



Tutorial for Program Verification

Exercise Sheet 23

Exercise 1: Termination

2 Points

In the lecture, we discussed four different properties of programs. One property was *termination* the other properties were related to termination. We provide formal definitions here. In each case, we consider a program P with a CFG $(Loc, \Delta, \ell_{\text{init}}, \ell_{\text{ex}})$.

- (a) We say that P can reach the exit location if there exists a finite execution, such that the first configuration (ℓ, s) is initial, and the last configuration is (ℓ_{ex}, s') for some state s' .
- (b) We say that P can stop if there exists a reachable configuration (ℓ, s) such that there exists no configuration (ℓ', s') and statement st with $(\ell, st, \ell') \in \Delta$ and $(s, s') \in \llbracket st \rrbracket$.
- (c) We say that P always reaches the exit location if there exist no infinite executions, and all finite executions end in a configuration (ℓ', s') where we either have a successor (i.e., there exists a configuration (ℓ'', s'') and statement st with $(\ell', st, \ell'') \in \Delta$ and $(s', s'') \in \llbracket st \rrbracket$) or we have that ℓ' is ℓ_{ex} .
- (d) We say that P always stops (resp. P terminates) if there exist no infinite executions.

In this exercise, you should give programs that differentiate between these definitions. In particular, for each of the following pairs, give a program such that one definition holds but the other does not. Explain which of the definitions holds and why.

- (a) P can reach the exit location vs. P can stop
- (b) P can stop vs. P always stops

Exercise 2: Ranking Functions

5 Points

For each of the following programs, state whether it (always) terminates or not. If it terminates, give a ranking function for each loop in the program. If it may not terminate, give an infinite execution of the program.

```
1 while (x > 0) {
2   while (y > 0) {
3     y := y-1;
4   }
5   x := x-1;
6   havoc y;
7 }
8
9 }
```

Listing 1: Program P_1

```
1 while (x > 0) {
2   if (y > 0) {
3     y := y-1;
4   } else {
5     x := x-1;
6     havoc y;
7   }
8 }
9 }
```

Listing 2: Program P_2

```
1 while (x > 0) {
2   if (y > 0) {
3     y := y-1;
4     havoc x;
5   } else {
6     x := x-1;
7     havoc y;
8   }
9 }
```

Listing 3: Program P_3

Hint: For simple loops is often convenient to use a function whose range is \mathbb{N} and the strictly greater than relation $>$ on natural numbers. For more complex loops, this is sometimes not sufficient but we can use instead a function $f : S_{V,\mu} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_1 \times \dots \times \mathbb{N}_n$ whose range are n -tuples of natural numbers and the *lexicographic order* $>_{\text{lex}}$ that we define as follows.

$(m_1, \dots, m_n) >_{\text{lex}} (m'_1, \dots, m'_n)$ iff there exists $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $m_i > m'_i$ and for all $k \in \{1, \dots, i-1\}$ the equality $m_k = m'_k$ holds

If a function with that signature together with the order $>_{\text{lex}}$ is a ranking function, it is often called a *lexicographic ranking function*.

Exercise 3: Synthesis of Ranking Functions

2+2 Points

In this exercise we want to synthesize a ranking function for the program below and we want to use Farkas' Lemma in order to simplify the constraints for the SMT solver.

```

1 while (7*x+5*y>=4 && 7*x+3*y<=-12) {
2   x := 2*x - y;
3   y := 3*y + 2;
4 }

```

- (a) Construct a transition formula for the following statement.

`assume(7*x+5*y>=4 && 7*x+3*y<=-12); x:=2*x-y; y:=3*y+2;`

- (b) Write down the constraints (formula universally quantified over $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}'$ and \mathbf{y}') that state that the loop has a ranking function f of the form $f(x, y) = \alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot y + \gamma$. The symbols α, β and γ are the coefficients of the ranking function for which we want to find a solution.
- (c) Use Farkas' Lemma to transform the constraints into logically equivalent, existentially quantified, constraints that use only linear arithmetic (e.g., no multiplication of variables). This is a bonus exercise and you may submit you solution as an SMT script.
- (d) Find a solution for α, β and γ . This is also a bonus exercise.

Exercise 4: Ranking Function

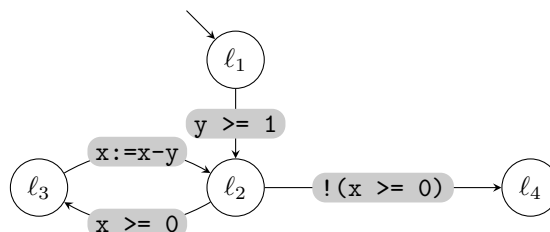
2 Points

Let us consider the program whose code and control-flow graph are given below.

```

1 assume (y >= 1);
2 while (x >= 0) {
3   x := x - y;
4 }

```



The program is terminating, however there is no ranking function for the while loop. To prove termination, we introduced the following definitions in the lecture:

Definition (Loop Entry) Given a while loop $\text{while}(\text{expr})\{\text{st}\}$ and a control-flow graph $G = (Loc, \Delta, \ell_{\text{init}}, \ell_{\text{ex}})$ for this while loop, we call ℓ_{init} the *entry location* of the while loop.

Definition (Ranking Function) Given a program $P = (V, \mu, st)$, a Floyd-Hoare annotation β for P , a while loop $\text{while}(\text{expr})\{\text{st}\}$ whose loop entry is the location ℓ , and a set W together with a well-founded relation $R \subseteq W \times W$, we call a function $f : S_{V, \mu} \rightarrow W$ a *ranking function* for $\text{while}(\text{expr})\{\text{st}\}$ and β if for each pairs of states where $s \in \{\beta(\ell)\}$ and $(s, s') \in \llbracket \text{assume expr; st} \rrbracket$, the relation $(f(s), f(s')) \in R$ holds.

Give a Floyd-Hoare annotation β and a function f such that f is a ranking function for β and the while loop.