

THEORY OF PROGRAMMING (1)

and its application to the design of correct and efficient computer programs.

A COURSE OF LECTURES

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BASED ON THE TEXT (2)

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BASIC DEFINITIONS (3)

A number is denoted by a string of digits

e.g. 0 3 03 703

A variable is denoted by a string of letters

e.g. X Y ALPHA QUOT

A machine state is a finite mapping between variables and values.

e.g. $m =$

X	Y	REM	QUOT
37	7		0

$m(X) = 37, m(Y) = 7, m(QUOT) = 0$

$m(REM)$ is undefined. m is also undefined for all other variables.

A command C is a relation between machine states, i.e. the states of (4) the machine before and after the command is obeyed.

(we define a relation as a set of ordered pairs $(m, m') \in C$).

The skip command is defined:

$$\text{skip} =_{df} \{ (m, m') \mid m = m' \}$$

i.e. the identity relation.

This command is obeyed by doing nothing!

The abort command is defined

$$\text{abort} = \{ \}$$

i.e. the empty relation.

A machine which attempts to obey this command will simply fail (break)!

An expression is constructed from variables, values, operators, and (5) brackets.

$$\text{e.g. } X \quad 17 \quad X + 17 \quad Y*(X - 3)$$

Given machine state m and expression e , we define $m^*(e)$ - as the value taken by e , when evaluated in machine state m ; i.e. when its variables are replaced by the values given by m .

$$\text{e.g. if } m(X) = 3 \text{ then } m^*(X + 17) = 20$$

$$m^*(17) = 17$$

if $m(Y)$ is not defined, then nor is

$$m^*(Y*(X + 3))$$

An assignment command takes the form

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$x := e$ (x becomes y)

where x is a variable

and e is an expression

e.g. $Y := 17 \quad Y := X - 1 \quad X := X + 1.$

$x := e =_{df} \{ (m, m') \mid m'(x) = m^*(e).$

$\&\forall y \neq x \ m'(y) = m(y) \}$

It is obeyed by evaluating e in the initial machine state m , and then changing $m(x)$ to have this value instead of its old one. If e is undefined in m , the machine breaks.

The composition of commands c_1 and c_2 is:

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$c_1; c_2 =_{df} \{ (m, m') \mid \exists m'' (m, m'') \in c_1 \ \& \ (m'', m') \in c_2 \}$

It is obeyed by first obeying c_1 and then obeying c_2 . m'' is the final machine state of c_1 and the initial machine state of c_2 .

Theorem. $c_1; (c_2; c_3) = (c_1; c_2); c_3$

The associativity of $;$ will justify omission of brackets.

Theorem. $skip; c = c; skip = c$

$abort; c = c; abort = abort$

Compare: $1*c = c*1 = c$

$0*c = c*0 = 0$

A condition b is an expression which is either true \underline{T} or false \underline{F} (8)

e.g. $X = 0$ $X = Y$ \underline{T} \underline{F}

It defines a "command"

$$\{ (m, m') \mid m^*(b) = \underline{T} \ \& \ m' = m \}$$

i.e. the identity relation restricted to those machine states in which b is true.

It is obeyed by evaluating b ; if this is true, skip ; otherwise abort.

A conditional command is defined

$$\underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow c_1, c_2 \ \underline{\text{fi}} = b; c_1 \cup \bar{b}; c_2$$

It is obeyed by first evaluating b ; if the value is true, c_1 is obeyed and c_2 omitted. if the value is false, c_2 is obeyed and c_1 omitted.

$$\underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow \text{skip}, \text{abort} \ \underline{\text{fi}} = b$$

Theorems $\underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow c_1, c_2 \ \underline{\text{fi}} ; c_3 = \underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow (c_1; c_3), (c_2; c_3) \ \underline{\text{fi}}$

$$\underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow c_1, c_2 \ \underline{\text{fi}} = \underline{\text{if}} \ \bar{b} \rightarrow c_2, c_1 \ \underline{\text{fi}}$$

$$\underline{\text{if}} \ \underline{T} \rightarrow c_1, c_2 \ \underline{\text{fi}} = \underline{\text{if}} \ \underline{F} \rightarrow c_2, c_1 \ \underline{\text{fi}} = c_1.$$

The repetitive command is defined

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$$\underline{\text{do}} \ b \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}} = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \quad (\underline{\text{while}} \ b \ \underline{\text{do}} \ c)$$

$$\text{where } c_0 = \bar{b}$$

$$c_{n+1} = b; c; c_n \left[\cup \bar{b} \right]$$

It is obeyed by first evaluating b . If this is false, the task is finished.

If it is true, c is next obeyed, and then the whole command is repeated.

Theorem. $\underline{\text{do}} \ b \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}} = \underline{\text{if}} \ b \rightarrow (c; \underline{\text{do}} \ b \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}}), \text{skip} \ \underline{\text{fi}}$

$$\underline{\text{do}} \ \underline{F} \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}} = \text{skip}$$

$$\underline{\text{do}} \ \underline{T} \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}} = \text{abort}$$

$$\underline{\text{do}} \ b \rightarrow c \ \underline{\text{od}} = \bar{b}, b; c; \bar{b}, b; c; b; c; \bar{b}, \dots$$

$$c_n \subseteq c_{n+1}$$

$$c_n = \underbrace{b; c; b; c \dots b; c; \bar{b}}$$

$\leq n$ times.

EXAMPLE

(10)

$x := X; y := Y;$
 $\underline{do} x \neq y \rightarrow \underline{if} x < y \rightarrow y := y - x, x := x - y$
 $\quad \underline{fi}$
 \underline{od}
 $= x := X; y := Y;$
 $\{ x = y \cup (x \neq y; x < y; y := y - x; x = y)$
 $\quad \cup (x \neq y; \overline{x < y}; x := x - y; x = y)$
 $\quad \dots$
 $\quad \cup x \neq y; x < y; y := y - x; x \neq y; \overline{x < y}; x := x - y; x = y$
 $\quad \dots$
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EXECUTION TRACES

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	X	Y	x	y
initial m/s	111	259		
$x := X$	111	259	111	
$y := Y$	"	"	"	259
$x \neq y$ ✓				
$x < y$				
$y := y - x$				148
$x \neq y; x < y$ ✓				
$y := y - x$				37
$x \neq y; \overline{x < y}$ ✓				
$x := x - y$			74	
$x \neq y; \overline{x < y}$ ✓				
$x := x - y$			37	
$x = y$ ✓				
final m/s.	111	259	37	37

A. Obey the following commands, giving their execution traces. (12)

1. $y := 0; x := 3; \underline{\text{do}} y + 1 < x \rightarrow y := y + 1 \underline{\text{od}}$
2. $y := 2; x := 3; \underline{\text{do}} y > 0 \rightarrow x := x + 1; y := y - 1 \underline{\text{od}}$
3. $y := 2; x := 3; s := 0;$
 $\underline{\text{do}} y > 0 \rightarrow y := y - 1; s := s + x \underline{\text{od}}$
4. $y := 3; x := 7; q := 0;$
 $\underline{\text{do}} x > y \rightarrow x := x - y; q := q + 1 \underline{\text{od}}$

B. In each example above, replace the repetitive command by a pair of assignments which would have the same effect for any initial assignment to x, y, q, s .

e.g. the answer to example 4 is $q := q + x \div y; x := x \text{ modulo } y$

WEAKEST PRECONDITIONS

(13)

c achieves r is defined:

$$c \underline{a} r = \{ (m, m') \mid \exists m' (m, m') \in c \ \& \ m'*(r) = \underline{\mathbb{T}} \}$$

i.e. the inverse image of r under c . It is the condition satisfied by exactly those initial machine states in which c can successfully be obeyed, and can end in a machine state satisfying r .

Theorem $b \underline{a} r = b \wedge r$ $b \ \& \ r$

where b is a condition.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof. LHS} &= \{ mm \mid \exists m' (m, m') \in b \ \& \ m'*(r) = \underline{\mathbb{T}} \} \\ &= \{ mm \mid (m, m) \in b \ \& \ m*(r) = \underline{\mathbb{T}} \} \\ &= \{ mm \mid (m, m) \in B \ \& \ (m, m) \in r \} \\ &= b \wedge r \end{aligned}$$

We usually identify a condition with the set of machine state pairs in which the condition is true.

$$\underline{T} \underline{a} r = r$$

Strict $c \underline{a} \underline{F} = \underline{F}$, $\underline{F} \underline{a} r = \underline{F}$

Distributive $c \underline{a} (\bigcup_n r_n) = \bigcup_n (c \underline{a} r_n)$

(Additive) $(\bigcup_n c_n) \underline{a} r = \bigcup_n (c_n \underline{a} r)$

A command c is deterministic if for each initial state m , there is at most one final state m' such that $(m, m') \in c$. All commands defined so far are deterministic.

If c is deterministic.

Multiplicative $c \underline{a} (\bigcap_n r_n) = \bigcap_n (c \underline{a} r_n)$

This is not true if c is nondeterministic,

e.g. $c = x := 0 \cup x := 1$

then $c \underline{a} x = 0 = \underline{T}$ & $\underline{a} x = 1 = \underline{T}$

$$c \underline{a} (x = 0 \ \& \ x = 1) = c \underline{a} \underline{F} = \underline{F}$$

Theorem of assignment

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$$x := e \underline{a} b(x) = b(e)$$

where $b(e)$ is the result of replacing all occurrences of x in $b(x)$ by e .

e.g. $(X := 37 \underline{a} X > 12) \equiv 37 > 12 \equiv \underline{\mathbb{T}}$

$$(X := Y * 3 \underline{a} X > 12) \equiv Y * 3 > 12 \equiv Y > 4$$

$$(X := X - 1 \underline{a} X > 12) \equiv (X - 1 > 12) \equiv (X > 13)$$

Proof. The value of x after the assignment is by definition equal to the value of e before the assignment. So $b(x)$ is true (of x) after the assignment if and only if $b(e)$ is true (of the value of e) before the assignment. The values of all other variables of b remain unchanged by the assignment.

Theorem of composition

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$$(c1; c2) \underline{a} r = c1 \underline{a} (c2 \underline{a} r)$$

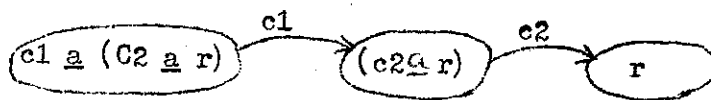
$$(x := X; y := Y) \underline{a} (GCD(x, y) = GCD(X, Y))$$

$$\equiv (x := X \underline{a} GCD(x, y) = GCD(X, Y))$$

$$\equiv GCD(X, Y) = GCD(X, Y)$$

$$\equiv X > 0 \ \& \ Y > 0$$

Proof. $c1; c2$ arrives at a state satisfying r if $c1$ arrives at a state from which $c2$ achieves r , and conversely



$$\text{LHS} = \left\{ m \mid \exists m' (m, m') \in (c1; c2) \ \& \ r^*(m') = \underline{\mathbb{T}} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ m \mid \exists m' \exists m'' (m, m'') \in c1 \ \& \ (m'', m') \in c2 \ \& \ r^*(m') = \underline{\mathbb{T}} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ m \mid \exists m'' (m, m'') \in c1 \ \& \ [\exists m' (m'', m') \in c2 \ \& \ r^*(m') = \underline{\mathbb{T}}] \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ m \mid \exists m'' (m, m'') \in c1 \ \& \ m'' \in (c2 \underline{a} r) \right\} = \text{RHS}$$

Theorem

(16)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{if}}\ b \rightarrow c_1, c_2 \underline{\text{fi}}\ a\ r &= \underline{\text{if}}\ b \rightarrow (c_1 \underline{\text{a}}\ r), (c_2 \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \underline{\text{fi}} \\ &= b \cap (c_1 \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \cup \bar{b} \cap (c_2 \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \end{aligned}$$

e.g. $(\underline{\text{if}}\ x < y \rightarrow y := y - x, x := x - y \underline{\text{fi}}\ a\ \text{GCD}(x, y) = K) \equiv$
 $\underline{\text{if}}\ x < y \rightarrow \text{GCD}(x, y - x) = K, \text{GCD}(x - y, y) = K \underline{\text{fi}}$
 $\text{GCD}(x, y) = K \ \& \ x \neq y$

Proof. LHS = $(b; c_1 \cup \bar{b}; c_2) \underline{\text{a}}\ r$
 $= (b; c_1) \underline{\text{a}}\ r \cup (\bar{b}; c_2) \underline{\text{a}}\ r$
 $= b \underline{\text{a}}\ (c_1 \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \cup \bar{b} \underline{\text{a}}\ (c_2 \underline{\text{a}}\ r)$
 $= b \cap (c_1 \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \cup \bar{b} \cap (c_2 \underline{\text{a}}\ r)$
 $= \text{RHS.}$

Theorem of repetition.

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$$\underline{\text{do}}\ b \rightarrow c \underline{\text{od}}\ a\ r = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n$$

where $P_0 = \bar{b} \cap r$

$$P_{n+1} = b \cap c \underline{\text{a}}\ P_n \cup \bar{b} \cap r$$

e.g. $\underline{\text{do}}\ y+1 < x \rightarrow y := y+1 \underline{\text{od}}\ a\ y = x - 1 = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n$

where $P_0 \equiv \overline{y+1 < x} \cap y = x - 1 \equiv y = x - 1$

$$P_1 \equiv y+1 < x \cap (y := y+1 \underline{\text{a}}\ P_0) \cup y = x - 1$$

$$\equiv y = x - 2 \vee y = x - 1$$

$$\equiv x - 1 - 1 \leq y < x$$

$$P_n \equiv \dots \equiv x - n - 1 \leq y < x$$

$$\therefore \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n \equiv \exists n \quad x - n - 1 \leq y < x$$

$$\equiv y < x$$

$$\text{LHS} = \bigcup_n c_n \underline{\text{a}}\ r \text{ where } c_0 = \bar{b}, \quad c_{n+1} = b; c; c_n \cup \bar{b}$$

$$= \bigcup_n (c_n \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \text{ where } c_0 \underline{\text{a}}\ r = \bar{b} \cap r, \quad c_{n+1} \underline{\text{a}}\ r = (b; c; c_n \underline{\text{a}}\ r) \cup \bar{b} \cap r$$

$$= b \cap (c \underline{\text{a}}\ (c_n \underline{\text{a}}\ r)) \cup \bar{b} \cap r$$

$$= \bigcup_n (P_n)$$

EXERCISES

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1. Derive and simplify the following preconditions:
- $(y := 0; \underline{\text{do}}\ y+1 < x \rightarrow y := y+1 \underline{\text{od}}) \underline{\text{a}} (y = x - 1)$
 - $x := X; y := Y; \underline{\text{do}}\ y > 0 \rightarrow x := x+1; y := y - 1 \underline{\text{od}} \underline{\text{a}} x = X + Y + Z$
 - $y := Y; s := 0; \underline{\text{do}}\ y > 0 \rightarrow y := y - 1; s := s + X \underline{\text{od}} \underline{\text{a}} s = X*Y$
 - $x := X; q := 0; \underline{\text{do}}\ x \geq y \rightarrow x := x - y; q := q+1 \underline{\text{od}} \underline{\text{a}} X = q*y+x \ \& \ x < y$
(all variables are nonnegative integers).

We can now solve problems of the form:

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given command S and postcondition r ,

$$? = S \underline{\text{a}} r$$

But programmers must solve a different problem:

given postcondition r and precondition p ,

$$p \Rightarrow ? \underline{\text{a}} r$$

e.g. using only $+1$ and $<$, write a command c which does not change x , and which satisfies:

$$0 < x \Rightarrow c \underline{\text{a}} y = x - 1$$

This is usually more difficult! We shall need some more theory.

TRIVIALITIES

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If p and b are conditions

$$p \cap b = p; b = p \underline{\text{a}} b = b \underline{\text{a}} p = b; p$$

$$c; (c1 \cup c2) = c; c1 \cup c; c2$$

$$(c1 \cup c2); c = c1; c \cup c2; c$$

$$p \cap (b; c \underline{\text{a}} r) = p \underline{\text{a}} (b; c \underline{\text{a}} r) = (p; b; c) \underline{\text{a}} r$$

$$= (p \cap b; c) \underline{\text{a}} r = b \cap (p \cap b; (c \underline{\text{a}} r))$$

$$\text{if } p \cap b \Rightarrow c1 \underline{\text{a}} r$$

$$\text{and } p \cap \bar{b} \Rightarrow c2 \underline{\text{a}} r$$

$$\text{then } p \Rightarrow \underline{\text{if}}\ b \rightarrow c1, c2, \underline{\text{fi}} \underline{\text{a}} r$$

Let c be $\underline{do} \ b \rightarrow \underline{cl} \ \underline{od}$ (for deterministic \underline{cl})

and let $b \cap p \subseteq \underline{c} \ \underline{a} \ p$

... (1)

(i.e. p is an invariant of c)

then $p \cap (c \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) \subseteq c \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)$

Proof. define $c_0 = \bar{b}$, $c_{n+1} = b; \underline{cl}; c_n \cup \bar{b}$

$$\text{so } c = \bigcup_n c_n$$

$$\text{LHS} = p \cap \left(\bigcup_n c_n \right) \underline{a} \ \underline{T} = p \cap \left(\bigcup_n c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T} \right) \quad \text{distribution}$$

$$= \bigcup_n p \cap (c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) \subseteq \bigcup_n (c_n \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)) \quad \text{(by lemma)}$$

$$= \left(\bigcup_n c_n \right) \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p) = \text{RHS.} \quad \text{distribution}$$

LEMMA

If c is deterministic (1)

and $p \cap b \subseteq c \ \underline{a} \ p$ (2)

and $c_0 = \bar{b}$ and $c_{n+1} = b; c; c_n \cup \bar{b}$ (3)

then $\forall n \ p \cap (c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) \subseteq c_n \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)$ (4)

Proof case-1 $n = 0$: $p \cap (\bar{b} \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) = p \cap \bar{b} = \bar{b} \cap (p \cap \bar{b}) = \bar{b} \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)$

$$p \cap (c_{n+1} \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) = p \cap (b; c; c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) \cup p \cap (\bar{b} \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}) \quad \text{by(3)}$$

$$\subseteq b \cap (c \ \underline{a} \ p) \cap (c \ \underline{a} \ (c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T})) \cup p \cap \bar{b} \quad \text{by(2)}$$

$$= b \cap (c \ \underline{a} \ (p \cap (c_n \ \underline{a} \ \underline{T}))) \cup p \cap \bar{b} \quad \text{by(1)}$$

$$\subseteq b \cap (c \ \underline{a} \ (c_n \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p))) \cup \bar{b} \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p) \quad \text{by(4)}$$

$$= (b; c; c_n) \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p) \cup \bar{b} \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)$$

$$= ((b; c; c_n) \cup \bar{b}) \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p) \quad (3)$$

$$= c_{n+1} \ \underline{a} \ (\bar{b} \cap p)$$

Let t be an expression, (always defined)

$$c \text{ dec } t \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} (k := t; c) \text{ a } (0 \leq t < k)$$

(where k is a fresh variable).

i.e. the weakest precondition under which the command c decreases value of t .

Theorem 2. Let $c = \text{do } b \rightarrow c1 \text{ od}$ (deterministic)

$$p \wedge b \subseteq c1 \text{ a } p$$

$$p \wedge b \subseteq c1 \text{ dec } t$$

then $p \subseteq c \text{ a } (\bar{b} \wedge p)$

Proof define $c_0 = \bar{b}$, $c_{n+1} = b; c; c_n \cup \bar{b}$

by Lemma 2 $p \wedge (t \leq n) \subseteq c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$

$$\therefore p = \bigcup_n (p \wedge t \leq n) \subseteq \bigcup_n (c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}) = p \wedge c \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$$

$$\subseteq c \text{ a } (\bar{b} \wedge p)$$

by theorem (1)

LEMMA

If $p \wedge b \subseteq (k := t; c) \text{ a } (p \wedge t < k)$ for fresh k (1)

and $c_0 = \bar{b}$, $c_{n+1} = b; c; c_n \cup \bar{b}$ (2)

then $\forall n \ p \wedge t \leq n \subseteq c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$ (3)

Proof. $p \wedge b \subseteq (k := t; c) \text{ a } t < k \subseteq t > 0$

$$\therefore p \wedge t \leq 0 \subseteq \bar{b} = c_0.$$

induction step.

$$p \wedge t \leq n+1 = p \wedge t = n+1 \qquad \vee p \wedge t \leq n$$

$$\subseteq p \wedge b \wedge t = n+1 \cup \bar{b} \qquad \cup \qquad "$$

$$\subseteq b \wedge t = n+1 \wedge (k := t; c) \text{ a } (p \wedge t < k) \cup \bar{b} \cup \qquad "$$

$$\subseteq b \wedge c \text{ a } (p \wedge t < n+1) \cup \bar{b} \qquad \cup \qquad p \wedge t \leq n$$

$$\subseteq b \wedge c \text{ a } (c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}) \cup \bar{b} \text{ a } \mathbb{T} \qquad \cup \qquad c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$$

$$= c_{n+1} \text{ a } \mathbb{T} \cup c_n \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$$

$$= c_{n+1} \text{ a } \mathbb{T}$$

since $c_n \subseteq c_{n+1}$

EXAMPLE 1

(26)

Using only \langle , successor as operators, find c s.t.

$$0 \langle x \implies c \underline{a} y = x - 1 \text{ \& } c \text{ changes only } y.$$

Solution: reformulate postcondition as

$$\overline{y + 1 \langle x} \cap y \langle x = \overline{b} \cap p$$

and find $c1, t$ s.t.

$$y + 1 \langle x \cap y \langle x \implies c1 \underline{dec} t$$

$$c1 \underline{a} y \langle x$$

try $c1 = y := y + 1$

$$t = x - y$$

check $y + 1 \langle x \implies (k := x - y; y := y + 1) \underline{a} (x - y \langle k \cap y \langle x)$

$$\text{RHS} = x - y - 1 \langle x - y$$

\therefore by theorem 2.

$$y \langle x \implies \underline{do} y + 1 \langle x \longrightarrow y := y + 1 \underline{od} \underline{a} y = x - 1$$

It remains to find $c0$ s.t.

$$0 \langle x \implies c0 \underline{a} y \langle x.$$

Using theorem of assignment, $c0$ is $y := 0$.

EXAMPLE 2

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Using only \langle , successor, and predecessor as operators find c s.t.

$c \underline{a} x = X + Y$ where c changes only x and y .

Solution: reformulate postcondition as

$$\overline{b} \cap p = \overline{0 \langle y} \cap x + y = X + Y$$

check that $x := X; y := Y \underline{a} p. \dots (1)$

we need to find $c1, t$ s.t.

$$0 \langle y \cap x + y = X + Y \implies (k := t; c1) \underline{a} (t \langle k \cap p)$$

an obvious choice is $t = y$.

$$c1 = c2; y := y - 1 \dots (2)$$

where $0 < y \wedge p \Rightarrow c2 \underline{a} (y := y - 1 \underline{a} x + y = X + Y)$

i.e. $0 < y \wedge (x + y = X + Y) \Rightarrow c2 \underline{a} (x + y - 1 = X + Y)$

obviously $c2 = x := x + 1$ (3)

collecting (1), (2), (3), we get:

$x := X; y := Y; \underline{do} 0 < y \rightarrow x := x + 1; y := y - 1 \underline{od}$

EXAMPLE 3

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Using only $\langle, +, -$, find c s.t.

$Y > 0 \Rightarrow c \underline{a} q = X \div Y \wedge r = X \text{ modulo } Y$. c changes only q and r

Reformulate postcondition as

$$\overline{Y \leq r} \wedge X = q * Y + r \quad (= \overline{b \wedge p}) \tag{1}$$

note that $(q := 0; r := X) \underline{a} p$

choose r as variant function.

$$b \Rightarrow r := r - Y \underline{dec} r \tag{2}$$

we need to find $c1$ changing only q , s.t.

$$b \wedge p \Rightarrow c1 \underline{a} (X = q * Y + r - Y)$$

this is solved by $c1 = q := q + 1$.

$\therefore c = q := 0; r := X; \underline{do} Y \leq r \rightarrow q := q + 1; r := r - Y \underline{od}$

Exercise: using only $\langle, +, -$, find c s.t.

$c \underline{a} s = X * Y$, and c changes only s and y .