

6 Hoare Logic and Model Checking (cp526)

Consider a programming language with commands C consisting of the **skip** no-op command, sequential composition $C_1; C_2$, loops **while** B **do** C for Boolean expressions B , conditionals **if** B **then** C_1 **else** C_2 , assignment $X := E$ for program variables X and arithmetic expressions E , heap allocation $X := \text{alloc}(E_1, \dots, E_n)$, heap assignment $[E_1] := E_2$, heap dereference $X := [E]$, and heap location disposal **dispose**(E). Assume $\text{null} = 0$, and predicates for lists and partial lists:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{list}(t, []) &= (t = \text{null}) \wedge \text{emp} \\ \text{list}(t, h :: \alpha) &= \exists y. (t \mapsto h) * ((t + 1) \mapsto y) * \text{list}(y, \alpha) \\ \text{plist}(t_1, [], t_2) &= (t_1 = t_2) \wedge \text{emp} \\ \text{plist}(t_1, h :: \alpha, t_2) &= \exists y. (t_1 \mapsto h) * ((t_1 + 1) \mapsto y) * \text{plist}(y, \alpha, t_2) \end{aligned}$$

In the following, all triples are linear separation logic triples. No proofs are required.

- (a) Precisely describe a stack and a heap that satisfy $X \mapsto Y * Y \mapsto X$. Give a (non-looping) command C that satisfies the following triple.
 $\{ \text{emp} \} C \{ X \mapsto Y * Y \mapsto X \}.$ [3 marks]
- (b) Define and explain a partial correctness rule for a new command **unseq**(C_1, C_2), which executes commands C_1 and C_2 in either order ($C_1; C_2$ or $C_2; C_1$). Maintain soundness of the proof system, and ensure the rule accurately reflects the behaviour of the new command. [3 marks]
- (c) Do the same for a new command **add.to**(E_1, E_2). If expressions E_1 and E_2 evaluate to allocated, disjoint memory locations, it increments the value stored at the first location by the value stored at the second. Otherwise it crashes. [3 marks]

For each of the following triples, give a loop invariant that would prove it.

- (d) This command duplicates each list element. As per precondition assume Y is initially the head X ; assume **dup** duplicates elements, e.g. **dup** $[1, 2] = [1, 1, 2, 2]$.
 $\{ \text{list}(X, \alpha) \wedge Y = X \}$
while $Y \neq \text{null}$ **do** ($V := [Y]$; $N := [Y+1]$; $D := \text{alloc}(V, N)$; $[Y+1] := D$; $Y := N$)
 $\{ \text{list}(X, \text{dup } \alpha) \}$ [4 marks]
- (e) This command removes all negative numbers in a list, assuming it starts with 0.
 $\{ \text{list}(X, [0]++\alpha) \}$
 $L := X$; $Y := [X+1]$;
while $Y \neq \text{null}$ **do** (
 $V := [Y]$; $N := [Y+1]$;
 (if $V < 0$ (**dispose**(Y); **dispose**($Y+1$)) **else** ($[L+1] := Y$; $L := Y$)); $Y := N$
); $[L+1] := \text{null}$
 $\{ \text{list}(X, [0]++(\text{remove_negatives } \alpha)) \}$ [7 marks]