

15F-1 Bookkeeping

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1. Targaryen
2. $A = \text{true}$
 We don't really care about A.
3. $B = (x = 42)$
 Some value that should occur when we exit the loop.
4. $\sigma(x) = 0$
 IMP style initialization.
5. $\sigma'(x) = 42$
 The expected final value.
6. $c = \text{while } x < 1 \text{ do } x := 42$
 Some command to intentionally make this fail.
- 7.

$$\frac{\langle x < 1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{true} \quad \langle x := 42, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \quad \langle \text{while } x < 1 \text{ do } x := 42, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''}{\langle \text{while } x < 1 \text{ do } x := 42, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''}$$

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10. $\vdash \{A\} c \{B\}$ is not possible because the rule is assuming pre and post conditions are the same ($X = X$). We can just check $A = B$ and find $true = 42$. This is clearly not correct. The rule only works in the case the loop body is never encountered (if b is false coming in).

The rule should consider a correct post condition, and should have the loop guard considered coming in.

Exercise 5F-3: Stark Stark, as usual, is missing some key information. A correct rule probably would have seen the Red Wedding coming. Let's see where the strategy could be improved:

1. Stark
2. $A = true$
We don't really care about A, it will simply show the modification made in the loop isn't correctly tracked by the post condition.
3. $B = (x = 42)$
Some value that should occur when we exit the loop.
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note that I add an extra step here to be explicit, but σ'' is our σ' .

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Lannister seems reasonable but maybe a little needlessly complex.

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