

## Correctness of Programs: Sequential Composition

Is { True } tmp := x; x := y; y := tmp { x > y } correct?

## Rules of Weakest Precondition: Summary

$$wp(x := e, R) = R[x := e]$$

$$wp(S_1 ; S_2, R) = wp(S_1, wp(S_2, R))$$

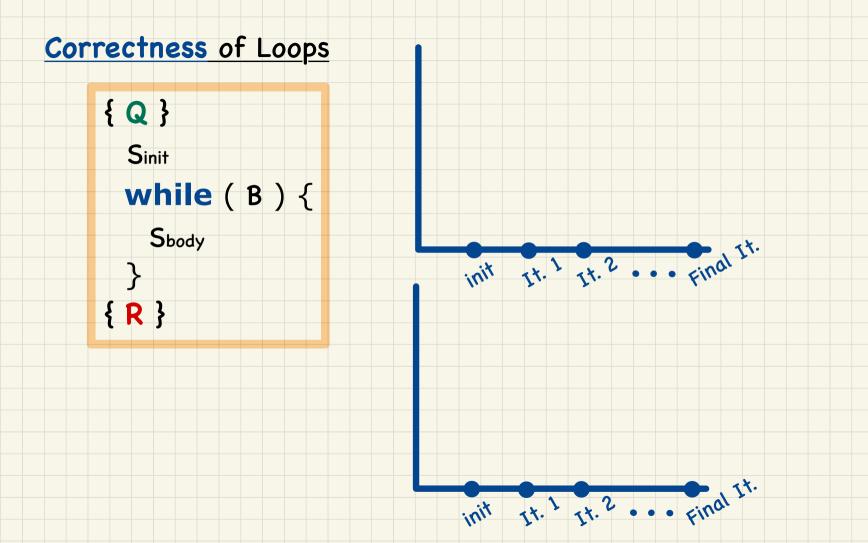
# Proof Rules using Weakest Precondition

$$\{Q\} S \{R\} \equiv Q \Rightarrow wp(S,R)$$

$$\{Q\} \times := e \{R\} \iff Q \Rightarrow R[x := e]$$

$$wp(x := e, R)$$

$$\{Q\}$$
  $S_1$ ;  $S_2$   $\{R\}$   $\iff$   $Q \Rightarrow \underbrace{wp(S_1, wp(S_2, R))}_{wp(S_1; S_2, R)}$ 

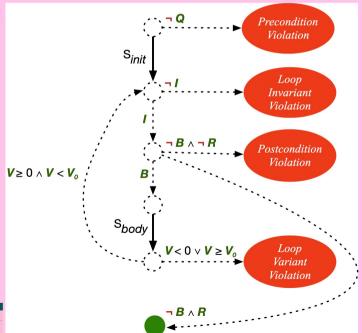


## **Contracts** of Loops

### **Syntax**

```
CONSTANT ... (* input list *)
I(var list) == ...
V(var \ list) == ...
--algorithm MYALGORITHM {
 variables ..., variant_pre = 0, variant_post = 0
   assert Q; (* Precondition *)
   S_{init}
   assert I(...); (* Is LI established? *)
   while (B)
    variant_pre := V(...);
    S_{bodv}
    variant_post := V(...);
    assert variant_post >= 0;
    assert variant_post < variant_pre;</pre>
    assert I(...); (* Is LI preserved? *)
   assert R; (* Postcondition *)
```

#### Runtime Checks



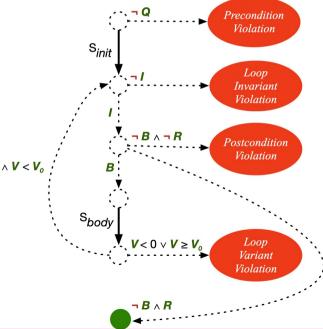
## Contracts of Loops: Example

I(i) == (1 <= i) / (i <= 6)

Assume: Q and R are true

```
V(i) == 6 - i
                                               Specification
        --algorithm loop_invariant_test
          variables i = 1, variant_pre = 0, variant_post = 0;
           assert I(i);
           while (i \le 5) {
             variant pre := V(i);
             i := i + 1;
    10
             variant_post := V(i);
    11
             assert variant post >= 0;
    12
             assert variant_post < variant_pre;</pre>
    13
             assert I(i);
    14
    15
                                                        V \ge 0 \land V < V_0
end of iteration
                                                  B
```

#### Runtime Checks

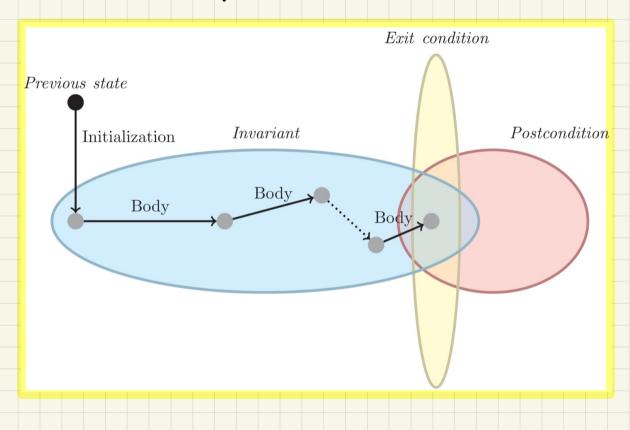


## Contracts of Loops: Violations

Assume: Q and R are true

```
I(i) == (1 <= i) / (i <= 6)
                                                Specification
       V(i) == 6 - i
       --algorithm loop_invariant_test
         variables i = 1, variant_pre = 0, variant_post = 0;
                                                                                   Runtime Checks
           assert I(i);
                                                                                            Precondition
           while (i <= 5) {
                                                                                              Violation
             variant_pre := V(i);
             i := i + 1;
   10
             variant post := V(i);
                                                                                               Loop
                                                                                              Invariant
   11
             assert variant post >= 0;
                                                                                              Violation
   12
             assert variant_post < variant_pre;</pre>
   13
             assert I(i);
   14
                                                                                            Postcondition
   15
                                                                                              Violation
                                                           V \ge 0 \land V < V_0
                                                                        S<sub>body</sub>
invariant: 1 <= i <= 5
                                                                                               Variant
                                                                                              Violation
variant: 5 - i
                                                                                \neg B \land R
```

## Contracts of Loops: Visualization



## Correct Loops: Proof Obligations

- A loop is partially correct if:
  - $\circ$  Given precondition Q, the initialization step  $S_{init}$  establishes LII.
  - $\circ$  At the end of  $S_{body}$ , if not yet to exit, **LI** I is maintained.
- A loop terminates if:
  - $\circ$  Given *LI I*, and not yet to exit,  $S_{body}$  maintains *LV V* as non-negative.
  - $\circ$  Given **LI** I, and not yet to exit,  $S_{body}$  decrements **LV** V.

```
{Q}
S_{init}
assert I(...);
while (B)
 variant_pre := V(...);
 S_{body}
 variant\_post := V(...);
 assert variant_post >= 0;
 assert variant_post < variant_pre;</pre>
 assert I(...);
```

## Correct Loops: Proof Obligations

#### Example

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                                         Specification
    V(i) == 6 - i
    --algorithm loop_invariant_test
     variables i = 1, variant_pre = 0, variant post = 0;
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6
       assert I(i);
       while (i \le 5) {
        variant_pre := V(i);
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        assert variant_post >= 0;
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        assert I(i);
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```
    A loop is partially correct if:
```

- $\circ$  Given precondition **Q**, the initialization step  $S_{init}$  establishes **LI** I.
- At the end of  $S_{body}$ , if not yet to exit, **LI** I is maintained.
- If ready to exit and *LI I* maintained, postcondition *R* is established.

#### A loop terminates if:

- Given LI I, and not yet to exit, S<sub>body</sub> maintains LV V as non-negative.
- Given LI I, and not yet to exit, Shady decrements LV V.