Testing, Debugging, and Verification

Formal Verification, Part II

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Recap

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  requires Q
  ensures R
  {
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  }
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Hoare Triple: {Q} S {R}

If execution of program S starts in a state satisfying pre-condition Q, the is is guaranteed to terminate in a state satisfying the post-condition R.

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Proving {Q} S {R}:

- Extract Weakest Precondition $wp(S, R)$:
  - Logical formula specifying set of initial states s.t.
  - if program S terminates,
  - end up in state satisfying postcondition R.
- Extract $wp(S, R)$ by reasoning backwards.
- Show that precondition Q implies wp:
  $Q \rightarrow wp(S, R)$

A small imperative language

Assignment: `x := e`

Sequential: `S1; S2`

Assertions: `assert B`

If-statements: `if B then S1 else S2`

While-loops: `while B S` $\Longleftarrow$ to be discussed

Semantics

The weakest precondition calculus provide a semantic for each language construct.

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Conditional, empty `else` branch

If `else` is empty, need to show that R follows just from negated guard.

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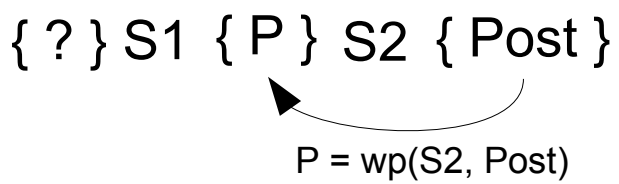
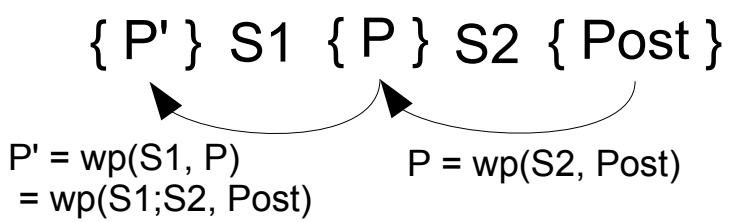
Example: Weakest Precondition of a sequential:

{ ? } S1; S2 { Post }





Mini Quiz: Derive the weakest precondition

The Rules

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Derive the weakest precondition, stating which rules you use in each step.

	S	R
a)	`i := i+2; j := j-2`	`i + j == 0`
b)	`i := i+1; assert i > 0`	`i <= 0`
c)	`if isEven(x) then y:=x/2 else y:=(x-1)/2`	`isEven(y)`

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Solution:

a) `i + j == 0`
(apply seq. rule followed by assignment rule, simplify)

b) `i+1 > 0 && i+1 <= 0`
(apply seq rule, assert rule, assignment)
Simplifies to `i => 0 && i <= -1` which is false! No initial state can satisfy this postcondition.

c)
```
isEven(x) ==> isEven(x/2) && !isEven(x) ==>
isEven((x-1)/2)
```
(apply cond. rule, followed by assignment.)

Let's Prove ManyReturns Correct!

Recall

To prove correct a program S with precondition Q and postcondition R we need to show that $Q \rightarrow wp(S, R)$.

```
method ManyReturns(x:int, y:int) returns (more:int, less:
 int)
 requires 0 < y;
 ensures less < x < more;
 {
   more := x+y;
   less := x-y;
 }
```

Show that

$0 < y \rightarrow wp(more := x + y; less := x - y,\ less < x < more)$

Let's Prove ManyReturns Correct!

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Show that this follows from the precondition $0 < y$:
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which follows from the precondition by simple arithmetic.

Another Example

```
method f ( x : int) returns (y : int)
requires x > 8
ensures  y > 10
        {
                y := x + 1;
                if (y mod 2 == 0) { y := 100; }
                else { y := y + 2; }
        }
```

Exercise: Prove f correct

Show that

$x > 8 \rightarrow wp(y := x + 1; \mathit{if} \cdots, y > 10)$.

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Simplify using $x > 8$ in RHS

$= x > 8 \rightarrow (\neg((x + 1)\%2 == 0) \rightarrow \mathit{true})$

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$= \text{true}$

What Next?

While loops!

Difficulties of While Loops

- Need to "unwind" loop body one by one
- In general, no fixed loop bound known (depends on input)
- How the loop invariants and variants are used in proofs.

Summary

- Testing cannot replace verification
- Formal verification can prove properties for all runs, . . . but has inherent limitations, too.
- Dafny is compiled to intermediate language Boogie.
- Verification conditions (VCs) extracted, using weakest precondition calculus rule.
- VCs are logical formulas, which can be passed to a theorem prover.
- Prove that precondition imply *wp*.

Reading: *The Science of Programming* by David Gries. Chapters 6-10, bearing in mind that the notation and language differ slightly from ours. Available as E-book from Chalmers library.