

# Exercises 3

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## Relations, wp, sp

Recall the definitions of

**Hoare triple**  $\{P\} r \{Q\}$  is

$$\forall s, s' \in S. s \in P \wedge (s, s') \in r \rightarrow s' \in Q$$

**strongest postcondition**

$$sp(P, r) = \{s' \mid \exists s. s \in P \wedge (s, s') \in r\}$$

**weakest precondition**

$$wp(r, Q) = \{s \mid \forall s'. (s, s') \in r \rightarrow s' \in Q\}$$

### Exercise 1 - Relations

Prove the following or give a counterexample.

1.  $(r \cup s) \circ t = (r \circ t) \cup (s \circ t)$
2.  $(r \cap s) \circ t = (r \circ t) \cap (s \circ t)$

### Exercise 2 - Characterization of sp

Prove

1.  $sp(P, r)$  is the the smallest set  $Q$  such that  $\{P\}r\{Q\}$ , that is:

- $\{P\}r\{sp(P, r)\}$
- $\forall Q \subseteq S. \{P\}r\{Q\} \rightarrow sp(P, r) \subseteq Q$

2. If  $P_0$  satisfies

- $\{P_0\}r\{Q\}$
- $\forall P \subseteq S. \{P\}r\{Q\} \rightarrow P \subseteq P_0$

then  $P_0 = wp(r, Q)$ .

### Exercise 3 - Conjunctivity of wp

Show that

1.  $wp(r, Q_1 \cap Q_2) = wp(r, Q_1) \cap wp(r, Q_2)$
2.  $wp(r_1 \cup r_2, Q) = wp(r_1, Q) \cap wp(r_2, Q)$

## Exercise 4 - Postcondition of inverse versus wp

Using definitions of Hoare triple,  $sp$ ,  $wp$  in Hoare logic, prove the following: If instead of good states we look at the complement set of error states, then  $wp$  corresponds to doing  $sp$  backwards. In other words, we have the following:

$$S \setminus wp(r, Q) = sp(S \setminus Q, r^{-1})$$

## 1 Hoare logic syntactically

### Warm-up

Use your intuition to determine which of these Hoare triples are valid. All variables are assumed to be integers.

- 1)  $\{j = a\} j:=j+1 \{a = j + 1\}$
- 2)  $\{i = j\} i:=j+i \{i > j\}$
- 3)  $\{j = a + b\} i:=b; j:=a \{j = 2 * a\}$
- 4)  $\{i > j\} j:=i+1; i:=j+1 \{i > j\}$
- 5)  $\{i \neq j\} \text{if } i>j \text{ then } m:=i-j \text{ else } m:=j-i \{m > 0\}$
- 6)  $\{i = 3 * j\} \text{if } i>j \text{ then } m:=i-j \text{ else } m:=j-i \{m - 2 * j = 0\}$
- 7)  $\{x = b\} \text{while } x>a \text{ do } x:=x-1 \{b = a\}$

### Assignment axiom

$$\frac{}{\{Q[x := e]\} (x = e) \{Q\}} \quad (1)$$

### Precondition strengthening

$$\frac{\models P_1 \rightarrow P_2 \quad \{P_2\}c\{Q\}}{\{P_1\}c\{Q\}} \quad (2)$$

### Postcondition weakening

$$\frac{\{P\}c\{Q_1\} \quad \models Q_1 \rightarrow Q_2}{\{P\}c\{Q_2\}} \quad (3)$$

### if-then-else

$$\frac{\{P \wedge B\}c_1\{Q\} \quad \{P \wedge \neg B\}c_2\{Q\}}{\{P\}\text{if } (B) \text{ } c_1 \text{ else } c_2\{Q\}} \quad (4)$$

### loop

$$\frac{\{I\}c\{I\}}{\{I\} (c)^* \{I\}} \quad (5)$$

### while loop Try yourself!

$$\frac{(\models P \rightarrow ?); \{?\}c\{?\}; (\models ? \rightarrow Q)}{\{P\} \text{while } \{I\}(F)(c) \{Q\}} \quad (6)$$

For a sequential program  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$  we can then apply these rules by writing

```
assert(P)
c1;
assert(Q)
c2;
assert(R)
```

meaning that we expect that these Hoare triples hold

```
{P} c1 {Q}
{Q} c2 {R}
```

### Easy example

Use the proof rules to show that the following holds:

```
assert( x == x0 && y == y0)
z = x
x = y
y = z
assert (y == x0 && x == y0)
```

### Some more examples

Prove the following:

1.  $\{a > b\} m := 1; n := a - b \{m * n > 0\}$
2.  $\{s = 2^i\} i := i + 1; s := s * 2 \{s = 2^i\}$
3.  $\{True\} \text{ if } i < j \text{ then } min := i \text{ else } min := j \{(min \leq i) \wedge (min \leq j)\}$
4.  $\{i > 0 \wedge j > 0\} \text{ if } i < j \text{ then } min := i \text{ else } min := j \{min > 0\}$
5.  $\{s = 2^i\} \text{ while } i < n \text{ do } i := i + 1; s := s * 2 \{s = 2^i\}$

### Complete example

Give a complete Hoare logic proof for the following code

```
{P: x >= 0}
a = x;
y = 0;
while (a > 0) {
  y = y + 1;
  a = a - 1;
}
{Q: x = y}
```