

More Proofs Over Procedures

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Recall the Steps

1. Specify the procedure
2. Prove that procedure satisfies its specification
3. Use the specification to reason about calls

General Rule, part 1

1. TAKE METHOD SPEC:

```
//@ requires P;  
//@ assignable s1, ... sm;  
//@ ensures Q;  
T p(x1, ..., xn) {  
  S;  
  return r;  
}
```

2. PROVE IMPL. CORRECT:

```
//@ assert P && s01 == s1 && ... && s0m == sm;  
S;  
//@ assert Q[r/\result, s01/\old(s1), ..., s0m/\old(sm)];  
INCL. NO SIDE EFFECTS EXCEPT TO s1, ... sm
```

General Rule, part 2

1. TAKE METHOD SPEC:

```
//@ requires P;  
//@ assignable s1, ... sm;  
//@ ensures Q;  
T p(x1, ..., xn) {...}
```

2. PROVE IMPLEMENTATION CORRECT...

3. REASON ABOUT CALLS:

```
//@ assert P[e1/x1, ..., en/xn] && R1  
//@ && s01 == s1 && ... && s0m == sm;  
v = p(e1, ..., en);  
//@ assert Q[e1/x1, ..., en/xn, v/\result,  
//@ s01/\old(s1), ..., s0m/\old(sm)] && R2;
```

WHERE $R_1 \Rightarrow R_2$ **AND** v, s_1, \dots, s_m **NOT FREE IN** R_1 **AND** R_2

Example, part 2

GIVEN:

```
//@ requires acc != 0;  
//@ assignable v, x;  
//@ ensures v == acc + \old(v)  
//@      && x == \old(v) + \old(x);  
void accel(double acc) {  
    x = v + x;  
    v = acc + v;  
}
```

FIND WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION:

```
    //@ assert ???  
g = -10;  
accel(g);  
    //@ assert x == 0 && v == 20;
```

Solution

```
9      //@ assert 30 == v && -30 == x;
8      //@ assert 30 == v && 0 == 30 + x;
7      //@ assert true && 30 == v && 0 == v + x;
6      //@ assert -10 != 0 && 20 == -10 + v && 0 == v + x;
g = -10;
5      //@ assert g != 0 && 20 == g + v && 0 == v + x;
4      //@ assert g != 0 && v0 == v && x0 == x && 20 == g + v0 && 0 == v0 + x0;
// ----- original expansion, replaced with surrounding assertions
0      //@ assert g != 0 && v0 == v && x0 == x;
accel(g);
1      //@ assert v == g + v0 && x == v0 + x0;
// ----- original expansion, replaced with surrounding assertions
2,3    //@ assert 20 == g + v0 && 0 == v0 + x0 && x == 0 && v == 20;
        //@ assert x == 0 && v == 20;
```

Another Example

ASSUME THIS METHOD SATISFIES ITS SPEC:

```
//@ requires n >= 0;  
//@ assignable \nothing;  
//@ ensures \result == (\product int k; 1 <= k && k <= n; k));  
public int fact(n);
```

FIND THE WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION:

```
    //@ assert ???  
g = g * 2;  
r = fact(g);  
    //@ assert r >= 120;
```

THIS IS Q1

Another Solution

```
7      //@ assert g >= 2.5;
5      //@ assert g >= 0 && g * 2 >= 5;
5      // ==> by definition of factorial (i.e., the mathematical function)
4      //@ assert g * 2 >= 0 && (\product int k; 1 <= k && k <= g * 2; k) >= 120;
g = g * 2;
0      //@ assert g >= 0
3      //@      && (\product int k; 1 <= k && k <= g; k) >= 120;
r = fact(g);
1      //@ assert r == (\product int k; 1 <= k && k <= g; k)
2      //@      && (\product int k; 1 <= k && k <= g; k) >= 120;
      //@ assert r >= 120;
```

Another Example

```
void setRange(int a, int b) {  
    if (a < b) {  
        lo = a;  
        hi = b;  
    } else {  
        lo = b;  
        hi = a;  
    }  
}
```

- * What should the specification be?

Yet Another Example

ASSUME THIS METHOD SATISFIES ITS SPEC:

```
//@ requires (\forall int k; 0 <= k && k < a.length; a[k] >= 0);  
//@ assignable \nothing;  
//@ ensures \result == (\sum int k; 0 <= k && k < a.length; a[k]);  
double sumAll(double[] a) { ... }
```

**FIND THE SPECIFICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING METHOD AND
PROVE IT CORRECT:**

```
void setAverageScore() {  
    double s = sumAll(scores);  
    avg = s / scores.length;  
}
```

THIS IS Q2

A Pitfall — Aliasing

- * What's aliasing?
- * Why is it an issue?
- * Consider: What's the post-condition for
a = sum(a, b);
using our rules?



```
//@ assert true;  
a = sum(a, b);  
//@ a == a + b;  
WHAT MUST b BE APPARENTLY?
```

Rule: No Aliasing

- * In a procedure call
 $v = p(e_1, \dots, e_n);$
neither **v** nor any
location assignable by
 p may appear in
 e_1, \dots, e_n
- * “For proofs, introduce
new variables to avoid
dealing with aliasing”
- * Replace
 $a = \text{sum}(a, b);$
with
 $\text{int } a\text{Old} = a;$
 $a = \text{sum}(a\text{Old}, b);$

Example

FIND WEAKEST PRE-CONDITION:

```
a = sum(a, b);  
  //@ assert a > 0;
```

SOLUTION:

```
8      //@ assert a + b > 0  
1  int aOld = a;  
7      //@ assert aOld + b > 0  
2,6    //@ assert true && aOld + b > 0  
1  a = sum(aOld, b);  
3-5    //@ assert a == aOld + b && a > 0 && aOld + b > 0;  
      //@ assert a > 0;
```