

321 Let  $W \Leftarrow \mathbf{while } b \mathbf{ do } P \mathbf{ od}$  be an alternate notation for  $W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } b \mathbf{ then } P. W \mathbf{ else } ok \mathbf{ fi}$  .  
Let  $R \Leftarrow \mathbf{do } P \mathbf{ until } b \mathbf{ od}$  be an alternate notation for  $R \Leftarrow P. \mathbf{if } b \mathbf{ then } ok \mathbf{ else } R \mathbf{ fi}$  .  
Now prove

$$\begin{aligned} & (R \Leftarrow \mathbf{do } P \mathbf{ until } b \mathbf{ od}) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{while } \neg b \mathbf{ do } P \mathbf{ od}) \\ \Leftarrow & (R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } b \mathbf{ then } ok \mathbf{ else } R \mathbf{ fi}) \end{aligned}$$

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ Starting with the bottom side,

$$(R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi}) \quad \text{idempotent law}$$

$$= (R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi})$$

In the leftmost conjunct, strengthen  $W$  by using the rightmost conjunct.  
This strengthens the antecedent of an implication, and so weakens the implication.

$$\Rightarrow (R \Leftarrow P. \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi}) \wedge (R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi})$$

In the rightmost conjunct strengthen  $R$  by using the middle conjunct.  
This strengthens the antecedent of an implication, and so weakens the implication.

$$\Rightarrow (R \Leftarrow P. \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi}) \wedge (R \Leftarrow P. W) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } P. W \mathbf{\ fi})$$

Drop the middle conjunct.

$$\Rightarrow (R \Leftarrow P. \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi}) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } P. W \mathbf{\ fi})$$

use case reversal in the second conjunct

$$= (R \Leftarrow P. \mathbf{if\ } b \mathbf{\ then\ } ok \mathbf{\ else\ } R \mathbf{\ fi}) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{if\ } \neg b \mathbf{\ then\ } P. W \mathbf{\ else\ } ok \mathbf{\ fi})$$

use alternative notations

$$= (R \Leftarrow \mathbf{do\ } P \mathbf{\ until\ } b \mathbf{\ od}) \wedge (W \Leftarrow \mathbf{while\ } \neg b \mathbf{\ do\ } P \mathbf{\ od})$$