Automatic Checking of Invariant Diagrams

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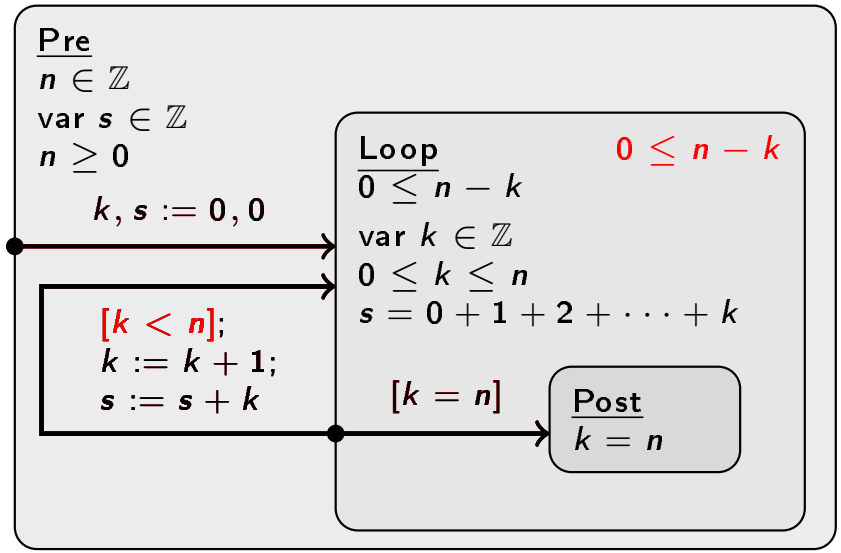
Overview

- Invariant based programming revisited
- Socos tool: constructing a verified sorting program
- Ongoing work

Invariant Based Programming

Correct-by-construction method developed by Ralph Back.



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Socos environment

A prototype tool to support invariant based programming.

- provides a diagram editor;
- automates generation of verification conditions;
- simplifies them with SMT solvers;
- gives immediate feedback;
- (also: compiles)

User works in the diagrammatic environment; no theorem prover round-trip.

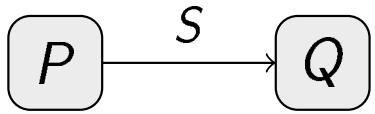
- the diagram is the proof!
- usable without profiency in theorem provers (e.g., by students)

(demo)

Verification method

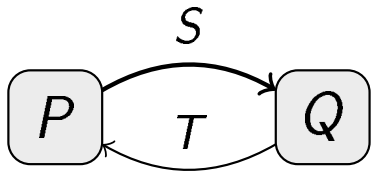
Transitions are reduced to VCs by applying the weakest precondition:

- **Consistency**:
  $P \Rightarrow \mathrm{wp}(S)(Q)$



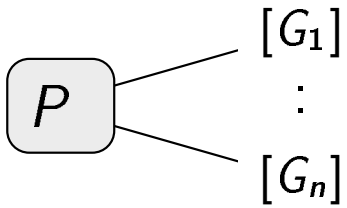
- **Termination**:

  $(V = V_0) \wedge P \Rightarrow \mathrm{wp}(S)(V < V_0)$
  $(V = V_0) \wedge Q \Rightarrow \mathrm{wp}(T)(V \leq V_0)$



- **Liveness**:

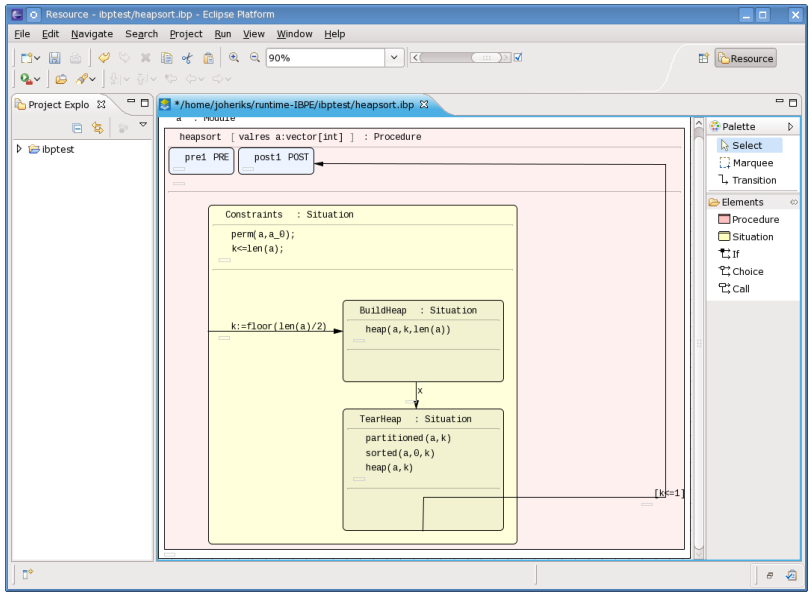
  $P \Rightarrow G_1 \vee \cdots \vee G_n$



Currently finishing new version of the Socos tool...

Features:

- Uses **PVS** as specification and implementation language
- **Fine grained** checking
- Uses **Yices** to discharge VCs
- **Eclipse** based front-end:



Architecture & workflow