

# Program correctness

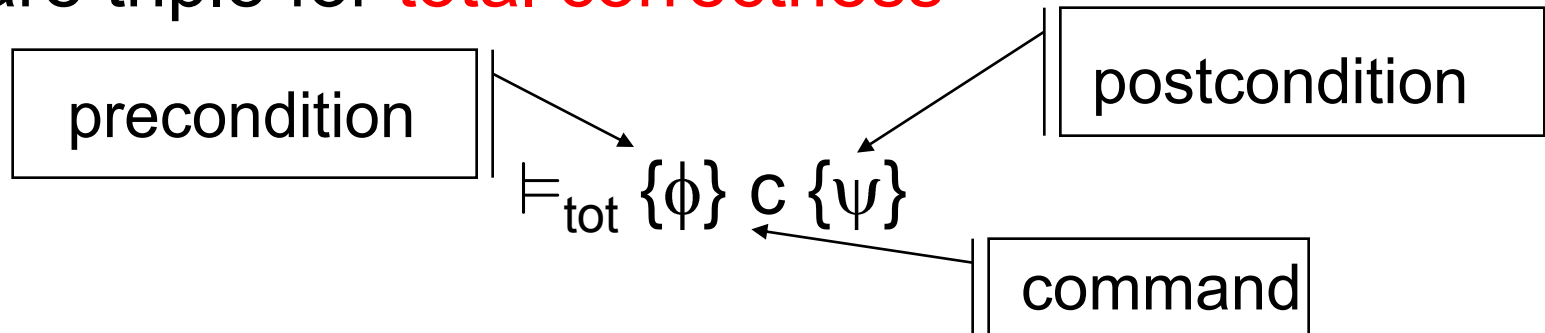
## Total correctness

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# Total correctness

- Hoare triple for **total correctness**



If the command  $c$  is executed in a state that satisfies  $\phi$  then  $c$  is **guaranteed** to terminate and the resulting state will satisfy  $\psi$

program termination is required

# Example

- $\models_{\text{tot}} \{ y \leq x \} z := x; z := z + 1 \{ y < z \}$  is valid
- $\models_{\text{tot}} \{ \text{true} \} \underline{\text{while}} \text{ true } \underline{\text{do}} \text{ skip } \underline{\text{od}} \{ \text{false} \}$  is **not** valid
- $\models_{\text{tot}} \{ \text{false} \} \underline{\text{while}} \text{ true } \underline{\text{do}} \text{ skip } \underline{\text{od}} \{ \text{true} \}$  is valid
- Let Fact =  $y := 1; z := 0;$   
 $\underline{\text{while}} z \neq x \underline{\text{do}}$   
     $z := z + 1;$   
     $y := y * z$   
 $\underline{\text{od}}$

Is  $\models_{\text{tot}} \{ x \geq 0 \} \text{Fact} \{ y = x! \}$  valid?



# Total correctness

■ **Total correctness:**  $I \models_{\text{tot}} \{\phi\} c \{\psi\}$

$\forall \sigma. \sigma, I \models \phi \Rightarrow \exists \sigma'. (\langle c, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow \sigma' \text{ and } \sigma', I \models \psi)$

where  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are assertions and  $c$  is a command



# Validity

- To give an **absolute** meaning to

$$\{i < x\} x := x+3 \{i < x\}$$

we have to quantify over all interpretations  $I$

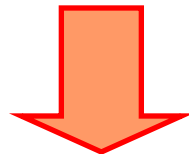
- **Total correctness:**

$$\models_{\text{tot}} \{\phi\} c \{\psi\} \equiv \forall I. I \models_{\text{tot}} \{\phi\} c \{\psi\}$$



# Towards a calculus

- Partial correctness does not tell anything about termination
- Only while b do c od introduces the possibility of non-termination



a proof calculus for total correctness is the same as that for partial correctness except for the while-rule

# Intuition

- To prove total correctness we need
  - a proof of partial correctness
  - a proof that the while statement terminates
- Termination can be proved by finding an integer expression  $E$  (**the variant**) that
  - is always non-negative
  - decreases every time we execute the body of the while statement



# Proof rules

## total and partial correctness (I)

- $\{\phi\} \text{ skip } \{\phi\}$  skip
- $\{\phi[a/x] \wedge \text{def}(a)\} x := a \{\phi\}$  ass
- $$\frac{\{\phi\} c_1 \{\psi\} \quad \{\psi\} c_2 \{\phi\}}{\{\phi\} c_1; c_2 \{\phi\}}$$
 seq





# Proof rules

## total and partial correctness (II)

$$\begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \quad \frac{\{\phi \wedge b\} c_1 \{\psi\} \quad \{\phi \wedge \neg b\} c_2 \{\psi\}}{\{\phi\} \text{if } b \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2 \text{ fi } \{\psi\}} \quad \text{if} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \blacksquare \quad \frac{\vdash \phi \Rightarrow \phi' \quad \{\phi'\} c \{\psi'\} \quad \vdash \psi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\{\phi\} c \{\psi\}} \quad \text{cons} \end{array}$$

# Proof rule total correctness (III)

$$\frac{\{\phi \wedge b \wedge 0 \leq E = E_0\} c \{\phi \wedge 0 \leq E < E_0\}}{\{\phi \wedge 0 \leq E\} \underline{\text{while}} b \underline{\text{do}} c \underline{\text{od}} \{\phi \wedge \neg b\}}$$

where  $E_0$  is a logical variable for retaining the initial value of  $E$

Finding  $E$  cannot be mechanized !!!



# Proof outline

- Proof outline for total correctness are similar to those for partial correctness except for

- the precondition of the while which now writes

$$\{ \phi \wedge 0 \leq E \}$$

- the body of the while which now writes

$$\{ \phi \wedge b \wedge 0 \leq E = E_0 \} c \{ \phi \wedge 0 \leq E < E_0 \}$$



# An example

DIV  $\equiv$

q := 0;

r := x;

while r  $\geq$  y do

    r := r-y;

    q := q+1

od

We **wish** to prove

$\{x \geq 0 \wedge y > 0\}$  DIV  $\{q*y+r=x \wedge 0 \leq r < y\}$



# An example (II)

$\{x \geq 0 \wedge y > 0\}$

$\{0*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x\}$

$q := 0;$

$\{q*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x\}$

$r := x;$

$\{I\}$

while  $r \geq y$  do

$\{I \wedge r \geq y\}$

$\{(q+1)*y + r - y = x \wedge 0 \leq r - y\}$

$r := r - y;$

$\{(q+1)*y + r = x \wedge 0 \leq r\}$

$q := q + 1$

$\{I\}$

od

$\{I \wedge r < y\}$

$\{q*y + r = x \wedge 0 \leq r < y\}$

implied

ass.

ass.

Inv  $\wedge$  guard

implied

ass.

ass.

while

implied

where  $I \equiv q*y + r = x \wedge 0 \leq r$  is the invariant



# An example (III)

$\{x \geq 0 \wedge y > 0\}$	
$\{0*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x\}$	implied
$q := 0;$	
$\{q*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x\}$	ass.
$r := x;$	
$\{I \wedge 0 \leq r\}$	ass.
<u>while</u> $r \geq y$ <u>do</u>	
$\{I \wedge r \geq y \wedge 0 \leq r = z\}$	Inv $\wedge$ guard
$\{(q+1)*y + r - y = x \wedge 0 \leq r - y < z\}$	implied?????
$r := r - y;$	
$\{(q+1)*y + r = x \wedge 0 \leq r < z\}$	ass.
$q := q + 1$	
$\{I \wedge 0 \leq r < z\}$	ass.
<u>od</u>	
$\{I \wedge r < y\}$	while
$\{q*y+r=x \wedge 0 \leq r < y\}$	implied

where  $I \equiv q*y+r=x \wedge 0 \leq r$  is the invariant and  $r$  is the variant



# An example (IV)

$\{x \geq 0 \wedge y > 0\}$	
$\{0*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x \wedge y > 0\}$	implied
$q := 0;$	
$\{q*y+x=x \wedge 0 \leq x \wedge y > 0\}$	ass.
$r := x;$	
$\{I \wedge 0 \leq r\}$	ass.
<u>while</u> $r \geq y$ <u>do</u>	
$\{I \wedge r \geq y \wedge 0 \leq r = z\}$	Inv $\wedge$ guard
$\{(q+1)*y + r - y = x \wedge y > 0 \wedge 0 \leq r - y < z\}$	implied
$r := r - y;$	
$\{(q+1)*y + r = x \wedge y > 0 \wedge 0 \leq r < z\}$	ass.
$q := q + 1$	
$\{I \wedge 0 \leq r < z\}$	ass.
<u>od</u>	
$\{I \wedge r < y\}$	while
$\{q*y + r = x \wedge 0 \leq r < y\}$	implied

where  $I \equiv q*y+r=x \wedge 0 \leq r \wedge y > 0$  is the invariant and  $r$  is the variant

