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- Hoare triple derivable in all logicals models in which implications in side condition are valid

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new rule for seq

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new rule for cond

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