Formal Methods in Software Engineering

Exercise sheet 1

Exercise 1: Weakest Pre-Condition

3 Points

Compute $\mathsf{WP} \llbracket P \rrbracket \ (x = 2 \cdot y)$ for the following program P:

$$y = z + z ;$$

$$x = y \cdot y$$

Exercise 2: Loop Invariant

4 Points

Show that the Hoare triplet (true) P (x = y) is satisfied under partial correctness, where the program P is now defined as follows:

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\begin{split} a &= x \;; \\ y &= 0 \;; \\ \text{while} \; a \neq 0 \; \text{do} \; \{ \\ y &= y + 1 \;; \\ a &= a - 1 \; \} \end{split}
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Hint: First, ask yourself what remains the same when you take one from a and give it to y. Then, think what this value was like at the start of the program.

Exercise 3: Two rules for conditionals

3 Points

Consider the two rules for conditionals:

$$\frac{\left(\!\!\left(\phi \wedge e\,\right)\!\!\right) \, C_1 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right) \quad \left(\!\!\left(\phi \wedge \neg e\,\right)\!\!\right) \, C_2 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right)}{\left(\!\!\left(\phi\right)\!\!\right) \, \text{if } e \, \text{then } C_1 \, \text{else } C_2 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right)} \qquad \qquad \frac{\left(\!\!\left(\phi_1\,\right)\!\!\right) \, C_1 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right) \quad \left(\!\!\left(\phi_2\,\right)\!\!\right) \, C_2 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right)}{\left(\!\!\left(\phi'\,\right)\!\!\right) \, \text{if } e \, \text{then } C_1 \, \text{else } C_2 \, \left(\!\!\left(\psi\,\right)\!\!\right)}$$

where $\phi' = (e \to \phi_1) \land (\neg e \to \phi_2)$. Show that adding the latter rule does not allow us to prove anything that we could not prove before. (You get 2 points if you can just state what exactly needs to be shown and 1 point for doing it.)