

Exercise 4F-2. VCGen for Let [6 points]. In class we gave the following rules for the (backward) verification condition generation of assignment and let:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VC}(c_1; c_2, B) &= \text{VC}(c_1, \text{VC}(c_2, B)) \\ \text{VC}(x := e, B) &= [e/x] B \\ \text{VC}(\text{let } x = e \text{ in } c, B) &= [e/x] \text{VC}(c, B) \end{aligned}$$

That rule for **let** has a bug. Give a correct rule for **let**.

Answer:

$$\text{VC}(\text{let } x = e \text{ in } c, B) = \exists x. (x = e \wedge \text{VC}(c, B)).$$

Exercise 4F-3. VCGen Mistakes [6 points]. Given $\{A\}c\{B\}$ we desire that $A \implies \text{VC}(c, B) \implies \text{WP}(c, B)$. We say that our VC rules are *sound* if $\models \{\text{VC}(c, B)\} c \{B\}$. Demonstrate the unsoundness of the buggy **let** rule by giving the following six things:

1. a command c and
2. a post-condition B and
3. a state σ such that
4. $\sigma \models \text{VC}(c, B)$ and
5. $\langle c, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'$ but
6. $\sigma' \not\models B$.

Answer:

1. Command:

$$c = \text{let } x = 0 \text{ in skip.}$$

2. Post-condition:

$$B = (x = 0).$$

3. State: Let σ be a state where the global variable x is 1, i.e., $\sigma(x) = 1$.

4. Verification Condition Holds:

Using the buggy rule, we have:

$$\text{VC}(c, B) = [0/x] \text{VC}(\text{skip}, x = 0).$$

Since $\text{VC}(\text{skip}, x = 0) = x = 0$, it follows that:

$$\text{VC}(c, B) = [0/x](x = 0) = (0 = 0),$$

which is a true assertion. Thus, $\sigma \models \text{VC}(c, B)$.

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5. Execution:

The execution of c in σ proceeds by binding a *local* x to 0 and executing **skip**. After the command, the local binding is discarded, leaving the global x unchanged. That is,

$$\langle c, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma',$$

with $\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x) = 1$.

6. Post-condition Violated:

The post-condition B requires that $x = 0$. However, in the resulting state σ' we have $x = 1$, so:

$$\sigma' \not\models B.$$

Exercise 4F-4. Axiomatic Do-While [6 points]. Write a sound and complete Hoare rule for **do** c **while** b . This statement has the standard semantics (e.g., c is executed at least once, before b is tested).

Answer: Assume the loop invariant is I .

$$\frac{A \implies I \quad \{I\} c \{I\} \quad I \wedge \neg b \implies B}{\{A\} \text{do } c \text{ while } b \{B\}}$$

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