}(S, Q)$  then  $\{P\} \vdash \{Q\}$ .

Proof: by induction on  $S$

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{?} while e s {Q}

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 $\{?\} \text{while}_I e s \{Q\}$

assume loops  
annotated w/ inv.

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$$\frac{\{I \wedge e \geq s \{I\} \quad I \wedge e \Rightarrow Q}{\{I\} \text{ while}_I e \leq \{Q\}}$$

assume loops  
annotated w/ inv.

$$wp(\text{while}_I e \leq, Q) = I ?$$

fails to check  
premises

# Handling Loops

- idea: allow wp to return side conditions

$$wp(s, Q) = (P, C)$$

require "caller" to check C.

so now  $\{P\} \vdash \{Q\}$  becomes

$$\text{let } (P', C) = wp(s, Q)$$

$$P \Rightarrow P' \wedge C$$

# Handling Loops

$\boxed{wp(s, Q)}$

$$wp(\text{skip}, Q) = (Q, \emptyset)$$

$$wp(x := e, Q) = (Q[e/x], \emptyset)$$

$$wp(\text{assert } e, Q) = (Q \wedge e, \emptyset) \leftarrow \text{etc?}$$

$$wp(s_1; s_2, Q) =$$

$$\text{let } (R, C_2) = wp(s_2, Q)$$

$$\text{let } (P, C_1) = wp(s_1, R)$$

$$(P, C_1 \cup C_2)$$

$$wp(\text{while}_I e s, Q) =$$

$$\text{let } (P, C) = wp(s, I)$$

$$(I, \{I \wedge e \Rightarrow P, I \wedge \neg e \Rightarrow Q\} \cup C)$$

# Handling Loops

Theorem: If  $\text{wp}(S, Q) = (P, C)$  and  $P \wedge C$   
then  $\{P\} \vdash \{Q\}$ .

Proof: by induction on  $S$ .

$\{n = n\}$

// n is "input"

$x := 0;$

$\{x = 0 \wedge n = n\}$

$y := n;$

$\{y = n \wedge x = 0 \wedge n = n\}$

$\{x + y = n \wedge y > 0 \wedge n = n\}$

while  $y > 0$  {

$x := x + 1;$

$y := y - 1$

}

$\{\neg(y > 0) \wedge x + y = n \wedge$   
 $y \geq 0 \wedge n = n\}$

assert  $x = n$

I =  $x + y = n \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge n = n$

{I}

while  $y > 0$  {

{I  $\wedge$   $y > 0\}$

$x := x + 1;$

{ $x - 1 + y = n \wedge \dots\}$

$y := y - 1$

{I}

}

{ $y \leq 0 \wedge I\}$

$\{n = n\}$

// n is "input"

$x := 0;$

$y := n;$

while  $y > 0$

$\{x + y = n \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge n = n\}$

{

$x := x + 1;$

$y := y - 1$

};

assert  $x = n$

{True}

$I \wedge y \leq 0 \Rightarrow x = n$

$I \wedge y > 0 \Rightarrow I \begin{bmatrix} x+1/x \\ y-1/y \end{bmatrix}$

$I \begin{bmatrix} 0/x \\ n/y \end{bmatrix}$

Corresponds to

TS checks