

Tutorials for Program Verification Exercise sheet 2

Exercise 1: C Programs

some bonus points

Consider the following C program¹. Find all errors of this program. You get 0.5 bonus points for each error.

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int main() {
    char *p,*q;
    p = NULL;
    printf("%s",p);
    q = (char *)malloc(100);
    p = q;
    free(q);
    *p = 'x';
    free(p);
    p = (char *)malloc(100);
    p = (char *)malloc(100);
    q = p;
    strcat(p,q);
}
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Exercise 2: Propositional Logic - Formalization

5 points

Use $\neg, \rightarrow, \wedge$ and \vee to express the following declarative sentences in propositional logic; in each case state what your respective propositional atoms p, q etc. stand for:

- (a) Robert was jealous of Yvonne, or he was not in a good mood.
- (b) If the barometer falls, then either it will rain or it will snow.
- (c) If a request occurs, then either it will eventually be acknowledged, or the requesting process won't ever be able to make progress.
- (d) Cancer will not be cured unless its cause is determined and a new drug for cancer is found.
- (e) If interest rates go up, share prices go down.
- (f) If Smith has installed central heating, then he has sold his car or he has not paid his mortgage.

¹This example was taken from Michael Schwarzbach's lecture notes on static analysis http://lara.epfl.ch/dokuwiki/_media/sav08:schwartzbach.pdf

- (g) Today it will rain or shine, but not both.
- (h) If Dick met Jane yesterday, they had a cup of coffee together, or they took a walk in the park.
- (i) No shoes, no shirt, no service.²
- (j) My sister wants a black and white cat.

Example: The sentence “If the sun shines today, then it won’t shine tomorrow.” can be expressed by the formula $p_{td} \rightarrow \neg p_{tm}$, where the propositional variable p_{td} stands for “sun shines today” and the propositional variable p_{tm} stands for “sun shines tomorrow”.

Reminder: C.A.R. Hoare developed a logic which can be used to prove partial correctness of programs. Central object used in Hoare logic are triples $\{F\} P \{G\}$, where P is a program, and F and G are assertions over the values of program variables. We call $\{F\} P \{G\}$ a *Hoare triple*.

We call a Hoare triple *valid* if the following holds.

If the assertion F holds before the execution of program P and program P terminates, then the assertion G holds afterwards.

Exercise 3: Hoare logic

4 + 1 + 1 bonus points

We consider in this exercise very simple Hoare triples, where

- the precondition $precond(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a Boolean expression over the variables X_1, \dots, X_n and does not contain the variable Y .
- the program consists of the single line

$$Y := expr(X_1, \dots, X_n) ,$$

where Y is a Boolean variable and $expr(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a Boolean expression over the variables X_1, \dots, X_n that does not contain Y ,

- and the postcondition $postcond(Y, X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a Boolean expression over the variables Y, X_1, \dots, X_n .

- (a) State a propositional logical formula

$$vc(Y, X_1, \dots, X_n)$$

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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} precond(X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ Y := expr(X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ postcond(Y, X_1, \dots, X_n) \end{array} \right\}$$

²You find this sentence on signs in front of Californian beach restaurants. Think about the real meaning of the sentence before you write down your formula.

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

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ U \leftrightarrow V \} \\ Z := U \wedge V \\ \{ Z \leftrightarrow U \} \end{array}$$

Is your formula valid?

- (c) Now we drop the restriction that $precond(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ does not contain the variable Y . Find a Hoare triple which is not valid, but where your formula $vc(U,V,Z)$ is valid.