
CSE 331

Software Design & Implementation

Topic: Reasoning about Loops



Discussion: What would be your ideal vacation spot?

Reminders

- Check that you have a Gitlab repository!

Upcoming Deadlines

- Prep. Quiz: HW2 due Monday (6/27)
- HW2 due Thursday (6/30)

Last Time...

- Motivation for CSE 331
- Assignment statements
- Conditional statements

Today's Agenda

- Upcoming Assignments
- Quick Recap: Reasoning
- Loop invariants

Upcoming Assignments

Prep. Quiz: HW2

- Due on Monday night
 - designed to be a litmus test – ask for help early in the week
 - probably should do this earlier than Monday
 - focuses on forward and backward reasoning

HW2

- Due on Thursday night
 - Part 1 is a reasoning worksheet
 - Parts 2-3 involve setting up your programming environment
 - Parts 4-8 involve some basic programming
 - Part 9 involves applying reasoning to code
- Follow setup instructions carefully!
 - If you skip a step, it will take *much* longer to find and fix
 - Demo is available on Canvas

Recap: Reasoning

Floyd Logic

- A Hoare triple is two assertions and one piece of code:



- P the precondition
- S the code
- Q the postcondition

- A Hoare triple $\{P\} \ S \ \{Q\}$ is called **valid** if:
 - in any state where P holds,
executing S produces a state where Q holds
 - i.e., if P is true before S , then Q must be true after it
 - otherwise, the triple is called **invalid**
 - code is **correct** iff triple is **valid**

Reasoning Forward & Backward

- Forward:
 - start with the **given** precondition
 - fill in the **strongest** postcondition
- Backward
 - start with the **required** postcondition
 - fill in the **weakest** precondition
- Finds the “best” assertion that makes the triple valid

$$\{ P \} \ s \ \{ ? \}$$

$$\{ ? \} \ s \ \{ Q \}$$


Reasoning: Assignments

Forward:

$\{\{ w > 0 \}\}$

x = 17;

$\{\{ w > 0 \text{ and } x = 17 \}\}$

y = 42;

$\{\{ w > 0 \text{ and } x = 17 \text{ and } y = 42 \}\}$

z = w + x + y;

$\{\{ w > 0 \text{ and } x = 17 \text{ and } y = 42 \text{ and } z = w + 59 \}\}$

Backward:

$\{\{ w + 17 + 42 < 0 \}\}$

x = 17;

$\{\{ w + x + 42 < 0 \}\}$

y = 42;

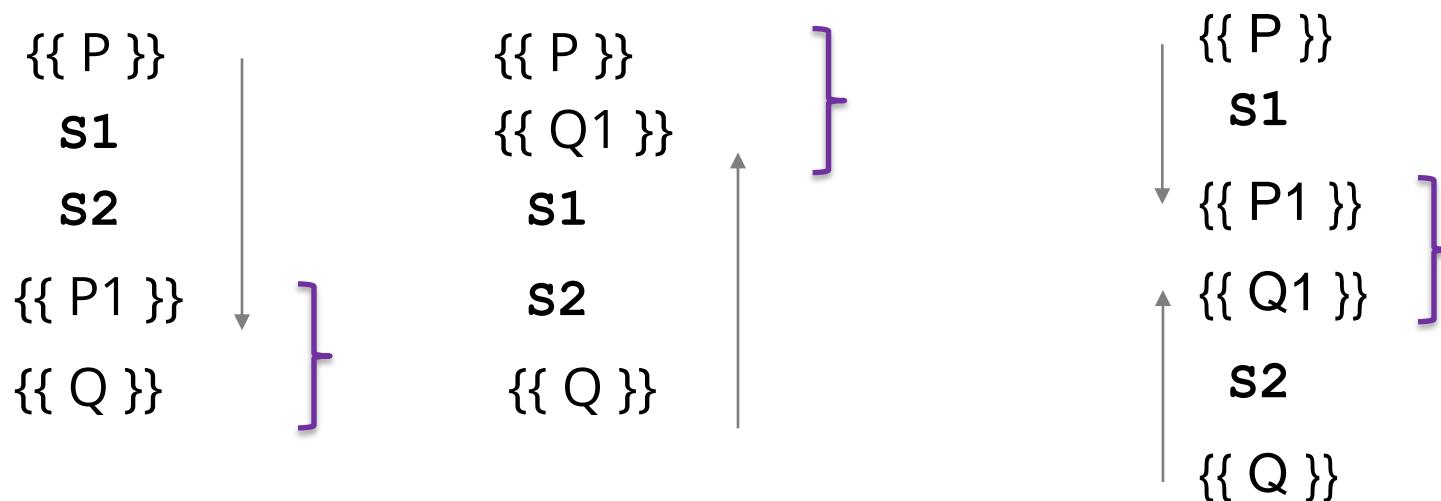
$\{\{ w + x + y < 0 \}\}$

z = w + x + y;

$\{\{ z < 0 \}\}$

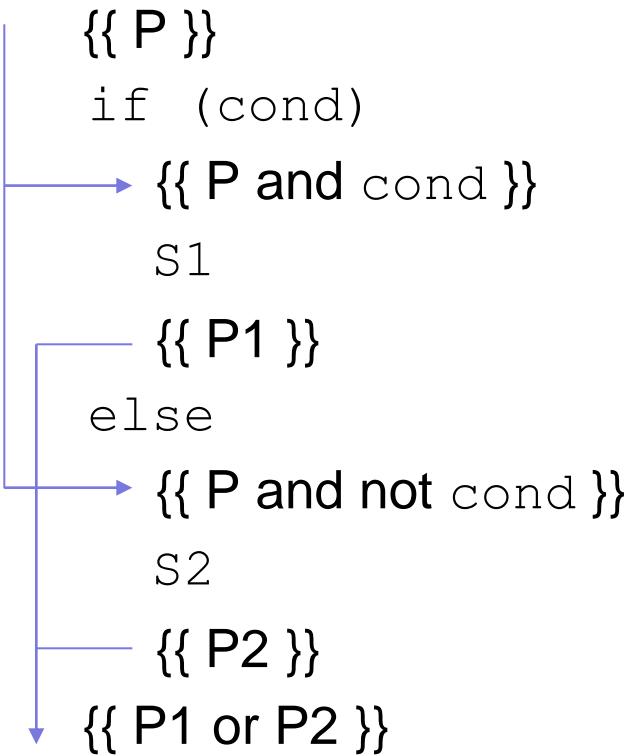
Validity with Fwd & Back Reasoning

Reasoning in either direction gives valid assertions. Just need to check adjacent assertions (i.e. top assertion must imply bottom one)

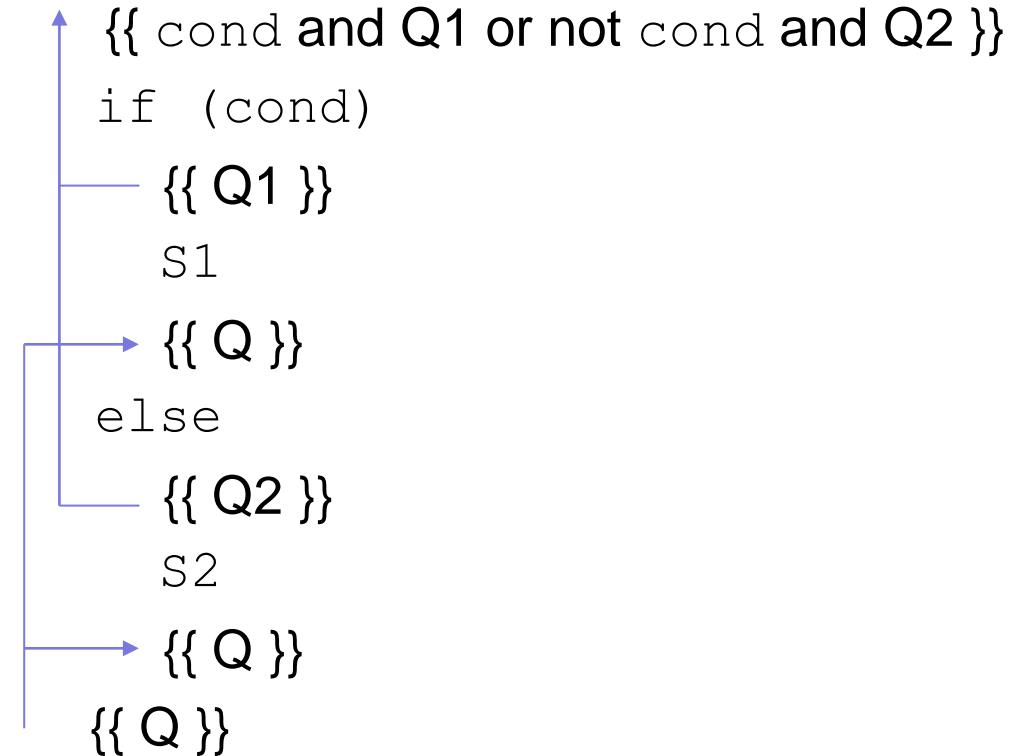


Reasoning: If Statements

Forward reasoning



Backward reasoning



Practice: Forward Reasoning

```
 {{ i + j = 10 }}  
 if (i > j) {  
   {{ _____ }}  
   i = i - 1  
   j = j + 1  
   {{ _____ }}  
 } else {  
   {{ _____ }}  
   i = i + 1  
   j = j - 1  
   {{ _____ }}  
 }  
 {{ _____ }}
```

Practice: Backward Reasoning

```
{  
  {{ _____ } }  
  if (x != 0) {  
    {{ _____ } }  
    z = x  
    {{ _____ } }  
  } else {  
    {{ _____ } }  
    z = x + 1  
    {{ _____ } }  
  }  
  {{ z > 0 }}  
}
```

Loop Invariants

Reasoning So Far

- Mechanical reasoning about assignment and conditionals
- All code can be rewritten using only:
 - assignments
 - if statements
 - while loops
- Only part we are missing is **loops**
- (We will also cover function calls later.)

Reasoning About Loops

- Loop reasoning is not as easy as with “=” and “if”
 - Because of Rice’s Theorem (mentioned in 311): checking any non-trivial semantic property about programs is **undecidable**
- We need help (i.e., more information) before the reasoning again becomes a mechanical process
- That help comes in the form of a “loop invariant”

Loop Invariant

A **loop invariant** is an assertion that holds whenever the loop condition is evaluated:

```
 {{ Inv: _____ }}
```

```
while (cond) {  
    S  
}
```



Lupin variants

Loop Invariant

A **loop invariant** is an assertion that holds whenever the loop condition is evaluated:

```
 {{ Inv: _____ }}
```

```
while (cond) {  
    S  
}
```

- It holds when we **first get to** the loop.
- It holds each time we execute S and **come back to** the top.



Lupin variants

Notation: I'll use "**Inv:**" to indicate a loop invariant.

Checking Correctness of a Loop

Consider a while-loop (other loop forms not too different)
with a loop invariant \mathbf{I} .

Let's try forward reasoning...

$\{\{ P \}\}$
S1

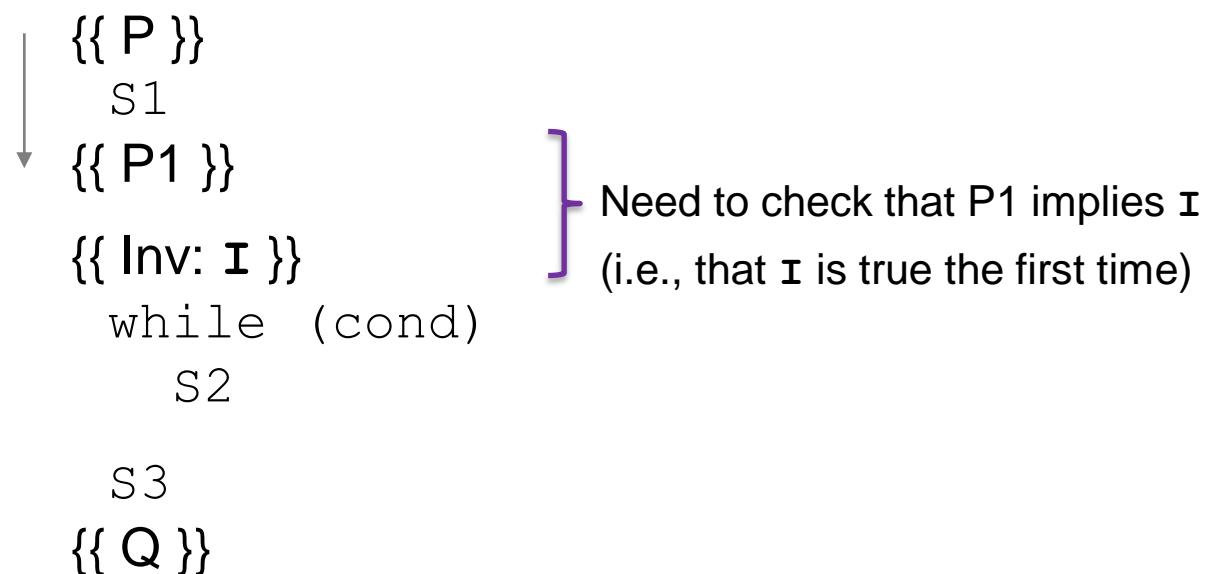
$\{\{ \text{Inv: } I \}\}$
whilee (cond)
S2

S3
 $\{\{ Q \}\}$

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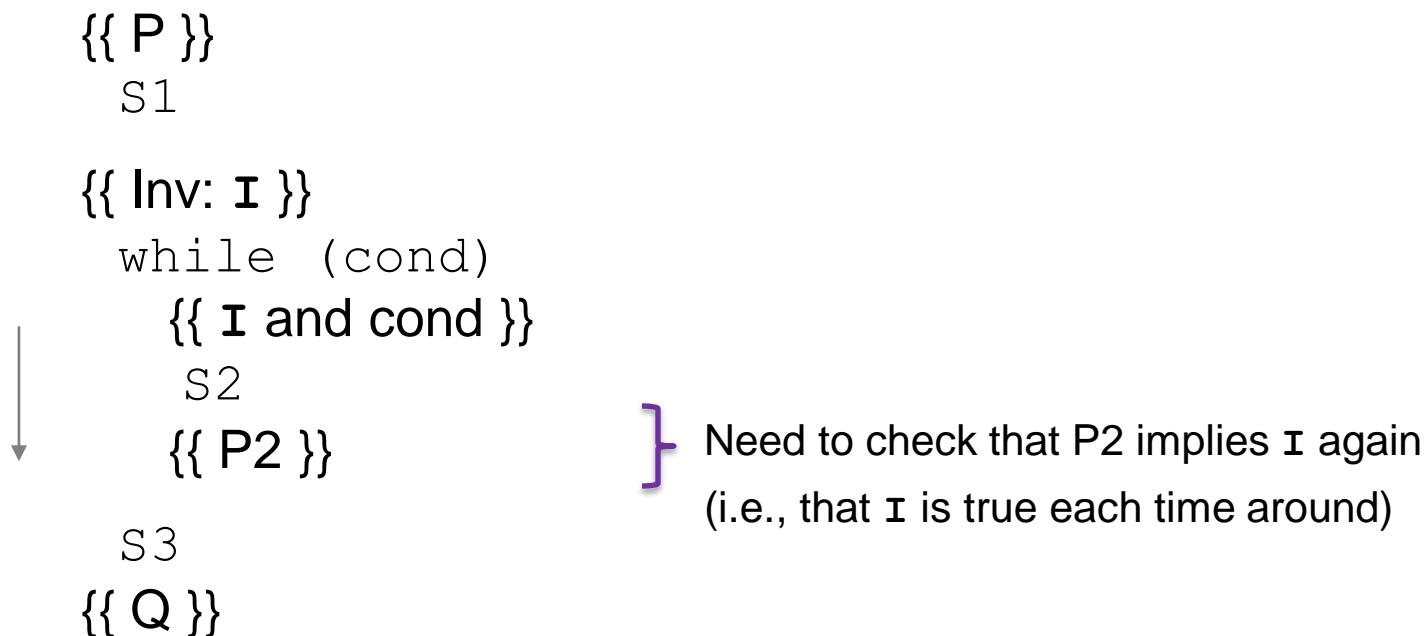
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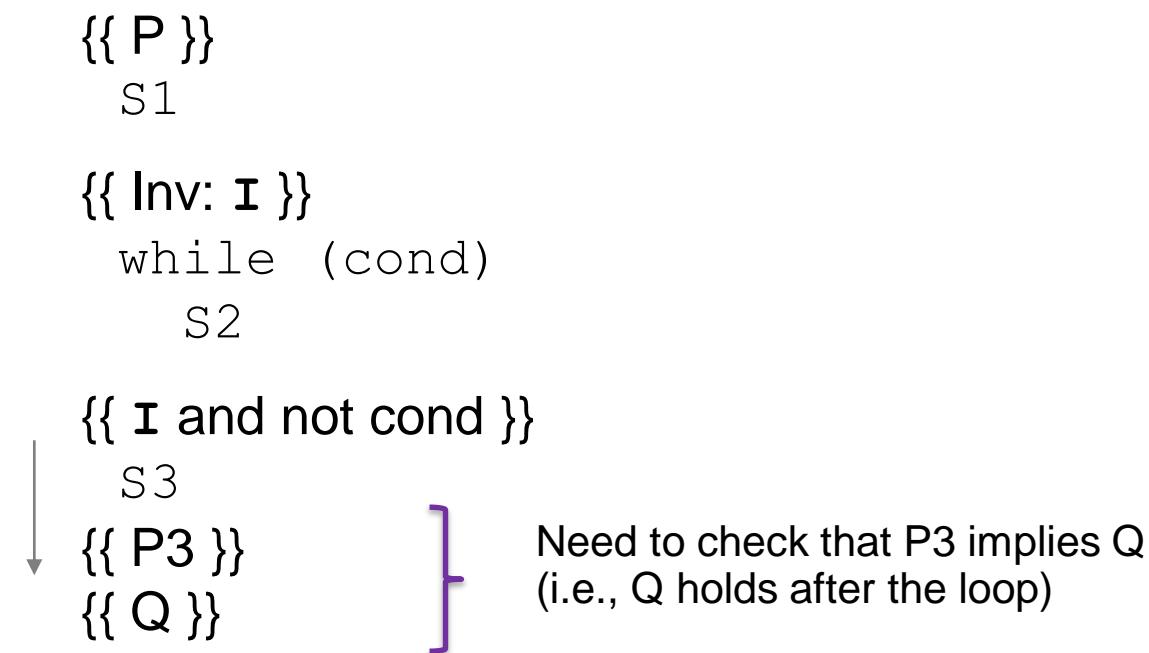
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```
{ $\{ P \}$ }  
    S1  
  
{ $\{ \text{Inv: } I \}$ }  
    while (cond)  
        S2  
    S3  
{ $\{ Q \}$ }
```

Informally, we need:

- I holds initially
- I holds each time around
- Q holds after we exit

Formally, we need validity of:

- $\{ P \} S1 \{ I \}$
- $\{ I \text{ and cond } \} S2 \{ I \}$
- $\{ I \text{ and not cond } \} S3 \{ Q \}$

(can check these with backward reasoning instead)

More on Loop Invariants

- Loop invariants are crucial information
 - needs to be provided before reasoning is mechanical
- Pro Tip: always document your invariants for *non-trivial* loops
 - don't make code reviewers guess the invariant
- Pro Tip: with a good loop invariant, the code is easy to write
 - all the creativity can be saved for finding the invariant
 - more on this in later lectures...

Example: sum of array

Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
{  
    s = 0;  
    i = 0;  
    while (i != n) {  
        s = s + b[i];  
        i = i + 1;  
    }  
    {  
        s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1]  
    }  
}
```

Equivalent to:

```
s = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i != n; i++)  
    s = s + b[i];
```

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s = sum of first *i* numbers in b

When $i = 0$, s needs to be the sum of the first 0 numbers, so we need $s = 0$.

Example: sum of array

Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

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s = 0;  
i = 0;  
  
{ $\{$  s = 0 and i = 0 } $\}$  }  
{ $\{$  Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] } $\}$  }  
while (i != n) {  
    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
  
{ $\{$  s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] } $\}$ 
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$s = \text{sum of all } b[k] \text{ with } 0 \leq k \leq i-1$

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    while (i != n) {  
        s = s + b[i];  
        i = i + 1;  
    }  
    {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }}  
}
```

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More formal

```
s = sum of all b[k] with  $0 \leq k \leq i-1$   
  
i = 3 ( $0 \leq k \leq 2$ ):  $s = b[0] + b[1] + b[2]$   
i = 2 ( $0 \leq k \leq 1$ ):  $s = b[0] + b[1]$   
i = 1 ( $0 \leq k \leq 0$ ):  $s = b[0]$   
i = 0 ( $0 \leq k \leq -1$ )  $s = 0$ 
```

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Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

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    i = 0;  
  
    {{ s = 0 and i = 0 }}  
    {{ Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] }}  
    while (i != n) {  
        s = s + b[i];  
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    }  
    {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }}  
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 $s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1]$?

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$s = \text{sum of all } b[k] \text{ with } 0 \leq k \leq i-1$

when $i = 0$, we want to sum over all indexes k satisfying $0 \leq k \leq -1$

There are no such indexes, so we need $s = 0$

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- (*s* = 0 and *i* = 0) implies
 $s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1]$?

Yes. (An empty sum is zero.)

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```

- (*s* = 0 and *i* = 0) implies **I**

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     $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \text{ and } i \neq n \}$   
    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
     $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \}$   
}  
 $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[n-1] \}$ 
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    i = i + 1;  
    { $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \}$ }  
}  
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```

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$\{s + b[i] = b[0] + \dots + b[i]\}$
 $\{s = b[0] + \dots + b[i]\}$

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while (i != n) {  
    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
{ $\{s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \text{ and not } (i \neq n)\}$ }  
{ $\{s = b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]\}$ }
```

- ($s = 0$ and $i = 0$) implies I
- $\{\{ I \text{ and } i \neq n\}\} \subseteq \{\{ I \}\}$?
- $\{\{ I \text{ and not } (i \neq n)\}\}$ implies
 $s = b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$?

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```

- ($s = 0$ and $i = 0$) implies I
- $\{\{ I \text{ and } i \neq n \}\} \leq \{\{ I \}\}$
- $\{\{ I \text{ and } i = n \}\}$ implies Q

These three checks verify that the outermost triple is valid (i.e., that the code is correct).

Termination

- Technically, this analysis does not check that the code **terminates**
 - it shows that the postcondition holds if the loop exits
 - but we never showed that the loop actually exits
- However, that follows from an analysis of the running time
 - e.g., if the code runs in $O(n^2)$ time, then it terminates
 - an infinite loop would be $O(\infty)$
 - any finite bound on the running time proves it terminates
- It is normal to also analyze the running time of code we write, so we get termination already from that analysis.

Example HW problem

The following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
 {{ }}  
 s = 0;  
 {{ _____ }}  
 i = 0;  
 {{ _____ }}  
 {{ Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] }}  
 while (i != n) {  
     {{ _____ }}  
     s = s + b[i];  
     {{ _____ }}  
     i = i + 1;  
     {{ _____ }}  
 }  
 {{ _____ }}  
 {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }}
```



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s = 0;  
{{ s = 0 }}  
i = 0;  
{{ s = 0 and i = 0 }}  
{{ Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] }}  
while (i != n) {  
    {{ s + b[i] = b[0] + ... + b[i] }} or equiv {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] }}  
    s = s + b[i];  
    {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[i] }}  
    i = i + 1;  
    {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] }}  
}  
{{ s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] and not (i != n) }}  
{{ s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }}
```

Are we done?

Warning: not just filling in blanks

The following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
{ $\{\}$ }  
s = 0;  
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i = 0;  
{ $\{ s = 0 \text{ and } i = 0 \}$ }  
{ $\{ \text{Inv: } s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \}$ }  
while (i != n) {  
    { $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[i-1] \}$ }  
    s = s + b[i];  
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    i = i + 1;  
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}  
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```

Are we done?
No, need to also check...

Does invariant hold initially?

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Does loop body preserve invariant?

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Does postcondition hold on termination?

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```
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{<b> s = 0 </b>}  
i = 0;  
{<b> s = 0 and i = 0 </b>}  
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while (i != n) {  
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HW has "?"s at these three places to indicate a triple that requires explanation

Example: sum of array (attempt 2)

Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
{i}  
s = 0;  
i = -1;  
{i Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i]} ] Changed  
while (i != n-1) {  
    i = i + 1;  
    s = s + b[i];  
}  
{s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1]}
```

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            i = i + 1;  
            s = s + b[i];  
        }  
        {  
            s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1]  
        }  
    }  
}
```

]
Changed from $i = 0$

]
Changed from n

]
Reordered

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}  
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```

Work as before:

- ($s = 0$ and $i = -1$) implies \mathbf{I}
 - \mathbf{I} holds initially
- (\mathbf{I} and $i = n-1$) implies \mathbf{Q}
 - \mathbf{I} implies \mathbf{Q} at exit

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        s = s + b[i];  
    }  
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}
```

$\{{\ s + b[i+1] = b[0] + \dots + b[i+1]\ }}$
 $\{{\ s + b[i] = b[0] + \dots + b[i]\ }}$
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i = -1;  
{I Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i]}  
while (i != n-1) {  
    i = i + 1;  
    s = s + b[i];  
}  
{s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1]}
```

- ($s = 0$ and $i = -1$) implies **I**
 - as before
- $\{\{ I \text{ and } i \neq n-1\}\} \subseteq \{\{ I \}\}$
 - reason backward
- (**I** and $i = n-1$) implies **Q**
 - as before

Example: sum of array (attempt 3)

Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
{  
  s = 0;  
  i = -1;  
  {{ Inv: s = b[0] + ... + b[i] }}  
  while (i != n-1) {  
    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
  }  
  {{ s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }}
```

Suppose we miss-order the assignments to i and s ...

Where does the correctness check fail?

Example: sum of array (attempt 3)

Consider the following code to compute $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$:

```
{ $\{$  }  
s = 0;  
i = -1;  
{ $\{$  Inv:  $s = b[0] + \dots + b[i]$  }  
while (i != n-1) {  
    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
{ $\{$  s =  $b[0] + \dots + b[n-1]$  }
```

Suppose we miss-order the assignments to i and s ...

We can spot this bug because the invariant does not hold:

$\{ s + b[i] = b[0] + \dots + b[i+1] \}$
 $\{ s = b[0] + \dots + b[i+1] \}$
 $\{ \text{Inv: } s = b[0] + \dots + b[i] \}$

First assertion is not Inv.

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    s = s + b[i];  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
{ $\{$  s = b[0] + ... + b[n-1] }
```

Suppose we miss-order the assignments to i and s ...

We can spot this bug because the invariant does not hold:

{ $\{$ s = b[0] + ... + b[i-1] + b[i+1] }

For example, if $i = 2$, then

$s = b[0] + b[1] + b[2]$ vs
 $s = b[0] + b[1] + b[3]$

Before next class...

1. Try to do Prep. Quiz: HW2 before Monday!
 - Reasoning questions
 - Designed to take no more than 15 minutes

2. Read the HW2 spec early!
 - Reasoning worksheet
 - Environment setup
 - Applying reasoning to code

Extras

Extra: x^y (attempt 1)

What should be the loop invariant in the following code for exponentiation:

```
public int pow(int x, int y) {  
    {{ y >= 0 }}  
    int z = 0;  
    int i = 0;  
  
    {{ Inv: _____ }}  
    while (i != y) {  
        z = z * x;  
        i = i + 1;  
    }  
  
    {{ z = x ^ y }}  
    return z;  
}
```

Extra: x^y (attempt 2)

What should be the loop invariant in the following code for exponentiation:

```
public int pow(int x, int y) {  
    {{ y >= 0 }}  
    int z = 0;  
  
    {{ Inv: _____ }}  
    while (y != 0) {  
        z = z * x;  
        y = y - 1;  
    }  
  
    {{ z = x ^ y }}  
    return z;  
}
```

Extra: partition array

Consider the following code to put the negative values at the beginning of array b:

```
{ $\{ 0 \leq n \leq b.length \}$ }  
i = k = 0;  
while (i != n) {  
    if (b[i] < 0) {  
        swap b[i], b[k];  
        k = k + 1;  
    }  
    i = i + 1;  
}  
{ $\{ b[0], \dots, b[k-1] < 0 \leq b[k], \dots, b[n-1] \}$ }
```

(Also: precondition is true throughout the code. I'll skip writing that to save space...)

(Also: b contains the same numbers since we use swaps.)