



Tutorials for “Formal methods for Java” Exercise sheet 9

Exercise 1: Relational semantics of loop free guarded commands

In the lecture we defined the semantics of loop free guarded commands in terms of weakest preconditions. Alternatively we can give a relational semantics that defines guarded commands as relations on states:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket x := e \rrbracket &= \{ (s, s') \mid s' = s[x := s[e]] \} \\ \llbracket \text{havoc}(x) \rrbracket &= \{ (s, s') \mid \exists v. s' = s[x := v] \} \\ \llbracket \text{assert}(G) \rrbracket &= \{ (s, s_{err}) \mid s \not\models G \} \cup \{ (s, s) \mid s \models G \} \\ \llbracket c_1 \square c_2 \rrbracket &= \llbracket c_1 \rrbracket \cup \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

Hereby s_{err} is a special error state that does not satisfy any assertion, i.e. $s_{err} \not\models F$ for any assertion F . Give proper relational semantics to the missing guarded commands.

Exercise 2: Weakest preconditions

We can define weakest preconditions in terms of the relational semantics of loop free guarded commands:

$$\text{wp}(c, S) = \{ s \mid \forall s'. (s, s') \in \llbracket c \rrbracket \rightarrow s' \in S \}$$

Prove that the weakest precondition semantics given in the lecture is correct with respect to the relational semantics for the cases: $\text{assert}(G)$ and $c_1 \square c_2$, i.e. prove:

- (a) $\text{wp}(\text{assert}(G), \llbracket F \rrbracket) = \llbracket G \wedge F \rrbracket$, and
- (b) $\text{wp}(c_1 \square c_2, \llbracket F \rrbracket) = \text{wp}(c_1, \llbracket F \rrbracket) \cap \text{wp}(c_2, \llbracket F \rrbracket)$

where $\llbracket F \rrbracket = \{ s \mid s \models F \}$.

Exercise 3: Translation to loop free guarded commands

Translate the following Java code fragment into loop free guarded commands:

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result = 0;
s = 0;
while /*: inv "s = result * result & n > 0 & result >= 0 & s >=0 &
        n > s - 2 * result" */
(s < n) {
    result = result + 1;
    s = s + 2 * result - 1;
}
return (s == n ? result : result - 1);
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