

159 Let  $n$  and  $r$  be natural variables in the refinement

$P \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } n=1 \mathbf{ then } r:=0 \mathbf{ else } n:=div\ n\ 2. P. r:=r+1 \mathbf{ fi}$

Suppose the operations  $div$  and  $+$  each take time 1 and all else is free (even the call is free). Insert appropriate time increments, and find an appropriate  $P$  to express the execution time in terms of

- (a) the initial values of the memory variables. Prove the refinement for your choice of  $P$ .
- (b) the final values of the memory variables. Prove the refinement for your choice of  $P$ .

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

(a) the initial values of the memory variables. Prove the refinement for your choice of  $P$ .

§ With time increments added, I must prove

$$P \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } n=1 \mathbf{ then } r:=0 \mathbf{ else } t:=t+1. \ n:=\text{div } n \ 2. \ P. \ t:=t+1. \ r:=r+1 \mathbf{ fi}$$

How should we choose  $P$ ? Execution of  $P$  proceeds as follows. If  $n$  is initially 0, then  $n$  is divided by 2, making it again 0, and we are in an infinite loop. If  $n$  is initially positive, then it is repeatedly divided by 2 (rounding down) until it becomes 1, then  $r$  is assigned 0, then  $r$  is incremented as many times as  $n$  was divided by 2. The number of times  $n$  is divided by 2 until it becomes 1 is the logarithm (base 2) of  $n$ . This may not be obvious, so I can easily code this procedure in any implemented programming language I like, and run it for a variety of initial values for  $n$  and  $r$  and for initial time 0, and see that the final value of  $t$  is  $2 \times \text{floor}(\log n)$ . So  $P$  can be

$$(n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty) \wedge (n>0 \Rightarrow t' = t + 2 \times \text{floor}(\log n))$$

But  $\text{floor}$  is an awkward function to work with, so I'll get rid of it by replacing the exact time with an upper bound. My choice of  $P$  is

$$(n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty) \wedge (n>0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n)$$

I prove it in parts (each conjunct separately), and I prove each part by cases.

First part, first case:

$$\begin{aligned} & (n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty) \Leftarrow n=1 \wedge (r:=0) && \text{portation} \\ = & n=0 \wedge n=1 \wedge (r:=0) \Rightarrow t'=\infty \\ = & \perp \wedge (r:=0) \Rightarrow t'=\infty \\ = & \perp \Rightarrow t'=\infty \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

First part, last case:

$$\begin{aligned} & (n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty) \Leftarrow n \neq 1 \wedge (t:=t+1. \ n:=\text{div } n \ 2. \ n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty. \ t:=t+1. \ r:=r+1) && \text{portation and expand final assignment} \\ = & n=0 \wedge n \neq 1 \wedge (t:=t+1. \ n:=\text{div } n \ 2. \ n=0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty. \ t:=t+1. \ r'=r+1 \wedge n'=n \wedge t'=t) && \text{simplify, and substitution law in two parts} \\ \Rightarrow & t'=\infty \\ = & n=0 \wedge (\text{div } n \ 2 = 0 \Rightarrow t'=\infty. \ r'=r+1 \wedge n'=n \wedge t'=t+1) && \text{eliminate sequential composition} \\ \Rightarrow & t'=\infty \\ = & n=0 \wedge (\exists r'', n'', t''. \ (\text{div } n \ 2 = 0 \Rightarrow t''=\infty) \wedge r'=r''+1 \wedge n'=n'' \wedge t'=t''+1) && \text{context: } n=0 \\ = & n=0 \wedge (\exists r'', n'', t''. \ t''=\infty \wedge r'=r''+1 \wedge n'=n'' \wedge t'=t''+1) \Rightarrow t'=\infty && \text{one-point} \\ = & n=0 \wedge t'=\infty+1 \Rightarrow t'=\infty && \text{absorption and specialization} \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

Last part, first case:

$$\begin{aligned} & (n>0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n) \Leftarrow n=1 \wedge (r:=0) && \text{portation and expand assignment} \\ = & n=1 \wedge r'=0 \wedge n'=n \wedge t'=t \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n && \text{context, and } \log 1 = 0 \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

Last part, last case:

$$\begin{aligned} & (n>0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n) \\ \Leftarrow & n \neq 1 \wedge (t:=t+1. \ n:=\text{div } n \ 2. \ n>0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n. \ t:=t+1. \ r:=r+1) && \text{portation and expand final assignment} \\ = & t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \\ \Leftarrow & n>1 \wedge (t:=t+1. \ n:=\text{div } n \ 2. \ n>0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n. \ t:=t+1. \ r'=r+1 \wedge n'=n \wedge t'=t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{substitution law in two parts} \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \\
\Leftarrow & \quad n > 1 \wedge (\text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 1 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)). \quad r' = r + 1 \wedge n' = n \wedge t' = t + 1 \\
& \text{eliminate sequential composition} \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \\
\Leftarrow & \quad n > 1 \wedge (\exists r'', n'', t''. \quad (\text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \Rightarrow t'' \leq t + 1 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)) \\
& \quad \wedge r' = r'' + 1 \wedge n' = n'' \wedge t' = t'' + 1) \quad \text{one-point for } n'' \text{ and } t'' \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \\
\Leftarrow & \quad n > 1 \wedge (\exists r''. \quad (\text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)) \wedge r' = r'' + 1) \\
& \text{in preparation for one-point, rewrite } r' = r'' + 1 \text{ and make } r'': \text{nat} \text{ an explicit conjunct} \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \\
\Leftarrow & \quad n > 1 \wedge (\exists r'': \text{nat}. \quad (\text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)) \wedge r'' = r' - 1 \wedge r'': \text{nat}) \\
& \text{now use one-point} \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge (\text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)) \wedge (r' - 1: \text{nat}) \\
& \text{simplify } \text{div } n \ 2 > 0 \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge (n > 1 \Rightarrow t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2)) \\
& \text{use the conjunct } n > 1 \text{ to discharge the antecedent } n > 1 \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2) \\
& \text{increase } \text{div } n \ 2 \text{ to } n/2 \\
& \text{this will increase } t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2) \\
& \text{this will weaken } t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2) \\
& \text{this will weaken } n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2) \\
& \text{this will strengthen } t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(\text{div } n \ 2) \\
& \text{so we need to put } \Leftarrow \text{ in the left margin} \\
\Leftarrow & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(n/2) \quad \text{drop } r' \geq 1 \\
& \text{this will weaken } n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(n/2) \\
& \text{this will strengthen } t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge r' \geq 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(n/2) \\
& \text{so again we need to put } \Leftarrow \text{ in the left margin} \\
\Leftarrow & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 + 2 \times \log(n/2) \quad \text{simplify} \\
= & \quad t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \Leftarrow n > 1 \wedge t' \leq t + 2 \times \log n \quad \text{specialization} \\
= & \quad \top
\end{aligned}$$

(b) the final values of the memory variables. Prove the refinement for your choice of  $P$ .

§ I prove

$$\begin{aligned}
t' = t + 2 \times r' & \Leftarrow \text{if } n = 1 \text{ then } r := 0 \\
& \text{else } t := t + 1. \ n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ t' = t + 2 \times r'. \ t := t + 1. \ r := r + 1 \text{ fi}
\end{aligned}$$

by cases. First case:

$$\begin{aligned}
& t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n = 1 \wedge (r := 0) \quad \text{expand assignment} \\
= & \quad t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n = 1 \wedge r' = 0 \wedge n' = n \wedge t' = t \\
= & \quad \top
\end{aligned}$$

Last case:

$$\begin{aligned}
& t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n \neq 1 \wedge (t := t + 1. \ n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ t' = t + 2 \times r'. \ t := t + 1. \ r := r + 1) \\
& \text{expand final assignment} \\
= & \quad t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n \neq 1 \wedge (t := t + 1. \ n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ t' = t + 2 \times r'. \ t := t + 1. \ r' = r + 1 \wedge n' = n \wedge t' = t) \\
& \text{substitution law in two parts} \\
= & \quad t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n \neq 1 \wedge (t' = t + 1 + 2 \times r'. \ r' = r + 1 \wedge n' = n \wedge t' = t + 1) \quad \text{one-point} \\
= & \quad t' = t + 2 \times r' \Leftarrow n \neq 1 \wedge t' = t + 2 + 2 \times (r' - 1) \quad \text{specialization} \\
= & \quad \top
\end{aligned}$$