

Separation Logic 3/4

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Chapter 12

Loops in Separation Logic

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Verification of a for-loop

```
let facto n =  
  let r = ref 1 in  
  for i = 2 to n do  
    let v = !r in  
    r := v * i;  
  done;  
  !r
```

Before the loop:

$r \mapsto 1$

At each iteration:

from $r \mapsto (i - 1)!$ to $r \mapsto i!$

After the loop:

$r \mapsto n!$

Loop invariant ($I : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{Hprop}$) that applies for any $i \in [2, n + 1]$:

$I\ i \equiv r \mapsto (i - 1)!$

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Reasoning rule for for-loops

Reasoning rule for the case $a \leq b$:

$$\frac{H \triangleright I\ a \quad \forall i \in [a, b]. \{I\ i\} t \{ \lambda _. I\ (i + 1) \} \quad I\ (b + 1) \triangleright Q\ ()}{\{H\} (\text{for } i = a \text{ to } b \text{ do } t) \{Q\}}$$

General rule, also covering the case $a > b$:

$$\frac{H \triangleright I\ a \quad \forall i \in [a, b]. \{I\ i\} t \{ \lambda _. I\ (i + 1) \} \quad I\ (\max\ a\ (b + 1)) \triangleright Q\ ()}{\{H\} (\text{for } i = a \text{ to } b \text{ do } t) \{Q\}}$$

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Reasoning rule for while loops: partial correctness

The loop invariant I describes the state between every iterations.
The post-condition J describes the state after the evaluation of t_1 .

$$\frac{H \triangleright I \quad \{I\} t_1 \{J\} \quad \{J \text{ true}\} t_2 \{\lambda \dots I\} \quad J \text{ false} \triangleright Q ()}{\{H\} (\text{while } t_1 \text{ do } t_2) \{Q\}}$$

where $(I : \text{Hprop})$ and $(J : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{Hprop})$.

For total correctness: parameterize the invariant with a measure.

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Reasoning rule for while loops

We focus on a different approach that:

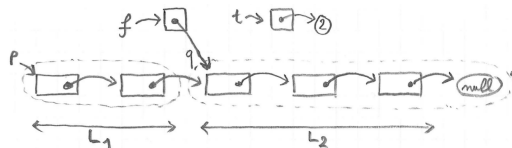
- ▶ inherently supports total correctness;
- ▶ allows to apply frame during iterations.

Prove a triple $\{H\} (\text{while } t_1 \text{ do } t_2) \{Q\}$ by induction, using:

$$\frac{\{H\} (\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } (t_2; (\text{while } t_1 \text{ do } t_2)) \text{ else } ()) \{Q\}}{\{H\} (\text{while } t_1 \text{ do } t_2) \{Q\}}$$

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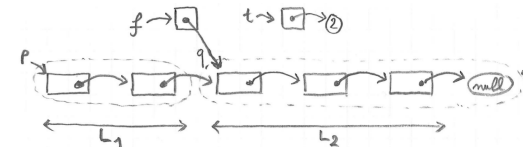
Length with a while loop



```
let mlength (p:'a cell) =
  let t = ref 0 in
  let f = ref p in
  while !f != null do
    incr t;
    f := (!f).tl;
  done;
  !t
```

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Length with a while loop: induction



We prove by induction on L_2 that for any n and q :

$$\{q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 \star f \mapsto q \star t \mapsto n\} \\ (\text{while } !f \neq \text{null do incr } t; f := (!f).tl; \text{ done}) \\ \{q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 \star f \mapsto \text{null} \star t \mapsto (n + \text{length } L_2)\}$$

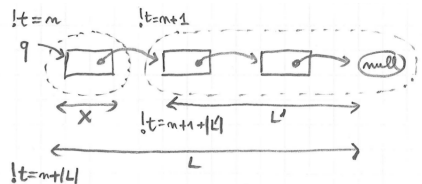
The loop unfolds to:

```
if !f != null
  then (incr t; f := (!f).tl; while .. do .. done)
  else ()
```

Exercise: describe the frame process in the induction for `mlength`.

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Length with a while loop: frame process



$q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2$	$\star f \mapsto q$	$\star t \mapsto n$	begin	
$q \mapsto \{x; q'\}$	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto q$	$\star t \mapsto n$	unfold
$q \mapsto \{x; q'\}$	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto q$	$\star t \mapsto n + 1$	increment
$q \mapsto \{x; q'\}$	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto q'$	$\star t \mapsto n + 1$	shift head
	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto q'$	$\star t \mapsto n + 1$	begin frame
	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto \text{null}$	$\star t \mapsto n + 1 + L'_2 $	induction
$q \mapsto \{x; q'\}$	$\star q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$	$\star f \mapsto \text{null}$	$\star t \mapsto n + 1 + L'_2 $	end frame
$q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2$	$\star f \mapsto \text{null}$	$\star t \mapsto n + L_2 $	fold	

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Chapter 13

Aliasing and local state

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Functions with aliasing: swap

```
let swap r s =
  let a = !r in
  let b = !s in
  r := b;
  s := a
```

Exercise: Find three useful specifications for swap:

1. a specification for non-aliased (distinct) arguments,
2. a specification for aliased (equal) arguments,
3. a most-general specification, stated using iterated conjunction (or another construct from Course 2).

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Functions with aliasing: 3 specifications for swap

Specification 1:

$$\forall rsnm. \{(r \mapsto n) \star (s \mapsto m)\} (\text{swap } r \text{ } s) \{\lambda_. (r \mapsto m) \star (s \mapsto n)\}$$

Specification 2:

$$\forall rsn. \{[r = s] \star (r \mapsto n)\} (\text{swap } r \text{ } s) \{\lambda_. r \mapsto n\}$$

or simply:

$$\forall rn. \{r \mapsto n\} (\text{swap } r \text{ } r) \{\lambda_. r \mapsto n\}$$

Specification 3:

$$\forall r s M. r, s \in \text{dom } M \Rightarrow \{ \bigotimes_{(p,n) \in M} p \mapsto n \} \\ (\text{swap } r \text{ } s) \\ \{ \lambda_. \bigotimes_{(p,n) \in (M[r:=M[s]][s:=M[r]])} p \mapsto n \}$$

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Function with local state

Exercise: what is the specification of f in the following program?

```
let r = ref 3
let f () =
  incr r
```

Then, show that the code below returns 5.

```
f();
f();
!r
```

Specification:

$$\forall n. \{r \mapsto n\} (f ()) \{\lambda_. r \mapsto n + 1\}$$

Successive states:

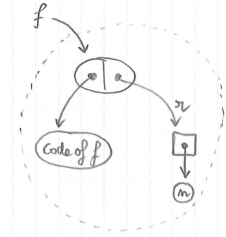
$$r \mapsto 3 \quad r \mapsto 4 \quad r \mapsto 5$$

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Counter function: code

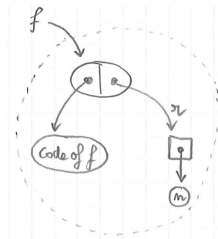
```
let mkcounter () =
  let r = ref 0 in
  (fun () -> incr r; get r)
```

```
let c = mkcounter() in
let x = c() in
let y = c() in
assert (x = 1 && y = 2)
```



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Counter function: specification



$$f \rightsquigarrow \text{Count } n \equiv \exists r. (r \mapsto n) \star [\forall i. \{r \mapsto i\} (f ()) \{\lambda x. [x = i + 1] \star (r \mapsto i + 1)\}]$$

Exercise: specify a counter function, only in terms of $f \rightsquigarrow \text{Count } n$.

$$\{[\]\} (\text{mkcounter}()) \{\lambda f. f \rightsquigarrow \text{Count } 0\}$$

$$\forall f i. \{f \rightsquigarrow \text{Count } i\} (f ()) \{\lambda x. [x = i + 1] \star f \rightsquigarrow \text{Count } (i + 1)\}$$

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Chapter 14

Basic higher-order functions

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Apply

```
let apply f x =  
  f x
```

Specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall fxHQ. \quad & \{H\} (f x) \{Q\} \\ \Rightarrow & \{H\} (\text{apply } f x) \{Q\} \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to the form below, which involves nested triples:

$$\forall fxHQ. \quad \{H \star [\{H\} (f x) \{Q\}]\} (\text{apply } f x) \{Q\}$$

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Apply on a reference

```
let refapply r f =  
  r := f !r
```

Exercise: give two specifications for the function `refapply`.

In the first, assume `f` to be pure, and introduce a predicate Pxy .

In the second, assume that `f` also modifies the state from H to H' .

$$\begin{aligned} \forall rfxP. \quad & \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda y. [Pxy]\} \\ \Rightarrow & \{r \mapsto x\} (\text{refapply } r f) \{\lambda_. \exists y. [Pxy] \star r \mapsto y\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall rfxHH'P. \quad & \{H\} (f x) \{\lambda y. [Pxy] \star H'\} \\ \Rightarrow & \{(r \mapsto x) \star H\} \\ & (\text{refapply } r f) \\ & \{\lambda_. \exists y. [Pxy] \star (r \mapsto y) \star H'\} \end{aligned}$$

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Function twice

```
let twice f =  
  f(); f()
```

Specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall fH'Q. \quad & \{H\} (f ()) \{\lambda_. H'\} \\ \wedge & \{H'\} (f ()) \{Q\} \\ \Rightarrow & \{H\} (\text{twice } f) \{Q\} \end{aligned}$$

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Function repeat

```
let repeat n f =  
  for i = 0 to n-1 do  
    f()  
  done
```

Exercise: specify `repeat`, using an invariant I , of type $\text{int} \rightarrow \text{Hprop}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n f I. \quad & (\forall i \in [0, n). \quad \{I i\} (f ()) \{\lambda_. I (i + 1)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I 0\} (\text{repeat } n f) \{\lambda_. I n\} \end{aligned}$$

The premise consists of a family of hypotheses describing the behavior of applications of f to particular arguments.

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Chapter 15

Higher order iteration

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Iteration over a pure list

```
let rec iter f l =  
  match l with  
  | [] -> ()  
  | x::t -> f x; iter f t
```

Exercise: specify `iter`, using an invariant I , of type `list α \rightarrow Hprop`.

$$\forall f l I. \quad (\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}$$

where $k \& x \equiv k \# (x :: \text{nil})$.

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Length using iter

$$(\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}$$

```
let length l =  
  let r = ref 0 in  
  iter (fun x -> incr r) l;  
  !r
```

Exercise: give the instantiation of the invariant I for `iter`; then, write the specialization of the specification of `iter` to I and to `(fun x -> incr r)`; finally, check that the premise is provable.

Invariant: $I \equiv \lambda k. r \mapsto |k|$.

$$(\forall x k. \{r \mapsto |k|\} (\text{incr } r) \{\lambda_. r \mapsto |k| + 1\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{r \mapsto 0\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. r \mapsto |l|\}$$

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Sum using iter

$$(\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}$$

```
let sum l =  
  let r = ref 0 in  
  iter (fun x -> r := !r + x) l;  
  !r
```

Exercise: give the invariant I involved in the above call to `iter`.

$$I \equiv \lambda k. r \mapsto \text{Sum } k$$

where:

$$\text{Sum } k \equiv \text{Fold } (+) 0 k$$

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Constraints over the items

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}) \\
 \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Given a list $x_1 :: x_2 :: \dots :: x_n :: \text{nil}$, let us compute:

$$\frac{10}{x_1} + \frac{10}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{10}{x_n}$$

`iter (fun x -> r := !r + 10 / x) [2; -3; 4]`

The above specification of `iter` is too weak. More general specification:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall f l l. & \quad (\forall xk. x \in l \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}) \\
 \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Constraints over the items, in order

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall f l l. & \quad (\forall xk. x \in l \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}) \\
 \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Given a list $x_1 :: x_2 :: \dots :: x_n :: \text{nil}$, let us compute:

$$\frac{10}{\frac{10}{\frac{10}{0+x_1}+x_2}+x_3} \dots +x_n$$

`iter (fun x -> r := 10 / (!r + x)) [2; -3; 4]`

The above specification of `iter` is too weak. Most-general specification:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \forall f l l. & \quad (\forall xks. l = k ++ x :: s \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}) \\
 \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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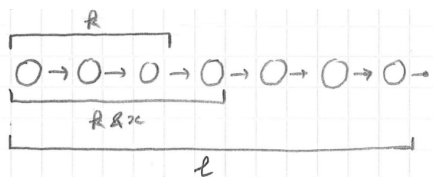
Verification of iter

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}) \\
 \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}
 \end{aligned}$$

```

let rec iter f l =
  match l with
  | [] -> ()
  | x::t -> f x; iter f t
  
```

How to prove that the code satisfies its specification?



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Verification of iter: generalized principle

Assume:

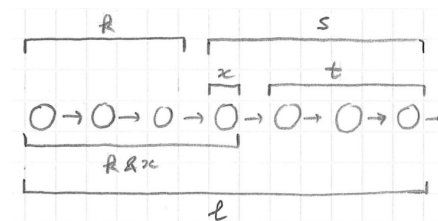
$$\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k&x)\}$$

Prove:

$$\{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\}$$

Proof by induction over a generalized statement:

$$\forall ks. \{I k\} (\text{iter } f s) \{\lambda_. I (k+s)\}$$



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Verification of iter: induction

```
let rec iter f s =
  match s with
  | [] -> ()
  | x::t -> f x; iter f t
```

Assume: $\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}$

Prove: $\forall ks. \{I k\} (\text{iter } f s) \{\lambda_. I (k\&s)\}$

By induction on s :

- ▶ Case $s = \text{nil}$. Goal is: $\{I k\} (\text{iter } f \text{ nil}) \{\lambda_. I (k\&\text{nil})\}$.
This triple simplifies to: $\{I k\} () \{\lambda_. I k\}$, which is correct.
- ▶ Case $s = x :: t$. Goal is: $\{I k\} (\text{iter } f (x :: t)) \{\lambda_. I (k\&(x :: t))\}$.

$$\frac{\text{HYPOTHESIS-ON-F} \quad \text{INDUCTION-HYPOTHESIS}}{\frac{\{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\} \quad \{I (k\&x)\} (\text{iter } f t) \{\lambda_. I ((k\&x)\&t)\}}{\{I k\} (f x; \text{iter } f t) \{I ((k\&x)\&t)\}} \text{SEQ}}$$

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Invariant on remaining items

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall \dots \{\dots\} (f x) \{\lambda_. \dots\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I' l\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I' \text{ nil}\} \end{aligned}$$

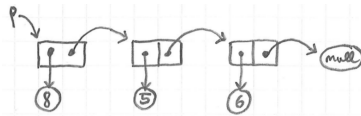
Exercise: specify `iter` using an invariant that depends on the list of items remaining to process, instead of on the list of items already processed. Then, prove the new specification derivable from the old one.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xs. \{I' (x :: s)\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I' s\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I' l\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I' \text{ nil}\} \end{aligned}$$

Derivable using: $I \equiv \lambda k. \exists s. [l = k\&s] \star I' s$
(with the most general version with $l = k\&x :: s$).

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Iterating over a mutable list

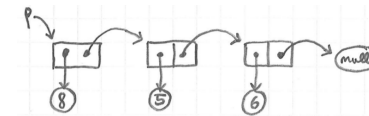


```
let rec miter f p =
  if p == null
  then ()
  else (f p.hd; miter f p.tl)
```

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Iterating over a mutable list

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f l l'. & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l'\} \end{aligned}$$



Specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f p l l'. & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l \star I \text{ nil}\} (\text{miter } f p) \{\lambda_. p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l' \star I l'\} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: calls to f will not modify the structure of the list while iterating.

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Summary

Simplified:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\} \end{aligned}$$

Order-irrelevant:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xk. x \in l \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\} \end{aligned}$$

Most-general:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xks. l = k ++ x :: s \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\} \end{aligned}$$

Extension to mutable lists:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xks. l = k ++ x :: s \Rightarrow \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l \star I \text{nil}\} (\text{miter } f p) \{\lambda_. p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l \star I l\} \end{aligned}$$

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Break?

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Chapter 16

Other classic higher-order functions

Fold-left

```
let rec fold_left f a l =  
  match l with  
  | [] -> a  
  | x::k -> fold_left f (f a x) k
```

Example:

$$\text{fold_left } f a [6 :: 4 :: 7] = f(f(f a 6) 4) 7$$

Specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f a J. & \quad (\forall x i k. \{J i k\} (f i x) \{\lambda j. J j (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{J a \text{nil}\} (\text{fold_left } f a l) \{\lambda b. J b l\} \end{aligned}$$

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Application of fold-left

$$\forall f a l J. \quad (\forall x i k. \{J i k\} (f i x) \{\lambda j. J j (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{J a \text{ nil}\} (\text{fold_left } f a l) \{\lambda b. J b l\}$$

```
let r = ref 0
let count_and_sum l =
  fold_left (fun a x -> incr r; a+x) 0 l
```

Exercise: give the instantiation of the invariant J in the code above.

$$J i k \equiv (r \mapsto |k|) \star [i = \text{Sum } k]$$

where $\text{Sum } k \equiv \text{Fold } (+) 0 k$.

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Fold-right

```
let rec fold_right f l a =
  match l with
  | [] -> a
  | x::k -> f x (fold_right f k a)
```

Example:

$$\text{fold_right } f [6 :: 4 :: 7] a \equiv f 6 (f 4 (f 7 a))$$

Exercise: give a specification for `fold_right`.

$$\forall f l a J. \quad (\forall x i k. \{J i k\} (f x i) \{\lambda j. J j (x :: k)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{J a \text{ nil}\} (\text{fold_right } f l a) \{\lambda b. J b l\}$$

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Map: simple specification for pure functions

```
let rec map f l =
  match l with
  | [] -> []
  | x::k -> (f x)::(map f k)
```

Simple specification, for the case where f is pure:

$$\forall f l P. \quad (\forall x. \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. [P x x']\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{[]\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. [\text{Forall2 } P l l']\}$$

where:

$$\frac{}{\text{Forall2 } P \text{ nil nil}} \quad \frac{P x x' \quad \text{Forall2 } P l l'}{\text{Forall2 } P (x :: l) (x' :: l')}$$

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Map: general specification

Specification of `map`:

$$\forall f l P. \quad (\forall x. \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. [P x x']\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{[]\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. [\text{Forall2 } P l l']\}$$

Specification of `iter`:

$$\forall f l I. \quad (\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda _. I (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda _. I l\}$$

Combining the two:

$$\forall f l P I. \quad (\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. [P x x'] \star I (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. [\text{Forall2 } P l l'] \star I l\}$$

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Map: general specification, alternative

$$\forall f l P I. \quad (\forall x k. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. [P x x'] \star J (k \& x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. [\text{Forall2 } P l l'] \star I l\}$$

Alternative specification:

$$\forall f l J'. \quad (\forall x k k'. \{J' k k'\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. J' (k \& x) (k' \& x')\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{J' \text{ nil nil}\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. J' l l'\}$$

Above specification derivable from the previous one:

$$J' k k' \equiv [\text{Forall2 } P k k'] \star I k$$

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Sorting with comparison function

Example:

```
List.sort (fun x y -> x - y) [2;4;5;3;2;9]
```

Specification:

$$\forall f l. \forall (\leq). \\ \text{total-order } (\leq) \\ \wedge (\forall x y. \{[]\} (f x y) \{\lambda n. [n \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq y]\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{[]\} (\text{sort } f l) \{\lambda l'. [\text{permut } l l' \wedge \text{sorted } (\leq) l']\}$$

More general specification of comparison functions:

$$\{[]\} (f x y) \{\lambda n. [\text{if } n = 0 \text{ then } x \approx y \text{ else if } n < 0 \text{ then } x < y \text{ else } x > y]\}$$

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Find with a boolean predicate, on pure lists

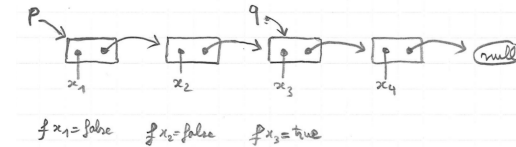
```
let rec find f l =
  match l with
  | [] -> None
  | x::k -> if f x
             then Some x
             else find f k
```

Specification:

$$\forall f l P. (\forall x. \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda b. [b = \text{true} \Leftrightarrow P x]\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{[]\} (\text{find } f l) \{\lambda o. [\text{match } o \text{ with} \\ | \text{None} \Rightarrow \text{Forall } (\neg P) l \\ | \text{Some } x \Rightarrow \exists k t. l = k ++ x :: t \\ \wedge \text{Forall } (\neg P) k \wedge P x] \\ \}$$

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Find with a boolean predicate, on mutable lists



Specification:

$$\forall f p l P. (\forall x. \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda b. [b = \text{true} \Leftrightarrow P x]\}) \\ \Rightarrow \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l\} \\ (\text{mfind } f p) \\ \{\lambda o. \text{match } o \text{ with} \\ | \text{None} \Rightarrow p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } l \star [\text{Forall } (\neg P) l] \\ | \text{Some } q \Rightarrow \exists k t. p \rightsquigarrow \text{MlistSeg } q k \star q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } (x :: t) \\ \star [l = k ++ x :: t \wedge \text{Forall } (\neg P) k \wedge P x] \\ \}$$

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Summary

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xk. \{I k\} (f x) \{\lambda_. I (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I \text{ nil}\} (\text{iter } f l) \{\lambda_. I l\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xik. \{J i k\} (f i x) \{\lambda j. J j (k\&x)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{J a \text{ nil}\} (\text{fold } f a l) \{\lambda b. J b l\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall xkk'. \{J k k'\} (f x) \{\lambda x'. J (k\&x) (k'\&x')\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{J \text{ nil nil}\} (\text{map } f l) \{\lambda l'. J l l'\} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Add the hypothesis $l = k \# x :: s$ if the position of x matters.
- ▶ Boolean predicates: $\forall x. \{[]\} (f x) \{\lambda b. [b = \text{true} \Leftrightarrow P x]\}$.
- ▶ Order functions: $\forall xy. \{[]\} (f x y) \{\lambda n. [n \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq y]\}$.

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Chapter 17

Principle of Characteristic Formulas

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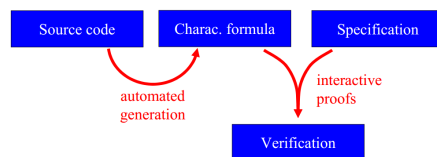
Idea of characteristic formulas

Goal: perform all the Separation Logic reasoning inside Coq.

Idea: build a logical formula $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ satisfying the equivalence below.

$$\forall HQ. \llbracket t \rrbracket H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} t \{Q\}$$

Schema:



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Properties of characteristic formulas

The characteristic formula $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ of a term t is a predicate such that:

$$\forall HQ. \llbracket t \rrbracket H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} t \{Q\}$$

Properties:

- ▶ $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ has type $(\text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop}) \rightarrow (\text{Val} \rightarrow \text{heap} \rightarrow \text{Prop}) \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
- ▶ $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ characterizes the set of valid specifications for t
- ▶ $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ is a higher-order logic formula built using $\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \exists, \dots$
- ▶ $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ is built automatically and compositionally
- ▶ $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ has size linear in the size of t and is easy to read

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Characteristic formula for sequence

$$\forall HQ. \llbracket t \rrbracket H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} t \{Q\}$$

$$\frac{\{H\} t_1 \{Q'\} \quad \{Q' ()\} t_2 \{Q\}}{\{H\} (t_1 ; t_2) \{Q\}} \text{SEQ}$$

Goal:

$$\forall HQ. \llbracket t_1 ; t_2 \rrbracket H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} (t_1 ; t_2) \{Q\}$$

Exercise: define the characteristic formula for sequences.

$$\llbracket t_1 ; t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H. \lambda Q. \exists Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q' \wedge \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket (Q' ()) Q$$

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Characteristic formula for let bindings

$$\frac{\{H\} t_1 \{Q'\} \quad \forall x. \{Q' x\} t_2 \{Q\}}{\{H\} (\text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2) \{Q\}}$$

Definition:

$$\llbracket \text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda HQ. \exists Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q' \wedge \forall x. \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket (Q' x) Q$$

Technically, x has type var and:

$$\llbracket \text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda HQ. \exists Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q' \wedge \forall (X : \text{Val}). \llbracket ([x \rightarrow X] t_2) \rrbracket (Q' X) Q$$

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Characteristic formula for values

$$\frac{H \triangleright Q v}{\{H\} v \{Q\}} \text{VAL-FRAME}$$

Definition:

$$\llbracket v \rrbracket \equiv \lambda HQ. H \triangleright Q v$$

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Characteristic formula for conditionals

$$\frac{(b = \text{true} \Rightarrow \{H\} t_1 \{Q\}) \quad (b = \text{false} \Rightarrow \{H\} t_2 \{Q\})}{\{H\} (\text{if } b \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2) \{Q\}} \text{IF}$$

Exercise: define the characteristic formula for conditionals.

$$\llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda HQ. (b = \text{true} \Rightarrow \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q) \wedge (b = \text{false} \Rightarrow \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket H Q)$$

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The App predicate

The goal of characteristic formulas is do proofs without involving triples.

Let “App” be an abstract predicate with the following interpretation:

$$\text{App } f v H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} (f v) \{Q\}$$

Remark:

$$\text{App} : \text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Hprop} \rightarrow (\text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Hprop}) \rightarrow \text{Prop}$$

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Reasoning about function calls

$$\text{Interpretation of App: } \text{App } f v H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} (f v) \{Q\}$$

$$\text{Interpretation of formulas: } \llbracket f v \rrbracket H Q \Leftrightarrow \{H\} (f v) \{Q\}$$

Definition:

$$\llbracket f v \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. \text{App } f v H Q$$

Instances of App are used on calls and introduced on function definitions.

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Reasoning about function definitions

$$\frac{\forall f. Pf \Rightarrow \{H\} t_2 \{Q\}}{Pf = (\forall x H' Q'. \{H'\} t_1 \{Q'\} \Rightarrow \{H'\} (f x) \{Q'\})} \text{FIX} \{H\} (\text{let rec } f x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2) \{Q\}$$

Definition:

$$\llbracket \text{let rec } f = \lambda x. t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. \forall f. Pf \Rightarrow \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket H Q$$

$$\text{where } Pf \equiv (\forall x H' Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H' Q' \Rightarrow \text{App } f x H' Q')$$

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Complete definition

$$\llbracket v \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. H \triangleright Q v$$

$$\llbracket \text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. \exists Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q' \wedge \forall x. \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket (Q' x) Q$$

$$\llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. (b = \text{true} \Rightarrow \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H Q) \wedge (b = \text{false} \Rightarrow \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket H Q)$$

$$\llbracket v_1 v_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. \text{App } v_1 v_2 H Q$$

$$\llbracket \text{let rec } f = \lambda x. t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket \equiv \lambda H Q. \forall f. Pf \Rightarrow \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket H Q$$

$$\text{where } Pf \equiv (\forall x H' Q'. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket H' Q' \Rightarrow \text{App } f x H' Q')$$

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The end!