

15F-1 Bookkeeping

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Exercise 5F-2. VCGen Do-While

I chose the first option: Give the (backward) verification condition formula for the command $\text{do}_{Inv} c \text{ while } b$ with respect to a post-condition P . The invariant Inv is true before each evaluation of the predicate b . Your answer may not be defined in terms of $\text{VC}(\text{while} \dots)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{VC}(\text{do}_{Inv} c \text{ while } b, P) &= \text{VC}(c; \text{while}_{Inv} \text{ do } c, P) \\ &= \text{VC}(c, \text{VC}(\text{while}_{Inv} \text{ do } c, P)) \\ &= \text{VC}(c, Inv \wedge (\forall x_1 \dots x_n. Inv \Rightarrow (b \Rightarrow \text{VC}(c, Inv) \wedge \neg b \Rightarrow P)))\end{aligned}$$

where x_1, \dots, x_n are all the variables modified in c

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Exercise 5F-3. VCGen Mistakes

Only the lannister rule is complete. We will show that the other two rules are incomplete by using this example from Lecture 8: $\{x \leq 0\}$ while $x \leq 5$ do $x := x + 1$ $\{x = 6\}$. Breaking it up, we have

- A is $x \leq 0$
- B is $x = 6$
- $\sigma(x) = 0$
- $\sigma'(x) = 6$
- c is while $x \leq 5$ do $x := x + 1$
- $\langle c, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'$ can be verified mathematically
- $\sigma \models A$ because $\sigma(x) = 0 \leq 0$
- $\sigma' \models B$ because $\sigma'(x) = 6 = 6$

The stark rule and the targaryen are incomplete because it is not possible to use them to prove $\{x \leq 0\}$ while $x \leq 5$ do $x := x + 1$ $\{x = 6\}$. We will show this by contradiction.

The Stark Rule

Assume that the stark rule is complete, there exists a derivation D such that

$$D :: \{x \leq 0\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{x = 6\}$$

By inversion, the last rule used in D is either the stark rule or the rule of consequence. However, the last rule cannot be the stark rule, because the stark rule requires A and B to be identical.

This means that the last rule used must have been the rule of consequence. Then,

$$D :: \frac{\vdash x \leq 0 \Rightarrow C1 \quad D1 :: \vdash \{C1\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{C2\} \quad \vdash C2 \Rightarrow \{x = 6\}}{\{x \leq 0\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{x = 6\}}$$

Since $D1$ must be using the stark rule, we have $C1 = C2$. However, we cannot find a $C = C1 = C2$ such that $(x \leq 0) \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow (x = 6)$. A contradiction.

Hence, the stark rule is incomplete.

The Targaryen Rule

Similarly, if the targaryen rule is complete, there exists a derivation D such that

$$D :: \{x \leq 0\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{x = 6\}$$

By inversion, the last rule used in D is either the targaryen rule or the rule of consequence. However, the last rule cannot be the targaryen rule, because the targaryen rule requires B to be $A \wedge \neg b$, and $x = 6$ is not $x \leq 0 \wedge \neg(x \leq 5)$.

This means that the last rule used must have been the rule of consequence.

$$D :: \frac{\vdash x \leq 0 \Rightarrow C1 \quad D1 :: \vdash \{C1\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{C2\} \quad \vdash C2 \Rightarrow \{x = 6\}}{\{x \leq 0\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{x = 6\}}$$

Since $D1$ must be using the targaryen rule, we have

$$D1 :: \frac{\vdash D2 :: \{C1\}x := x + 1\{C1\}}{\vdash \{C1\} \text{ while } x \leq 5 \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{C2\}},$$

where $C2 = C1 \wedge \neg(x \leq 5)$. However, there is no sound $D2$ that derives $\{C1\}x := x + 1\{C1\}$. A contradiction.

Hence, the targaryen rule is incomplete.

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