

Lemma functions
More data types (lists)
Exceptions
Computer Arithmetic

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Labels, Ghost Variables

- ▶ Labels and ghost variables are handy to refer to past program states in specifications

Home work from the last lecture:

- ▶ Extend the post-condition of Euclid algorithm to express the Bezout property:

$$\exists a, b, result = x * a + y * b$$

- ▶ Prove the program by adding appropriate ghost local variables

Use canvas file [exo_bezout.mlw](#)

Function Call

let fun $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$
requires Pre
writes \vec{w}
ensures $Post$
body $Body$

$$WP(f(t_1, \dots, t_n), Q) = Pre[x_i \leftarrow t_i] \wedge \forall \vec{v}, (Post[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j, w_j@Old \leftarrow w_j] \Rightarrow Q[w_j \leftarrow v_j])$$

Modular proof

When calling function f , only the contract of f is visible, not its body

Soundness Theorem for a Complete Program

Assuming that for each function defined as

let fun $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$
requires Pre
writes \vec{w}
ensures $Post$
body $Body$

we have

- ▶ variables assigned in $Body$ belong to \vec{w} ,
- ▶ $\models Pre \Rightarrow WP(Body, Post)[w_i@Old \leftarrow w_i]$ holds,

then for any formula Q and any expression e ,
if $\Sigma, \Pi \models WP(e, Q)$ then execution of Σ, Π, e is *safe*

Remark: (mutually) recursive functions are allowed

Termination

- ▶ Loop *variants*
- ▶ *Variants* for (mutually) recursive function

Example: McCarthy's 91 Function

$$f91(n) = \text{if } n \leq 100 \text{ then } f91(f91(n + 11)) \text{ else } n - 10$$

Exercise: find adequate specifications.

```
let fun f91(n:int): int
  requires ?
  variant ?
  writes ?
  ensures ?
body
  if n ≤ 100 then f91(f91(n + 11)) else n - 10
```

Use canvas file [mccarthy.mlw](#)

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Advanced Modeling of Programs

Direct definitions

- ▶ logic functions, predicates with body
- ▶ *total* functions, no recursion allowed

Axiomatic definitions

- ▶ logic functions, predicates without body
- ▶ axioms to specify their behavior
- ▶ axiomatic types
- ▶ **Risk of inconsistency**

Important case: *arrays*

- ▶ applicative maps as an axiomatic type
- ▶ array = reference to a pair (length, pure map)
- ▶ handling of out-of-bounds index check

Home Work: Binary Search

```
low = 0; high = n - 1;
while low ≤ high:
  let m be the middle of low and high
  if a[m] = v then return m
  if a[m] < v then continue search between m and high
  if a[m] > v then continue search between low and m
```

See file [bin_search.mlw](#)

Home Work: “for” loops

Syntax: `for $i = e_1$ to e_2 do e`

Typing:

- ▶ i visible only in e , and is immutable
- ▶ e_1 and e_2 must be of type `int`, e must be of type `unit`

Operational semantics:

(assuming e_1 and e_2 are values v_1 and v_2)

$$\frac{v_1 > v_2}{\Sigma, \Pi, \text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, ()}$$

$$\frac{v_1 \leq v_2}{\Sigma, \Pi, \text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, \begin{array}{l} (\text{let } i = v_1 \text{ in } e); \\ (\text{for } i = v_1 + 1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e) \end{array}}$$

Home Work: “for” loops

Propose a Hoare logic rule for the for loop:

$$\frac{\{?\}e\{?\}}{\{?\}\text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e\{?\}}$$

Propose a rule for computing the WP:

$$\text{WP}(\text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ invariant } I \text{ do } e, Q) = ?$$

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Automated Provers Capabilities

SMT solvers like Alt-Ergo, CVC4, Z3 are the best ones for deductive verification because:

- ▶ they understand (typed) first-order logic
- ▶ they have built-in support for the equality predicate
- ▶ they support integer and real arithmetic
- ▶ they allow user definitions and axiomatizations

Weaknesses:

- ▶ incompleteness (this logic is too powerful to be decidable)
- ▶ weak support for quantifiers (sometimes FO provers like Vampire, Spass, E can be better)
- ▶ existential goals are typically hard: provers cannot guess the “witness”
- ▶ no support for advanced reasoning like *induction*

Some hints to help provers

- ▶ Simplify the goal: inline definitions, compute what can be computed
- ▶ Split the goal into subgoals (hint: try to inline definition of the head symbol of the goal)
- ▶ help the provers by
 - ▶ introduce extra assertions in the code (“local lemmas”)
 - ▶ introduce extra lemmas before the code
 - ▶ prove extra lemmas using *lemma functions*

Lemma functions

- ▶ Basic idea: if a program function is *without side effects* and *terminating* :

```
let fun  $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$   
  requires Pre  
  variant var,  $\prec$   
  ensures Post  
  body Body
```

then it is a (constructive) proof of

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, \exists \text{result}, \text{Pre} \Rightarrow \text{Post}$$

- ▶ If f is recursive, it simulates a proof by induction

Example: power function

```
function power int int : int
axiom power_0 : forall x:int. power x 0 = 1
axiom power_s : forall x n:int. n ≥ 0 →
  power x (n+1) = x * power x n

lemma power_1 : forall x:int. power x 1 = x

lemma sqrt4_256 : exists x:int. power x 4 = 256

lemma power_sum : forall x n m: int. 0 ≤ n ∧ 0 ≤ m →
  power x (n+m) = power x n * power x m
```

See file [lemma_functions.mlw](#)

Home Work

Prove Fermat's little theorem for case $p = 3$:

$$\forall x, \exists y. x^3 - x = 3y$$

using a lemma function

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Product Types

- ▶ Tuples types are built-in:
`type pair = (int, int)`
- ▶ Record types can be defined:
`type point = { x:real; y:real }`
- ▶ Fields are **immutable**.
- ▶ We allow let with pattern, e.g.
`let (a,b) = some pair in ...`
`let { x = a; y = b } = some point in`
- ▶ Dot notation for records fields, e.g.
`point.x + point.y`

Sum Types

- ▶ Sum types à la ML:

```
type t =  
| C1 τ1,1 ⋯ τ1,n1  
| ⋮  
| Ck τk,1 ⋯ τk,nk
```

- ▶ Pattern-matching with

```
match e with  
| C1(p1, ⋯, pn1) → e1  
| ⋮  
| Ck(p1, ⋯, pnk) → ek  
end
```

- ▶ Extended pattern-matching, wildcard: _

Recursive Sum Types

- ▶ Sum types can be **recursive**.
- ▶ **Recursive definitions** of functions or predicates allowed if recursive calls are on **structurally smaller** arguments.

Sum Types: Example of Lists

```
type list α = Nil | Cons α (list α)  
  
function append(l1:list α, l2:list α): list α =  
  match l1 with  
  | Nil → l2  
  | Cons(x,l) → Cons(x, append(l,l2))  
  end  
  
function length(l:list α): int =  
  match l with  
  | Nil → 0  
  | Cons(_,r) → 1 + length r  
  end  
  
function rev(l:list α): list α =  
  match l with  
  | Nil → Nil  
  | Cons(x,r) → append(rev(r), Cons(x,Nil))  
  end
```

“In-place” List Reversal

Exercise: fill the holes below.

```
val l: ref (list int)  
  
let fun rev_append(r:list int)  
  variant ? writes ? ensures ?  
body  
  match r with  
  | Nil → ()  
  | Cons(x,r) → l := Cons(x,l); rev_append(r)  
  end  
  
let fun reverse(r:list int)  
  writes l ensures l = rev r  
body ?
```

See [rev.mlw](#)

Binary Trees

```
type tree  $\alpha$  = Leaf | Node (tree  $\alpha$ )  $\alpha$  (tree  $\alpha$ )
```

Exercise: specify, implement, and prove a procedure returning the maximum of a tree of integers.

(problem 2 of the FoVeOOS verification competition in 2011, <http://foveoos2011.cost-ic0701.org/verification-competition>)

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Exceptions

We extend the syntax of expressions with

```
 $e ::= \text{raise } exn$   
      |  $\text{try } e \text{ with } exn \rightarrow e$ 
```

with exn a set of exception identifiers, declared as

```
exception  $exn$  <type>
```

Remark: <type> can be omitted if it is unit

Example: linear search revisited in [lin_search_exc.mlw](#)

Operational Semantics

► Values: either constants v or $\text{raise } exn$

Propagation of thrown exceptions:

$$\Sigma, \Pi, (\text{let } x = \text{raise } exn \text{ in } e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, \text{raise } exn$$

Reduction of try-with:

$$\frac{\Sigma, \Pi, e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma', \Pi', e'}{\Sigma, \Pi, (\text{try } e \text{ with } exn \rightarrow e'') \rightsquigarrow \Sigma', \Pi', (\text{try } e' \text{ with } exn \rightarrow e'')}$$

Normal execution:

$$\Sigma, \Pi, (\text{try } v \text{ with } exn \rightarrow e') \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, v$$

Exception handling:

$$\Sigma, \Pi, (\text{try raise } exn \text{ with } exn \rightarrow e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, e$$
$$\frac{exn \neq exn'}{\Sigma, \Pi, (\text{try raise } exn \text{ with } exn' \rightarrow e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \Pi, \text{raise } exn}$$

WP Rules

Function WP modified to allow **exceptional post-conditions** too:

$$\text{WP}(e, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

Implicitly, $R_k = \text{False}$ for any $\text{exn}_k \notin \{\text{exn}_i\}$.

Extension of WP for simple expressions:

$$\text{WP}(x := t, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = Q[\text{result} \leftarrow (), x \leftarrow t]$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{assert } R, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = R \wedge Q$$

WP Rules

Extension of WP for composite expressions:

$$\text{WP}(\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = \\ \text{WP}(e_1, \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)[\text{result} \leftarrow x], \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{if } t \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = \\ \text{if } t \text{ then } \text{WP}(e_1, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \\ \text{else } \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

$$\text{WP} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{while } c \text{ invariant } I \\ \text{do } e \end{array}, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i \right) = I \wedge \forall \vec{v}, \\ (I \Rightarrow \text{if } c \text{ then } \text{WP}(e, I, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \text{ else } Q)[w_i \leftarrow v_i]$$

where w_1, \dots, w_k is the set of assigned variables in e and v_1, \dots, v_k are fresh logic variables.

WP Rules

Exercise: propose rules for

$$\text{WP}(\text{raise } \text{exn}, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

and

$$\text{WP}(\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{raise } \text{exn}_k, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = R_k$$

$$\text{WP}((\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e_2), Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) =$$

$$\text{WP} \left(e_1, Q, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{exn} \rightarrow \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \\ \text{exn}_j \setminus \text{exn} \rightarrow R_i \end{array} \right. \right)$$

Functions Throwing Exceptions

Generalized contract:

```
val f(x1 : τ1, ..., xn : τn) : τ
  requires Pre
  writes  $\vec{w}$ 
  ensures Post
  raises E1 → Post1
  ⋮
  raises En → Postn
```

Extended WP rule for function call:

$$\text{WP}(f(t_1, \dots, t_n), Q, E_k \rightarrow R_k) = \text{Pre}[x_i \leftarrow t_i] \wedge \forall \vec{v}, \\ (\text{Post}[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j] \Rightarrow Q[w_j \leftarrow v_j]) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_k (\text{Post}_k[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j] \Rightarrow R_k[w_j \leftarrow v_j])$$

Example: “Defensive” variant of ISQRT

```
exception NotSquare

let fun isqrt(x:int): int
  ensures result ≥ 0 ∧ sqr(result) = x
  raises NotSquare → forall n:int. n * n ≠ x
body
  if x < 0 then raise NotSquare;
  let ref res = 0 in
  let ref sum = 1 in
  while sum ≤ x do
    res := res + 1; sum := sum + 2 * res + 1
  done;
  if res * res ≠ x then raise NotSquare;
  res
```

See Why3 version in [isqrt_exc.mlw](#)

Exercises

- ▶ Re-implement and prove linear search in an array, using an exception to exit immediately when an element is found. (see [lin_search_exc.mlw](#))

- ▶ Implement and prove binary search using also a immediate exit:

$low = 0; high = n - 1;$

while $low \leq high$:

let m be the middle of low and $high$

if $a[m] = v$ then return m

if $a[m] < v$ then continue search between m and $high$

if $a[m] > v$ then continue search between low and m

(see [bin_search_exc.mlw](#))

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Computers and Number Representations

- ▶ 32-, 64-bit signed **integers** in two-complement: may **overflow**

- ▶ $2147483647 + 1 \rightarrow -2147483648$

- ▶ $100000^2 \rightarrow 1410065408$

- ▶ **floating-point numbers** (32-, 64-bit):

- ▶ **overflows**

- ▶ $2 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2 \rightarrow +inf$

- ▶ $-1/0 \rightarrow -inf$

- ▶ $0/0 \rightarrow NaN$

- ▶ **rounding errors**

- ▶ $\underbrace{0.1 + 0.1 + \dots + 0.1}_{10 \text{ times}} = 1.0 \rightarrow false$

(because $0.1 \rightarrow 0.100000001490116119384765625$ in 32-bit)

See also [arith.c](#)

Some Numerical Failures

(see more at

<http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/php/risks/search.php?query=rounding>)

- ▶ 1991, during Gulf War 1, a Patriot system fails to intercept a Scud missile: 28 casualties.
- ▶ 1992, Green Party of Schleswig-Holstein seats in Parliament for a few hours, until a rounding error is discovered.
- ▶ 1995, Ariane 5 explodes during its maiden flight due to an overflow: insurance cost is \$500M.
- ▶ 2007, Excel displays 77.1×850 as 100000.

Some Numerical Failures

- ▶ 1991, during Gulf War 1, a Patriot system fails to intercept a Scud missile: 28 casualties.

Internal clock ticks every 0.1 second.

Time is tracked by fixed-point arith.: $0.1 \simeq 209715 \cdot 2^{-24}$.

Cumulated skew after 24h: -0.08s , distance: 160m.

System was supposed to be rebooted periodically.

- ▶ 2007, Excel displays 77.1×850 as 100000.

Bug in binary/decimal conversion.

Failing inputs: 12 FP numbers.

Probability to uncover them by random testing: 10^{-18} .

Integer overflow: example of Binary Search

- ▶ Google “Read All About It: Nearly All Binary Searches and Mergesorts are Broken”

```
let l = ref 0 in
let u = ref (a.length - 1) in
while l ≤ u do
  let m = (l + u) / 2 in
  ...
```

$l + u$ may overflow with large arrays!

Goal

prove that a program is safe with respect to overflows

Target Type: int32

- ▶ 32-bit signed integers in two-complement representation: integers between -2^{31} and $2^{31} - 1$.
- ▶ If the **mathematical** result of an operation fits in that range, that is the **computed** result.
- ▶ Otherwise, an **overflow** occurs.
Behavior depends on language and environment: modulo arith, saturated arith, abrupt termination, etc.

A program is **safe** if no overflow occurs.

Safety Checking

Idea: replace all arithmetic operations by abstract functions with preconditions. $x + y$ becomes `int32_add(x, y)`.

```
val int32_add(x: int, y: int): int
  requires  $-2^{31} \leq x + y < 2^{31}$ 
  ensures result = x + y
```

Unsatisfactory: range constraints of integer must be added explicitly everywhere

Safety Checking, Second Attempt

Idea: replace

- ▶ type `int` with an abstract type `int32` coercible to it,
- ▶ all operations by abstract functions with preconditions, and add an axiom about the **range** of `int32`.

```
type int32
function of_int32(x: int32): int
axiom bounded_int32:
  forall x: int32.  $-2^{31} \leq \text{of\_int32}(x) < 2^{31}$ 

val int32_add(x: int32, y: int32): int32
  requires  $-2^{31} \leq \text{of\_int32}(x) + \text{of\_int32}(y) < 2^{31}$ 
  ensures of_int32(result) = of_int32(x) + of_int32(y)
```

Binary Search with overflow checking

See [bin_search_int32.mlw](#)

Application

Used for translating mainstream programming language into Why3:

- ▶ From C to Why3: Frama-C, Jessie plug-in
See [bin_search.c](#)
- ▶ From Java to Why3: Krakatoa
- ▶ From Ada to Why3: Spark2014

Floating-Point Arithmetic

- ▶ Limited range \Rightarrow **exceptional** behaviors.
- ▶ Limited **precision** \Rightarrow **inaccurate** results.

Floating-Point Data

IEEE-754 Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic.

Width: $1 + w_e + w_m = 32$, or 64, or 128.

Bias: $2^{w_e-1} - 1$. Precision: $p = w_m + 1$.

A floating-point datum

sign s	biased exponent e' (w_e bits)	mantissa m (w_m bits)
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represents

- ▶ if $0 < e' < 2^{w_e} - 1$, the real $(-1)^s \cdot 1.\overline{m}' \cdot 2^{e'-bias}$, **normal**
- ▶ if $e' = 0$,
 - ▶ ± 0 if $m' = 0$, **zeros**
 - ▶ the real $(-1)^s \cdot 0.\overline{m}' \cdot 2^{-bias+1}$ otherwise, **subnormal**
- ▶ if $e' = 2^{w_e} - 1$,
 - ▶ $(-1)^s \cdot \infty$ if $m' = 0$, **infinity**
 - ▶ **Not-a-Number** otherwise. **NaN**

Floating-Point Data

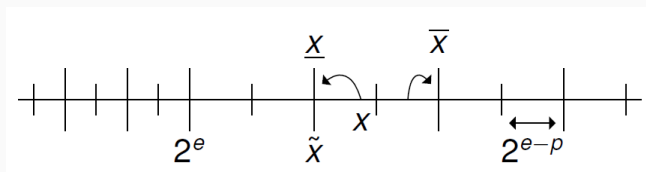
1	11000110	100100111110000111000000
s	e	f
↓	↓	↓
$(-1)^s$	2^{e-B}	$1.f$
×	×	×
$(-1)^1$	$2^{198-127}$	$1.100100111110000111000000_2$
		$-2^{54} \times 206727 \approx -3.7 \times 10^{21}$

Semantics for the Finite Case

IEEE-754 standard

A floating-point operator shall behave as if it was first computing the **infinitely-precise** value and then **rounding** it so that it fits in the destination floating-point format.

Rounding of a **real** number x :



Overflows are **not** considered when defining rounding: exponents are supposed to have **no upper bound**!

Specifications, main ideas

Same as with integers, we specify FP operations so that no overflow occurs.

```

constant max : real = 0x1.FFFFFEp127
predicate in_float32 (x: real) = abs x ≤ max
type float32
function of_float32(x: float32): real
axiom float32_range: forall x: float32. in_float32 (of_float32 x)

function round32(x: real): real
(* ... axioms about round32 ... *)

function float32_add(x: float32, y: float32): float32
requires in_float32(round32(of_float32 x + of_float32 y))
ensures of_float32 result = round32 (of_float32 x + of_float32 y)
    
```

Specifications in practice

- ▶ Several possible rounding modes
- ▶ many axioms for `round32`, but incomplete anyway
- ▶ Specialized prover: Gappa <http://gappa.gforge.inria.fr/>
- ▶ Theory of floats in SMT solvers in the near future

Demo: [clock_drift.c](#)

Notes on Course Schedule

- ▶ Regular lecture on next week
- ▶ **No lecture on January 21th**
- ▶ Regular lectures on January 28th and February 4th by Arthur
- ▶ February 11th: lab session from **9h30** to 12h: help with the project, same room as usual, bring your laptop
- ▶ Regular lectures on February 18th and 25th by Arthur
- ▶ Exam: either March 3rd or March 10th.