



Tutorial for Program Verification Exercise Sheet 8

In this exercise sheet, we work with the Hoare proof system for our programming language Boostan.

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Exercise 1: Program Semantics

3 Points

In the lecture we defined the semantics of Boostan programs by assigning a relation to each statement. Compute this relation for the Boostan program $P_{\text{pow}} = (V, \mu, \mathcal{T})$ with $V = \{e, x, y, z\}$, $\mu(e) = \mu(x) = \mu(y) = \mu(z) = \mathbb{Z}$, and \mathcal{T} a derivation tree for the program code shown below. List all intermediate steps, i.e., state the relation for each sub-statement.

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e := 1;  
z := 0;  
  
while (z < y) {  
  e := e * x;  
  z := z + 1;  
}
```

Exercise 2: Precondition - Postcondition

4 Points

Consider the following precondition-postcondition pairs. Which of them are satisfied by all program statements st and all formulas φ ?

- (a) $\{\mathbf{true}\} st \{\varphi\}$
- (b) $\{\mathbf{false}\} st \{\varphi\}$
- (c) $\{\varphi\} st \{\mathbf{true}\}$
- (d) $\{\varphi\} st \{\mathbf{false}\}$

If a precondition-postcondition is satisfied by all program statements st and all formulas φ , then explain why. If a precondition-postcondition is not satisfied by some program statement st and some formulas φ , then give a counterexample.

Exercise 3: Assignment Axiom

1 Point

Find some program P whose code is a single assignment statement of the form $x := \text{expr};$ and some formula φ such that P does not satisfy the precondition-postcondition pair $(\{\varphi\}, \{\varphi \wedge x = \text{expr}\})$.

The motivation of this exercise is the following. In the lecture we have seen the assignment axiom of the Hoare proof system.

$$(assign) \frac{}{\{\varphi[x \mapsto \text{expr}]\} \ x := \text{expr}; \ \{\varphi\}}$$

This rule is not very intuitive because the precondition is obtained as a modification of the postcondition. One may wonder if the following proof rule could be an alternative.

$$(BadAss) \frac{}{\{\varphi\} \ x := \text{expr}; \ \{\varphi \wedge x = \text{expr}\}}$$

The result of this exercise should hint that the (BadAss) proof rule cannot be used as an axiom in a proof system whose goal is the derivation of valid Hoare triples.

Exercise 4: Hoare Proof System

4 Points

Is there a program that can swap the values of two variables without using a temporary variable? In this exercise we will consider such a program and prove that the program indeed has this property.

Consider the Boostan program $P_{\text{swap}} = (V, \mu, \mathcal{T})$ with $V = \{a, b, x, y\}$, $\mu(a) = \mu(b) = \mu(x) = \mu(y) = \mathbb{Z}$, and \mathcal{T} a derivation tree for the program code shown below.

<pre style="margin: 0;"> x := x + y; y := x - y; x := x - y;</pre>
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Use the Hoare proof system to show that P satisfies the precondition-postcondition pair $(\{x = a \wedge y = b\}, \{x = b \wedge y = a\})$.

Exercise 5: Programming in Boogie

3 Points

Using the Boogie¹ language, implement a procedure with signature

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procedure square(x : int) returns (z : int)
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that takes a (mathematical) integer x and, if it is greater or equal 0, computes and returns the square $z = x^2$. The algorithm may only make use of addition and subtraction, but not use multiplication, division or modulo.

You can use the Boogie interpreter Boogaloo² to test your program. A user manual is available online³.

¹<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/krm1178.pdf>

²<http://comcom.csail.mit.edu/comcom/#Boogaloo>

³<https://bitbucket.org/nadiapolikarpova/boogaloo/wiki/User%20Manual>