

404 Let  $n$  be a natural variable. You are given the refinement  
 $P \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0. P \mathbf{ else } ok \mathbf{ fi}$   
Using recursive construction, find  $P$ . You may ignore time.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

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$$\begin{aligned}
P_0 &= \top \\
P_1 &= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0. \top \mathbf{ else } ok \mathbf{ fi} && \text{definition of } . \text{ and } ok \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge \top \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{for } n'' \text{ use 1} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \top \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{one case} \\
&= n=0 \vee n'=n \\
P_2 &= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0. n=0 \vee n'=n \mathbf{ else } ok \mathbf{ fi} && \text{definition of } . \text{ and } ok \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge (n''=0 \vee n'=n'') \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{context} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge (\perp \vee n'=n'') \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{identity} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge n'=n'' \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{one-point} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0 \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{case analysis} \\
&= n=0 \wedge n'>0 \vee n>0 \wedge n'=n \\
P_3 &= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0. n=0 \wedge n'>0 \vee n>0 \wedge n'=n \mathbf{ else } ok \mathbf{ fi} && \text{definition of } . \text{ and } ok \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge (n''=0 \wedge n'>0 \vee n''>0 \wedge n'=n'') \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{context} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge (\perp \wedge n'>0 \vee \top \wedge n'=n'') \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{base, identity} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge (\perp \vee n'=n'') \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{identity} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } \exists n'' \cdot n''>0 \wedge n'=n'' \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} && \text{one-point} \\
&= \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0 \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi} \\
&= P_2
\end{aligned}$$

We have found solution  $P = \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } n'>0 \mathbf{ else } n'=n \mathbf{ fi}$