
CS615 Quiz 1

Max marks: 20

Time: 30 mins

- *Be brief, complete and stick to what has been asked.*
- *Unless asked for explicitly, you may cite results/proofs covered in class without reproducing them.*
- *If you need to make any assumptions, state them clearly.*
- **Do not copy solutions from others. Penalty for offenders: FR grade.**

Consider the following program P in a C-like language, in which all variables are of type `int`, and `myFunc` is a function that takes no arguments and returns an integer.

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L1: while (myFunc() != 0) {
L2:     if (myFunc() != 0) {
L3:         b := a + 1;
L4:     }
L5:     else {
L6:         b := a - 1;
L7: } //end-of-while loop
L8:
```

You are told that the pre-condition before entering the `while` loop, i.e at location L1, is $\{a = b\}$.

1. [10 marks] Suppose `myFunc` is a deterministic function, i.e. it returns the same value every time it is called.

Give a formula φ in first-order logic such that the Hoare triple $\{a = b\} P \{\varphi\}$ evaluates to true. Try to give as strong a formula φ as you can, i.e. your formula should represent as small a set of states at L8 as you can. Justify why your formula φ is as strong as you can think of for this problem.

2. [10 marks] Suppose `myFunc` is a non-deterministic function, i.e. it may return different values on different invocations.

Give a formula in first-order logic that computes as strong a loop invariant as you can at L1, and prove the loop invariance of your formula using Hoare Logic rules.