

207 Define a partial order \ll on pairs of integers as follows:

$$[a; b] \ll [c; d] = a < c \wedge b < d$$

Given $n: \text{nat}+1$ and $L: [n^*[\text{int}; \text{int}]]$ write a program to find the index of a minimal item in L . That is, find $j: \square L$ such that $\neg \exists i: L i \ll L j$. The execution time should be n .

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ Let $k: nat+1$ and $j: \square L$ be program variables. Let S and P be specifications, defined as

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \neg \exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j' \\ P &= \neg (\exists i: 0..k \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow S \end{aligned}$$

The refinements are

$$S \Leftarrow j:=0. k:=1. P$$

$$\begin{aligned} P \Leftarrow & \text{if } k \neq \#L \text{ then } ok \\ & \text{else if } L k 0 < L j 0 \wedge L k 1 < L j 1 \text{ then } j:=k \\ & \text{else } ok \text{ fi.} \\ & k:=k+1. P \text{ fi} \end{aligned}$$

Proof of the S refinement.

$$\begin{aligned} & j:=0. k:=1. P && \text{replace } P \text{ and then } S \\ = & j:=0. k:=1. \neg (\exists i: 0..k \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j') && \text{substitution law twice} \\ = & \neg (\exists i: 0..1 \cdot L i \ll L 0) \Rightarrow \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j') && \text{one element domain} \\ = & \neg (L 0 \ll L 0) \Rightarrow \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j') && \ll \text{ is irreflexive} \\ = & \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j') \\ = & S \end{aligned}$$

Proof of the P refinement by cases. First case:

$$\begin{aligned} & k \neq \#L \wedge ok \Rightarrow P && \text{replace } ok \text{ and } P \text{ and then } S \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge k'=k \wedge j'=j \Rightarrow (\neg (\exists i: 0..k \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j')) && \text{context} \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge k'=k \wedge j'=j \Rightarrow (\neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j') \Rightarrow \neg (\exists i: \square L \cdot L i \ll L j')) && \text{reflexive } \Rightarrow \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge k'=k \wedge j'=j \Rightarrow \top && \text{base } \Rightarrow \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

Middle case:

$$\begin{aligned} & k \neq \#L \wedge L k 0 < L j 0 \wedge L k 1 < L j 1 \wedge (j:=k. k:=k+1. P) \Rightarrow P && \text{definition of } \ll \text{ ; replace first } P \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge L k \ll L j \wedge (j:=k. k:=k+1. \neg (\exists i: 0..k \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow S) \Rightarrow P && \text{substitution law twice: } S \text{ does not have } j \text{ or } k \text{ in it.} \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge L k \ll L j \wedge (\neg (\exists i: 0..k+1 \cdot L i \ll L k) \Rightarrow S) \Rightarrow P \\ = & \text{UNFINISHED} \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

Last case:

$$\begin{aligned} & k \neq \#L \wedge \neg (L k 0 < L j 0 \wedge L k 1 < L j 1) \wedge (ok. k:=k+1. P) \Rightarrow P && ok \text{ is identity for } . \text{ ; definition of } \ll \text{ ; replace first } P \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge \neg (L k \ll L j) \wedge (k:=k+1. \neg (\exists i: 0..k \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow S) \Rightarrow P && \text{substitution law: } S \text{ does not have } k \text{ in it.} \\ = & k \neq \#L \wedge \neg (L k \ll L j) \wedge (\neg (\exists i: 0..k+1 \cdot L i \ll L j) \Rightarrow S) \Rightarrow P \\ = & \text{UNFINISHED} \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$