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Tutorial for Program Verification
Exercise Sheet 4

Exercise 1: Hoare logic 2 Points

In this exercise we consider very simple Hoare triples over Boolean variables where

- the precondition *precond*`(X1,...,Xn)` is a Boolean expression over the Boolean variables `X1,...,Xn` and does not contain the Boolean variable `Y`,
- the program consists of the single line

  `Y:=` *expr*`(X1,...,Xn)`,

  where `Y` is a Boolean variable and *expr*`(X1,...,Xn)` is a Boolean expression over the Boolean variables `X1,...,Xn` that does not contain `Y`, and
- the postcondition *postcond*`(X1,...,Xn)` is a Boolean expression over the variables `Y,X1,...,Xn`.

(a) State a propositional logical formula

$$vc(\texttt{Y,X1,...,Xn})$$

that is valid if and only if a Hoare triple that has the following form is valid.

$$\{\ precond\texttt{(X1,...,Xn)}\ \}\ \texttt{Y := } expr\texttt{(X1,...,Xn)}\ \{\ postcond\texttt{(Y,X1,...,Xn)}\ \}$$

(b) Compute your propositional logical formula $vc(\texttt{Z,U,V})$ for the following concrete program.

$$\{\ \texttt{U} \leftrightarrow \texttt{V}\ \}\ \texttt{Z:= U} \land \texttt{V}\ \{\ \texttt{Z} \leftrightarrow \texttt{U}\ \}$$

Is your formula valid?

(c) Now we drop the restriction that *precond*`(X1,...,Xn)` does not contain the Boolean variable `Y`. Find a Hoare triple that is not valid but where your formula $vc(\texttt{U,V,Z})$ is valid.

Exercise 2: Hoare logic derivation 2 Points

(a) Write down a partial correctness specification (i.e., precondition and postcondition) for a program `C` that computes the maximum of x and y and stores the result in z.

(b) Write down the program `C`. Use the syntax for while programs introduced in the lecture.

(c) Construct a Hoare logic derivation that proves that your program `C` fulfills your correctness specification.

Exercise 3: Hoare triples 2 Points

Consider the following Hoare triples. Which of them are valid for any program `C` and any state assertion ϕ?

(a) $\{\ \mathit{true}\ \}\ \texttt{C}\ \{\ \phi\ \}$

(b) $\{\ \mathit{false}\ \}\ \texttt{C}\ \{\ \phi\ \}$

(c) $\{\ \phi\ \}\ \texttt{C}\ \{\ \mathit{true}\ \}$

(d) $\{\ \phi\ \}\ \texttt{C}\ \{\ \mathit{false}\ \}$

If a Hoare triple is valid for any program `C` and any state assertion ϕ, then explain why. If a Hoare triple is not valid for some program `C` and some state assertion ϕ, then give a counterexample.

Exercise 4: Loop Invariant, Invariant, Inductive Invariant 2 Points

(a) Consider the following while command

$$\mathrm{C} \equiv \textbf{while}\ \texttt{x < 42}\ \textbf{do}\ \texttt{x := x + y}$$

and precondition $\phi \equiv x = 1 \land y = 1$.

(i) Find a state assertion θ_1 that implies $x \geq 0$ and is a loop invariant but not an invariant. (Be careful! It is not the one given for the program in the lecture, even though the program may look similar.)

(ii) Find a state assertion θ_2 that implies $x \geq 0$ and is an invariant but not an inductive invariant.

(iii) Find a state assertion θ_3 that implies $x \geq 0$ and is an inductive invariant.

(b) Consider the following scheme of a while command

$$\mathrm{C} \equiv \textbf{while}\ \texttt{b}\ \textbf{do}\ \texttt{x := x + y}$$

and precondition $\phi \equiv x = 1 \land y = 1$. Furthermore, let $\theta \equiv x \geq 0$.

(i) Find an expression `b` such that θ is a loop invariant but not an invariant.

(ii) Find an expression `b` such that θ is an invariant but not an inductive invariant.

(iii) Find an expression `b` such that θ is an inductive invariant.