

Simplest-Possible  
Hoare Logic  
While-Loop Example  
in JAPE

# Program

$m := 0;$

while  $m < n$

do

$m := m + 1$

od

# Program With Assertions

$\{n \geq 0\}$

Assumption

$m := 0;$

$\{m \leq n\}$

Loop Invariant

while  $m < n$

do

$m := m + 1$

od

$\{m = n\}$

Expectation

# What we enter

WHERE DISTINCT m, n IS {n ≥ 0} (m := 0) {m ≤ n} while m < n do m := m+1 od {m = n}

# As it appears initially in JAPE

...

1: { $n \geq 0$ } (m:=0) { $m \leq n$ } while  $m < n$  do m:=m+1 od { $m = n$ }

# Use the Ntuple Rule

- Ntuple creates two separate triples: one for the initialization and one for the while loop.

...

1:  $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$

...

2:  $\{m \leq n\}$ while  $m < n$  do  $m := m + 1$  od $\{m = n\}$

3:  $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$ while  $m < n$  do  $m := m + 1$  od $\{m = n\}$  Ntuple 1,2

# Proving the Initialization

- Because the derived pre-condition is not identical to the assumption, a use of the consequence(L) rule is automatically introduced, along with a companion logical implication.

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1:  $n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n$

2:  $\{0 \leq n\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$

variable-assignment

3:  $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$

consequence(L) 1,2

# Proving the Implication

- Click on the upper portion to prove the implication as a consequence (rather than using it as a hypothesis).

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1:  $n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n$

2:  $\{0 \leq n\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$  variable-assignment

3:  $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$  consequence(L) 1,2

...

4:  $\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$

5:  $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$  Ntuple 3,4

# Resolve the gap using a Rule from the Comparison menu $A \leq B \triangleq B \geq A$

1:	$n \geq 0$	assumption
	...	
2:	$0 \leq n$	
3:	$n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n$	$\rightarrow$ intro 1-2
4:	$\{0 \leq n\}(m:=0)\{m \leq n\}$	variable-assignment
5:	$\{n \geq 0\}(m:=0)\{m \leq n\}$	consequence(L) 3,4

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1:	$n \geq 0$	assumption
2:	$0 \leq n$	$A \leq B \triangleq B \geq A$ 1
3:	$n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n$	$\rightarrow$ intro 1-2
4:	$\{0 \leq n\}(m:=0)\{m \leq n\}$	variable-assignment
5:	$\{n \geq 0\}(m:=0)\{m \leq n\}$	consequence(L) 3,4

# ... Now Expand the while

6:  $\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$

7:  $\{n \geq 0\} (m := 0) \{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$  Ntuple 5,6

This generates several unfinished sub-proofs:

6:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n\} (m := m + 1) \{m \leq n\}$  Partial correctness of loop body

...

7:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow \_M > 0$  Continuation condition for loop body

8: integer Km

...

9:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge \_M = Km\} (m := m + 1) \{\_M < Km\}$

assumption

Termination condition  
for loop body

10:  $\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m \leq n \wedge \neg(m < n)\}$  while 6,7,8-9

...

11:  $m \leq n \wedge \neg(m < n) \rightarrow m = n$

Exit consequence implication for loop

12:  $\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$

consequence(R) 10,11

13:  $\{n \geq 0\} (m := 0) \{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m = n\}$  Ntuple 5,12

# Partial correctness of loop body

...  
6:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n\}(m := m + 1)\{m \leq n\}$

Use the assignment rule, with an implied consequence(L).  
This generates a logic implication for the consequence(L) rule.

...  
6:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow m + 1 \leq n$   
7:  $\{m + 1 \leq n\}(m := m + 1)\{m \leq n\}$  variable-assignment  
8:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n\}(m := m + 1)\{m \leq n\}$  consequence(L) 6,7

The logic implication remains to be proved.

# Proof of Upper Implication

6:	$m \leq n \wedge m < n$	assumption
7:	$m \leq n$	$\wedge$ elim 6
8:	$m < n$	$\wedge$ elim 6
	...	
9:	$m+1 \leq n$	

Close using another Comparison rule on line 9.

$$A+1 \leq B \triangleq A < B$$

6:	$m \leq n \wedge m < n$	assumption
7:	$m < n$	$\wedge$ elim 6
8:	$m+1 \leq n$	$A+1 \leq B \triangleq A < B$ 7

# Proof of Lower Implication

...  
15:  $m \leq n \wedge \neg(m < n) \rightarrow m = n$

Use a Lemma we've introduced:

16:  $m \leq n \wedge \neg(m < n)$   
17:  $m \leq n$   
18:  $\neg(m < n)$   
19:  $m = n$

assumption

$\wedge$  elim 16

$\wedge$  elim 16

$x \leq n, \neg(x < n) \vdash x = n$  17,18

# What Remains

- We need a *variant* that unifies with  $\_M$
- The variant  $n-m$  should work.

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...  
12:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow \_M > 0$   
13: integer Km                                assumption  
    ...  
14:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge \_M = Km\} (m := m + 1) \{ \_M < Km \}$   
15:  $\{m \leq n\} \text{while } m < n \text{ do } m := m + 1 \text{ od } \{m \leq n \wedge \neg(m < n)\}$  while 11,12,13-14
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...  
12:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow n - m > 0$   
13: integer Km                                assumption  
    ...  
14:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km\} (m := m + 1) \{ n - m < Km \}$ 
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# Prove the Upper Implication

...  
12:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow n - m > 0$

Apply another “obvious” lemma

12:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n$

13:  $m < n$

14:  $n - m > 0$

15:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow n - m > 0$

assumption

$\wedge$  elim 12

$m < n \vdash n - m > 0$  13

$\rightarrow$  intro 12-14

# Prove the while termination body

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16: integer Km
    ...
17: {m ≤ n ∧ m < n ∧ n - m = Km}(m := m + 1){n - m < Km}
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Another consequence(L) is introduced:

16: integer Km	assumption
...	
17: $m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km \rightarrow n - (m + 1) < Km$	
18: $\{n - (m + 1) < Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$	variable-assignment
19: $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$	consequence(L) 17,18

# One more “obvious” lemma completes the proof.

16: integer Km

17:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km$

18:  $n - m = Km$

19:  $n - (m + 1) < Km$

20:  $m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km \rightarrow n - (m + 1) < Km$

21:  $\{n - (m + 1) < Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$

22:  $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$

assumption

assumption

$\wedge$  elim 17

$n - m = X \vdash n - (m + 1) < X$  18

$\rightarrow$  intro 17-19

variable-assignment

consequence(L) 20,21

1: $n \geq 0$	assumption
2: $0 \leq n$	$A \leq B \triangleq B \geq A$ 1
3: $n \geq 0 \rightarrow 0 \leq n$	$\rightarrow$ intro 1-2
4: $\{0 \leq n\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$	variable-assignment
5: $\{n \geq 0\}(m := 0)\{m \leq n\}$	consequence(L) 3,4
6: $m \leq n \wedge m < n$	assumption
7: $m < n$	$\wedge$ elim 6
8: $m + 1 \leq n$	$A + 1 \leq B \triangleq A < B$ 7
9: $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow m + 1 \leq n$	$\rightarrow$ intro 6-8
10: $\{m + 1 \leq n\}(m := m + 1)\{m \leq n\}$	variable-assignment
11: $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n\}(m := m + 1)\{m \leq n\}$	consequence(L) 9,10
12: $m \leq n \wedge m < n$	assumption
13: $m < n$	$\wedge$ elim 12
14: $n - m > 0$	$m < n \vdash n - m > 0$ 13
15: $m \leq n \wedge m < n \rightarrow n - m > 0$	$\rightarrow$ intro 12-14
16: integer Km	assumption
17: $m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km$	assumption
18: $n - m = Km$	$\wedge$ elim 17
19: $n - (m + 1) < Km$	$n - m = X \vdash n - (m + 1) < X$ 18
20: $m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km \rightarrow n - (m + 1) < Km$	$\rightarrow$ intro 17-19
21: $\{n - (m + 1) < Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$	variable-assignment
22: $\{m \leq n \wedge m < n \wedge n - m = Km\}(m := m + 1)\{n - m < Km\}$	consequence(L) 20,21

Provided:

DISTINCT m, n