

319 Let p and n be natural variables. Prove
 $p'=2^{20} \iff p:=1. n:=0. \mathbf{while} n\neq 20 \mathbf{do} p:=p\times 2. n:=n+1 \mathbf{od}$

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ I prove two refinements:

$$p'=2^{20} \Leftarrow p:=1. n:=0. p' = p \times 2^{20-n}$$

$$p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p:=p \times 2. n:=n+1. p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } ok \mathbf{\ fi}$$

First refinement, right side:

$$\begin{aligned} & p:=1. n:=0. p' = p \times 2^{20-n} && \text{substitution law twice} \\ = & p' = 1 \times 2^{20-0} && \text{arithmetic} \\ = & p' = 2^{20} \end{aligned}$$

Last refinement, right side:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p:=p \times 2. n:=n+1. p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } ok \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{substitution law twice} \\ = & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p' = p \times 2 \times 2^{20-(n+1)} \mathbf{\ else\ } ok \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{arithmetic} \\ = & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } ok \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{expand } ok \\ = & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } p'=p \wedge n'=n \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{arithmetic and context} \\ = & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \wedge n'=n \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{specialization, monotonicity} \\ \Rightarrow & \mathbf{if\ } n \neq 20 \mathbf{\ then\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ else\ } p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \mathbf{\ fi} && \text{case idempotent} \\ = & p' = p \times 2^{20-n} \end{aligned}$$