

Smart & ProvenTools

Proof Techniques That Scale

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 - makes **strict separation of code and specs/proofs** possible



Obfuscating code with specs (ADA/Spark2014)

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package body ProveRun14 is
  procedure Upsweep (A : in out Input; Output_Space : out Positive) is
    Space : Positive := 1;
    Left : Natural;
    Right : Natural;
  begin
    while Space < A'Length loop
      pragma Loop_Invariant
      ((All_Elements_In (A, Space * MaxLen)
        and then
         Space = 1 or Space = 2 or Space = 3)
        and then
         (for all K in A'Range =>
           (if (K + 1) mod 2 = 0
            and then Space = 2)
          then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (1) + A'Loop_Entry (1) +
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          elsif (K + 1) mod 4 = 0
          then Space := 3;
          then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (2) + A'Loop_Entry (2) +
              A'Loop_Entry (2) + A'Loop_Entry (2)
          elsif (K + 1) mod 6 = 0
          then Space := 2;
          then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (3) + A'Loop_Entry (3) +
              A'Loop_Entry (3) + A'Loop_Entry (3)
          elsif (K + 1) mod 8 = 0
          then Space := 3;
          then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (3) + A'Loop_Entry (3)
          else
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K)))));
      pragma Loop_Variant (Decreases => Space);

      Left := Space - 1;

      while Left < A'Length loop
        pragma Loop_Invariant
        ((Left + 1) mod Space = 0
          and then
           All_Left_Elements_In (A, Left, Space * 2 * MaxLen)
           and then
           All_Right_Elements_In (A, Left - 1, Space * MaxLen)
          and then
           (Left + 1) mod (Space * 2) = Space
          and then
           (if Left => A'Length then Left = 0 or Left = 1)
          and then
           (for all K in A'Range =>
             (if K in A'First .. Left - Space
              and then (K + 1) mod (2 * Space) = 0)
            else
              A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K)))));
        pragma Loop_Variant (Decreases => Left);

        Right := Left + Space;
        A (Right) := A (Left) + A (Right);
        Left := Left + Space * 2;
      end loop;
    end loop;
    Output_Space := Space;
  end Upsweep;
end ProveRun14;
```

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procedure Downswep
  (Ghost : Input; A : in out Input; Input_Space : in Positive)
is
  Space : Natural := Input_Space;
  Left : Natural;
  Right : Natural;
  Temp : Integer;
begin
  A (A'Last) := 0;
  Space := Space / 2;

  while Space > 0 loop
    pragma Loop_Invariant
    ((Space = 1 or Space = 2 or Space = 3)
      and then
       All_Elements_In (A, (1 / Space) * 0 * MaxLen)
      and then
       (for all K in A'Range =>
         (if Space = 1 then
           A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K)
         elsif Space = 2 and then (K+1) mod 2 = 0 then
           A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K) + A'Loop_Entry (K - 1 * Space)
           A'Loop_Space := 2 and then (K+1) mod 2 = 0 then
             A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K + 1 * Space)
         elsif Space = 3 then
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         else
           A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K)))));
    pragma Loop_Variant (Decreases => Space);

    Right := Space * 2 - 1;
    while Right < A'Length loop
      pragma Loop_Invariant
      ((for all K in A'Range =>
        (if K in A'First .. Right - Space * 2 then
          (if (K + 1) mod (2 * Space) = 0 then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K) + A'Loop_Entry (K - Space)
          elsif (K + 1) mod Space = 0 then
            A (K) = A'Loop_Entry (K + Space)
          else
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        and then
         (Right + 1) mod (Space * 2) = 0
        and then
         (if Right => A'Length then
           Right = 1 or Right = 2 or Right = 3));
      pragma Loop_Variant (Decreases => Right);

      Left := Right - Space;
      Temp := A (Right);
      A (Right) := A (Left) + A (Right);
      A (Left) := Temp;
      Right := Right + Space * 2;
    end loop;
  end loop;
  Space := Space / 2;
end Downswep;
end ProveRun14;
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Obfuscating code with specs (Java/VeriFast)

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void binomial (int n, int k) {
    int left = 1, right = 1, total = 1;
    while (k > 0) {
        left = left * n / k;
        right = right * (n - k + 1) / k;
        total = left + right;
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Obfuscating code with specs (Why3)

```
module ProofTables
use let_def
use let_composition
use let_fixer

use map_fix
use array_array
use array_array_fix

(** [P] Preliminary lemmas on division by 2 and power of 2 *)

(** Needed for the proof of phase_frame and phase_frame' *)
lemma div_by_2:
forall x: int. 0 <= x <= 1 -> x / 2 + 2 * x = x + x

(** The odd part of a power of 2 *)
predicate is_power_of_2 (x: int) = exists k: int. (k = 1 / 2 ^ power 2 x)

(** needed *)
lemma is_power_of_2:
forall x: int. is_power_of_2 x -> x > 0 -> 2 + 2 * x = x + x

(** Modeling the "guessing" phase *)
*)

(** Workbooks *)
function guess_left (left: right: int) : int =
let space = right - left in div space 2

function guess_right (left: right: int) : int =
let space = right - left in right - div space 2

(**
Description to a parity logic why the effect of the first phase
"guesses" of the algorithm. The second phase "downsize" then
downsize the array to the same size than the first phase. Hence,
the induction nature of this definition is not as usual. *)
Inductive phase (left: int) (right: int) (a: array int) (a' : array int) =
| case : forall left: right: int. all a' : array int.
right = left ->
a[2*left] = a'[2*left] =>
phase left right all a
| none : forall left: right: int. all a' : array int.
right = left + 1 ->
phase (left+1) left right left all a ->
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a[2*left] = use all (left - (right - left) / 2) (left) =>
phase left right all a

(** From properties of the "guess" induction *)

(** From lemmas for "guess" on fixer's argument.
needed to prove both guesses, downsize and compute_sums *)
let rec lemma phase_frame (left: right: int) (all a' : array int) : with
requires (forall i: int. left <= i <= right - left) -> x[1] = x[1] / 2
requires (forall left: right: int all a')
variant (right - left)
ensure (forall left: right: int all a') =
if right = left + 1 then begin
phase_frame (left+1) left right left all a';
phase_frame (left+1) left right right all a'
end

(** From lemmas for "guess" on third argument.
needed to prove guesses and compute_sums *)
let rec lemma phase_frame' (left: right: int) (all a' : array int) : with
requires (forall i: int. left <= i <= right - left) -> x[1] = x[1] / 2
requires (forall left: right: int all a')
variant (right - left)
ensure (forall left: right: int all a') =
if right = left + 1 then begin
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end
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(** [P] The guessing phase *)
First function modify partially the table and compute some
intermediate values. use
*)

let rec guess (left: right: int) (a: array int)
requires (0 <= left - right <= 1)
requires (is_power_of_2 (right - left))
variant (right - left)
ensure (forall left: right: int (all a')
a[2*left] = use (left + 1) (left - (right - left) / 2)
(forall i: int. 1 <= i <= left - space -> x[i] = (left + 1) / 2)
(forall i: int. 1 <= i <= right - space -> x[i] = (left + 1) / 2)
let space = right - left in
if right = left then begin
guess (left - div space 2) left a;
guess (right - div space 2) right a;
ensure (forall left: right: int (all a')
a[2*left] = use (left + 1) (left - (right - left) / 2)
a[2*right] = use (left + 1) (right - (right - left) / 2)
a[right] = a[left] + a[right])
end
| right = left + 1 then begin
guess (left - div space 2) left (left + 1) a;
guess (right - div space 2) right (left + 1) a;
a[right] = use (left + 1) (left - (right - left) / 2)
a[right] = use (left + 1) (right - (right - left) / 2)
end

(** [P] The downsize phase *)

(** The property we ultimately want to prove *)
predicate partial_sum (left: int) (right: int) (all a : array int) =
forall i: int. left <= i <= right - left -> x[i] = use all i

let rec downsize (left: right: int) (all a: array int)
requires (forall left: right: int (all a')
a[2*left] = use (left + 1) (left - (right - left) / 2)
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(** [P] The main procedure *)

let compute_sums a
requires (a.length >= 1)
requires (is_power_of_2 a.length)
requires (forall i: int. 1 <= i <= a.length -> x[i] = use (left + 1) i)
let all a: array int = a
let i = a.length in
let left = div i 2 in let
let right = i - 1 in
guess (left) left a;
(** needed for the generalization of downsize *)
guess (right) right (left + 1) a;
a[right] = 0;
downsize (left) left all a;
(** needed to prove the post-condition *)
guess (left) left a;
forall i: int. 1 <= i <= a.length -> x[i] = use all i
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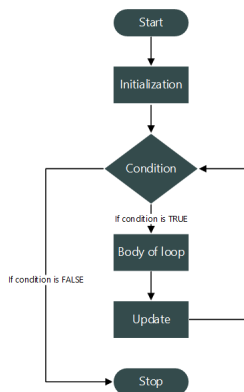
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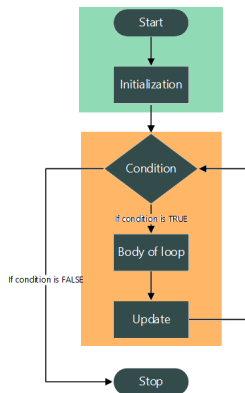
- the conjunction of two inductive invariants is an inductive invariant
- (\mathcal{I}, \supseteq) form a **lattice**, its join operation is the conjunction operator \wedge
- its bottom element is *True*, and its maximum element $\bigwedge_{I \in \mathcal{I}} I$ is what we call the **most general inductive invariant (MGI)**



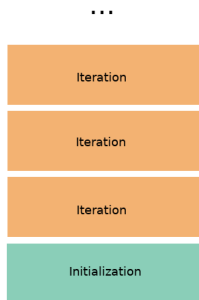
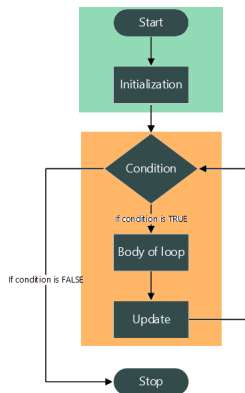
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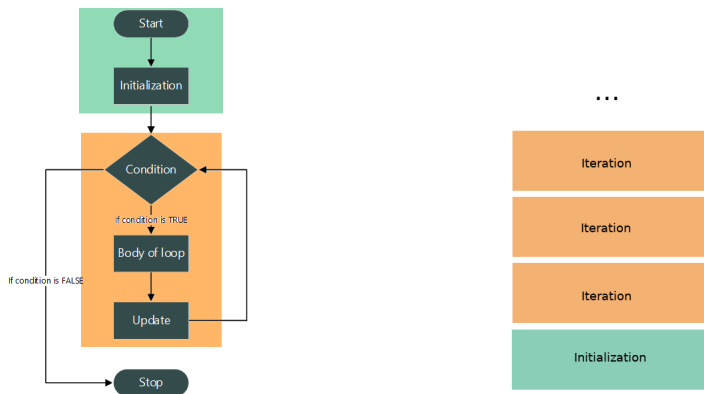
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→ MGI can be defined as the inductive closure of the relation which contains the loop initialization and which is closed by applying an iteration of the loop body



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- we use a similar trick to delay *termination proofs* for recursive predicates or internal loops



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type ints<S> = array<S, nat>;

public upsweep(ints<S> ints0, ints<S> ints*, nat spc*) => [true, fail]
// Up-Sweep phase of the prefix sum algorithm
program { { nat n } } {
  ints := ints0;
  succ(ZERO, spc+);
  length(ints0, n+);
  while
  guardD2 guard(ints, spc, n)
  inductive_inv0 @ (ints, ints, spc, n)
  { { nat left } } {
    [false : exit] lt(spc, n);
    [ZERO : fail] pred(spc, left+);
    while
    guardD2 guard(ints, spc, left, n) else fail
    inductive_inv0 @ (ints, ints, spc, left, n)
    { { nat right, nat l, nat r, nat d } }
    [out_of_bounds : fail] {
      [false : exit] lt(right, n);
      plus(left, spc, right+);
      get(ints, left, l+);
      get(ints, right, r+);
      plus(l, r, r+);
      set(ints, right, r, ints+);
      plus(spc, spc, d+);
      plus(left, d, left+);
    }
  }
  plus(spc, spc, spc+);
}
```

```
public downsweep(ints<S> ints0, nat spc0, ints<S> ints*) => [true, fail]
// Down-Sweep phase of the prefix sum algorithm
program { { nat spc, nat two, nat n, nat last } } {
  succ(ZERO, two+); succ(two, two+);
  [div_by_zero : fail] div_eucl(spc0, two, spc+);
  length(ints0, n+);
  [ZERO : fail] pred(n, last+);
  [out_of_bounds : fail] set(ints0, last, ZERO, ints+);

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    while
    guardD2 guard(ints, spc, right, n) else fail
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    { { nat left, nat tmp, nat l, nat r, nat d } }
    [out_of_bounds : fail] {
      [false : exit] lt(right, n);
      minus(right, spc, left+);
      get(ints, right, tmp+);
      get(ints, left, l+);
      plus(l, tmp, r+);
      set(ints, right, r, ints+);
      set(ints, left, tmp, ints+);
      plus(spc, spc, d+);
      plus(right, d, right+);
    }
  }
  [div_by_zero : fail] div_eucl(spc, two, spc+);
}

public main(ints<S> ints0, ints<S> ints*) => [true, fail]
// Computes the prefix-sum of the given array, in place
program { { nat spc } } {
  upsweep(ints0, ints*, spc+);
  downsweep(ints, spc, ints+);
}
```

