

# Generation of Verification Conditions

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

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to generate new Hoare triples  
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(e.g., axioms for bounded integer arithmetic,  
axioms for factorial function, ...)



$$\Gamma \models \Phi \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash \{\phi\} C \{\psi\}$$