

VU Formale Methoden der Informatik

**Block 3: Formal Verification of
Software**

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1 Exercise 1

We want to show that the two given programs are semantically equivalent, which means that both programs deliver the same outputstate on the same inputstate σ . First, we analyze one iteration of the first program:

$$(\text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, \sigma) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (p; \text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, \sigma) & \text{if } [e]\sigma \neq 0 \\ \sigma & \text{if } [e]\sigma = 0 \end{cases}$$

The execution of one iteration results into two possible states (depending on the result of $[e]\sigma$). For the second program we get:

$$(\text{if } e \text{ then } p; \text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od else skip fi}, \sigma) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (p; \text{while } e \text{ do } p \text{ od}, \sigma) & \text{if } [e]\sigma \neq 0 \\ (\text{skip}, \sigma) & \text{if } [e]\sigma = 0 \end{cases}$$

Obviously, both programs ends up in the same programstate after one iteration (since $(\text{skip}, \sigma) \Rightarrow \sigma$). Now we know that both programs have the same behaviour on any inputstate σ and thus they are semantically equivalent.

2 Exercise 2

The pre- and post-condition are obvious: $\{F : x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0\}$ and $\{G : y = x_0 \wedge x = y_0\}$

(a) Hoare calculus:

$$\frac{F \Rightarrow H'[x/x - y] \quad \{H'[x/x - y]\}x = x - y\{H'\} \text{ (as)}}{\{F\}x = x - y\{H'\} \text{ (2)}} \text{ (lc)}$$

$$\frac{H' \Rightarrow H[y/x + y] \quad \{H[y/x + y]\}y = x + y\{H\} \text{ (as)}}{\{H'\}y = x + y\{H\} \text{ (sc)}} \text{ (lc)}$$

$$\frac{\{F\}x = x - y\{H'\} \text{ (2)}}{\{F\}x = x - y; y = x + y\{H\} \text{ (1)}} \text{ (sc)}$$

$$\frac{H \Rightarrow G[x/y - x] \quad \{G[x/y - x]\}x = y - x\{G\} \text{ (as)}}{\{H\}x = y - x\{G\} \text{ (sc)}} \text{ (lc)}$$

$$\frac{\{F\}x = x - y; y = x + y\{H\} \text{ (1)}}{\{F\}x = x - y; y = x + y; y = y - x\{G\}} \text{ (sc)}$$

Now we need proper formulas for H and H' , so that $F \Rightarrow H'[x/x - y]$, $H' \Rightarrow H[y/x + y]$ and $H \Rightarrow G[x/y - x]$ become valid. We choose $H' \equiv H[y/x + y]$ and $H \equiv G[x/y - x]$. It remains to show $F \Rightarrow H'[x/x - y]$, i.e.:

$$\begin{aligned} & F \Rightarrow G[x/y - x][y/x + y][x/x - y] \\ (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) & \Rightarrow (y = x_0 \wedge x = y_0)[x/y - x][y/x + y][x/x - y] \\ (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) & \Rightarrow (y = x_0 \wedge y - x = y_0)[y/x + y][x/x - y] \\ (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) & \Rightarrow (x + y = x_0 \wedge x + y - x = y_0)[x/x - y] \\ (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) & \Rightarrow (x - y + y = x_0 \wedge x - y + y - x + y = y_0) \\ (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) & \Rightarrow (x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0) \end{aligned}$$

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So, this implication is also valid, therefore the swap program is partially/totally correct.

(b) The annotation calculus allows us to write down the proof much cleaner:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ F: x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0 \} \\
 & \{ 3: G[x/y - x][y/x + y][x/x - y] \} \\
 & x := x - y \\
 & \{ 2: G[x/y - x][y/x + y] \} \\
 & y := x + y \\
 & \{ 1: G[x/y - x] \} \\
 & x := y - x \\
 & \{ G: y = x_0 \wedge x = y_0 \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$F \Rightarrow 3$ remains to show, which was already shown in (a).

(c) Weakest pre-condition.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ H'': wp(x := x - y; y := x + y; x := y - x), G \} \\
 & x := x - y \\
 & \{ H': wp(y := x + y; x := y - x), G \} \\
 & y := x + y \\
 & \{ H: wp(x := y - x), G \} \\
 & x := y - x \\
 & \{ G: y = x_0 \wedge x = y_0 \}
 \end{aligned}$$

According to the definition $wp(v := e, F) = F[v/e]$ in the slides, H'' yields into $G[x/y - x][y/x + y][x/x - y]$, which is equal to our post-condition (as shown in (a)).

(d) Strongest post-condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ F: x = x_0 \wedge y = y_0 \} \\
 & x := x - y \\
 & \{ H: sp(x := x - y, F) \} \\
 & y := x + y \\
 & \{ H': sp(x := x + y, H) \} \\
 & x := y - x \\
 & \{ H'': sp(x := y - x, H') \}
 \end{aligned}$$

H'' evaluates to (due to $sp(v := e, F) = \exists v'(F[v/v'] \wedge v = e[v/v'])$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ H'': sp(x = y - x, sp(y = x + y, sp(x = x - y, F))) \} \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ H'': sp(x = y - x, sp(y = x + y, \{ \exists x'(x' = x_0 \wedge y = y_0 \wedge x = x' - y) \}) \} \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ H'': sp(x = y - x, \{ \exists y'(\exists x'(x' = x_0 \wedge y' = y_0 \wedge x = x' - y') \wedge y = x + y') \}) \} \\
 \Rightarrow & \{ H'': \exists x''(\exists y'(\exists x'(x' = x_0 \wedge y' = y_0 \wedge x'' = x' - y') \wedge y = x'' + y') \wedge x = y - x'') \}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Evaluating this expression results into:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{H'' : y = x'' + y' \quad \wedge x = y - x''\} \\
 \Rightarrow & \{H'' : y = x' - y' + y' \quad \wedge x = y - x' - y'\} && \text{due to } x'' = x' - y' \\
 \Rightarrow & \{H'' : y = x' \quad \wedge x = y - x' - y'\} \\
 \Rightarrow & \{H'' : y = x' \quad \wedge x = y'\} && \text{because of } y = x' \\
 \Rightarrow & \{H'' : y = x_0 \quad \wedge x = y_0\} && \text{since } x' = x_0 \text{ and } y' = y_0
 \end{aligned}$$

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In the following, these abbreviations are used:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B & := d \cdot m \leq n \\
 Inv & := 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m
 \end{aligned}$$

First, we annotate the program by applying several rules:

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{ 1:  $m > 0 \wedge n \geq 0$  }
{ 2:  $Inv[b/n + 1][a/0]$  }  as ↑
 $a := 0$ ;
{ 3:  $Inv[b/n + 1]$  }  as ↑
 $b := n + 1$ ;
{ 4:  $Inv$  }  wh
while  $a + 1 \neq b$  do
  { 5:  $Inv \wedge a + 1 \neq b$  }  wh
  { 6:  $(B \Rightarrow Inv[a/d]) \wedge (\neg B \Rightarrow Inv[b/d])[d/(a + b)/2]$  }  as ↑
   $d := (a + b)/2$ ;
  { 7:  $(B \Rightarrow Inv[a/d]) \wedge (\neg B \Rightarrow Inv[b/d])$  }  if ↑
  if  $d \cdot m \leq n$  then
    { 8:  $Inv[a/d]$  }  as ↑
     $a := d$ ;
    { 9:  $Inv$  }  fi ↑
  else
    { 10:  $Inv[b/d]$  }  as ↑
     $b := d$ ;
    { 11:  $Inv$  }  fi ↑
  fi
  { 12:  $Inv$  }  wh
od
{ 13:  $Inv \wedge a + 1 = b$  }  wh
{ 14:  $a \cdot m \leq n < (a + 1) \cdot m$  }

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Now it remains to show that $1 \Rightarrow 2$, $13 \Rightarrow 14$ and $5 \Rightarrow 6$ are indeed valid.

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1 \Rightarrow 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m > 0 \wedge n \geq 0 &\Rightarrow \text{Inv}[b/n + 1][a/0] \\
 m > 0 \wedge n \geq 0 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m [b/n + 1][a/0] \\
 m > 0 \wedge n \geq 0 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq 0 < n + 1 \leq n + 1 \wedge 0 \cdot m \leq n < (n + 1) \cdot m \\
 0 \leq n \wedge 0 < m &\Rightarrow 0 < n + 1 \wedge 0 \leq n < (n + 1) \cdot m
 \end{aligned}$$

now we split the formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n \leq 0 &\Rightarrow 0 < n + 1 \quad \checkmark \\
 0 < m &\Rightarrow n < (n + 1) \cdot m \\
 0 < m &\Rightarrow n + 1 \leq (n + 1) \cdot m \\
 0 < m &\Rightarrow 1 \leq m \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

13 \Rightarrow 14:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 = b &\Rightarrow a \cdot m \leq n < (a + 1) \cdot m \\
 0 \leq a < a + 1 \leq n + 1 \wedge \underbrace{a \cdot m \leq n < (a + 1) \cdot m}_{\text{true}} \wedge a + 1 = b &\Rightarrow \underbrace{a \cdot m \leq n < (a + 1) \cdot m}_{\text{true}} \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

5 \Rightarrow 6:

We split the proof into two parts (if and else), in order to make it more readable. This is valid, because of the relation

$$A \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \wedge (D \Rightarrow E)) \equiv ((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow C) \wedge ((A \wedge D) \Rightarrow E)$$

if

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \\
 \Rightarrow d \cdot m \leq n &\Rightarrow (0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m) [a/d][d/(a + b)/2]
 \end{aligned}$$

substitute a with d and after that d with $\frac{a + b}{2}$ on the right side

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot m \leq n &\Rightarrow (0 \leq \frac{a + b}{2} < b \leq n + 1 \wedge \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m)
 \end{aligned}$$

move $\frac{a + b}{2} \cdot m \leq n$ to the left side

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot m \leq n \\
 \Rightarrow \underbrace{0 \leq \frac{a + b}{2} < b \leq n + 1}_{c_1} \wedge \underbrace{\frac{a + b}{2} \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m}_{c_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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At this point, we introduce

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 a < b & a < b \\
 a + b < b + b & a + a < a + b \\
 a + b < 2b & 2a < a + b \\
 \frac{a+b}{2} < b & a < \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ because of } a + 1 \neq b \text{ this is valid} \\
 \Rightarrow a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b \quad \dots A_1
 \end{array}$$

Now we show that the right side evaluates to **true** if the left side evaluates to **true** too:

- $0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \Rightarrow c_1$ because of A_1 ✓
- $a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \Rightarrow c_2$ because of A_1 ✓

else

$$\begin{array}{l}
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \\
 \Rightarrow d \cdot m > n \Rightarrow (0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m)[b/d][d/(a+b)/2] \\
 \text{substitute } b \text{ with } d \text{ and after that } d \text{ with } \frac{a+b}{2} \text{ on the right side} \\
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n \Rightarrow (0 \leq a < \frac{a+b}{2} \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m) \\
 \text{move } \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n \text{ to the left side} \\
 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n \\
 \Rightarrow \underbrace{0 \leq a < \frac{a+b}{2} \leq n + 1}_{c'_1} \wedge \underbrace{a \cdot m \leq n < \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m}_{c'_2}
 \end{array}$$

Now we show that the right side evaluates to **true** if the left side evaluates to **true** too, again using A_1 :

- $0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \Rightarrow c'_1$ because of A_1 ✓
- $a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \Rightarrow c'_2$ because of A_1 ✓

3.1 Termination

Since termination is tied to the loop condition, $a + 1 \neq b$ is a good starting point for the bound function t . Therefore, $b - a - 1$ might be a suitable bound function.

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while  $a + 1 \neq b$  do
  { 1:  $Inv \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t = t_0$  }
  { 2:  $((B \Rightarrow 0 \leq t < t_0[a/d]) \wedge (\neg B \Rightarrow 0 \leq t < t_0[b/d]))[d/\frac{a+b}{2}]$  }
   $d := (a + b)/2$ ;
  { 3:  $(B \Rightarrow 0 \leq t < t_0[a/d]) \wedge (\neg B \Rightarrow 0 \leq t < t_0[b/d])$  }
  if  $d \cdot m \leq n$  then
    { 4:  $0 \leq t < t_0[a/d]$  }
     $a := d$ ;
    { 5:  $0 \leq t < t_0$  }
  else
    { 6:  $0 \leq t < t_0[b/d]$  }
     $b := d$ ;
    { 7:  $0 \leq t < t_0$  }
  fi
  { 8:  $0 \leq t < t_0$  }
od

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It remains to show that $1 \Rightarrow 2$ is valid. Again, we split the proof into two parts (if and else).

1 \Rightarrow 2:

if

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \\
& \Rightarrow (d \cdot m \leq n \Rightarrow (0 \leq b - a - 1 < t_0)[a/d])[d/\frac{a+b}{2}] \\
& 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \\
& \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m \leq n \Rightarrow 0 \leq b - \frac{a+b}{2} - 1 < t_0 \\
& 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \wedge \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m \leq n \\
& \Rightarrow 0 \leq b - \frac{a+b}{2} - 1 < t_0 \\
& 0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \wedge \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m \leq n \\
& \Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{2b - a - b}{2} - 1 < t_0 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{since } a \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \text{ decreases}
\end{aligned}$$

else

$$0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow (d \cdot m > n \Rightarrow (0 \leq b - a - 1 < t_0)[b/d])[d/\frac{a+b}{2}]$$

$$0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n \Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{a+b}{2} - a - 1 < t_0$$

$$0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \wedge \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{a+b}{2} - a - 1 < t_0$$

$$0 \leq a < b \leq n + 1 \wedge a \cdot m \leq n < b \cdot m \wedge a + 1 \neq b \wedge 0 \leq t_0 \wedge \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot m > n$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \frac{a+b-2a}{2} - 1 < t_0 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{since } a \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \text{ decreases}$$

4 Exercise 4

By looking at $\text{sp}(\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}, F)$ and the if \downarrow rule

$$\{F\} \text{ if } e \text{ then } \dots \text{ else } \mapsto \{F\} \text{ if } e \text{ then } \{F \wedge e\} \dots \text{ else } \{F \wedge \neg e\} \quad \text{if } \downarrow$$

plus some intuition, we get

- if: $\{e \wedge F\} p \{ \text{sp}(p, \{e \wedge F\}) \}$
- else: $\{\neg e \wedge F\} p \{ \text{sp}(q, \{\neg e \wedge F\}) \}$

as strongest post-condition for each branch. By applying the dual-fi rule

$$\{F\} \text{ else } \dots \{G\} \mapsto \{F\} \text{ else } \dots \{G\} \text{ fi } \{F \vee G\} \quad \text{fi } \downarrow$$

we can conclude:

$$\text{sp}(\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}, F) = \{ \text{sp}(p, \{e \wedge F\}) \vee \text{sp}(q, \{\neg e \wedge F\}) \}$$

5 Exercise 5

$$\{F\} p \{\text{true}\}$$

(a) $\{F: x \neq 0\}$ so p may not terminate, depending on whether x is even or odd.

(b) $\{F: x = 0\} \Rightarrow$ the program always terminate.

$\{F\} p \{\mathbf{false}\}$

- (a) $\{F: x = 1\}$ so the program doesn't terminate obviously.
 (b) No formula, since the post-condition is false, which means the program never terminate.

$\{\mathbf{true}\} p \{F\}$

- (a) $\{F: x = 0\}$ when the program terminates, the post-condition is fulfilled.
 (b) No formula, because we don't know anything about x , therefore we can end up an infinite loop.

$\{\mathbf{false}\} p \{F\}$

- (a) $\{F: x = 0\}$ even when p would terminate, it would fulfill the post-condition then.
 (b) No formula, since the pre-condition is false anyway and therefore termination won't be guaranteed.

6 Exercise 6

An assertion $\{F\}p\{G\}$ is totally correct, if

- whenever p starts in an F -State, then p terminates and stops in a G -State.
- $\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \Rightarrow \text{def}([p]\sigma) \wedge [G][p]\sigma$

Looking at the premise $\{F \wedge e\}p\{G\}$, which must be totally correct, we can rewrite it according to the definition above as (we use $\boxed{\sigma : F}$ as an abbreviation for “ σ is a defined F -State”, i.e., for “ σ is a defined state and the formula F is true in σ .”):

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F \wedge e]\sigma &\Rightarrow \text{def}([p]\sigma) \wedge [G][p]\sigma \\ \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \wedge [e]\sigma &\Rightarrow \text{def}([p]\sigma) \wedge [G][p]\sigma \\ \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \wedge [e]\sigma &\Rightarrow \boxed{[p]\sigma : G} \\ \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \wedge [e]\sigma \neq 0 &\Rightarrow \boxed{[p]\sigma : G} \quad \text{since } [e]\sigma \text{ is a boolean expression} \\ \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \Rightarrow [e]\sigma \neq 0 &\Rightarrow \boxed{[p]\sigma : G} \quad \text{moving it to the right side} \end{aligned}$$

Similar, $\{F \wedge \neg e\}q\{G\}$ results into

$$\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F]\sigma \Rightarrow [e]\sigma = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{[q]\sigma : G}$$

7 Exercise 7

Now we take a look at the if statement for TPL (natural semantics):

$$[\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}] \sigma \Rightarrow \begin{cases} [p] \sigma & \text{if } [e] \sigma \neq 0 \\ [q] \sigma & \text{if } [e] \sigma = 0 \end{cases}$$

This rule allows us to rewrite the both statements above such as:

$$\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F] \sigma \Rightarrow \boxed{[\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}] \sigma : G}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \sigma \in \mathcal{S} : [F] \sigma &\Rightarrow \text{def}([\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}] \sigma) \wedge [G][\text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi}] \sigma \\ &\Rightarrow \{F\} \text{if } e \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \text{ fi} \{G\} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{by using the definition of total correctness} \end{aligned}$$

7 Exercise 7

By looking at the post-condition $\{0 \leq y^2 \leq x < (y + 1)^2\}$, we can easily identify an invariant for our program, since we know that y must be at least 0 (otherwise we would get complex numbers): $\{0 \leq y^2 \leq x\}$. Due to the **wh**-rule

$$\text{while } e \text{ do } \dots \text{ od} \mapsto \{Inv\} \text{ while } e \text{ do } \{Inv \wedge e\} \dots \{Inv\} \text{ od } \{Inv \wedge \neg e\} \quad \text{wh}$$

we know, that the post-condition of a **while** consists of the conjunction of the invariant and the negated loop-condition. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \neg e &= x < (y + 1)^2 \\ e &= x \geq (y + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

is the loop-condition. In order to guarantee termination, we consider the loop condition. We see, that y have to increase over time. Also this is the closest condition which we can get, since we're operating on integer numbers.

Thus, a simple algorithm would be (although it isn't quite efficient):

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{ 2: x ≥ 0 }
y := 0;
{ Inv: 0 ≤ y2 ≤ x }
while x ≥ (y + 1)2 do
  y := y + 1;
od
{ 1: 0 ≤ y2 ≤ x < (y + 1)2 }
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