

X6.1 You are given natural variable n and the equation

$P = \text{if } n \neq 1 \text{ then } n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ P \text{ else } ok \ \text{fi}$

where $\text{div } n \ 2$ is n divided by 2 and rounded down.

- (a) Find the first three specifications produced by recursive construction (no time variable).
- (b) What is the weakest specification P satisfying the equation? (No proof required.)

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \S \quad P_0 &= \top \\
 P_1 &= \mathbf{if} \ n \neq 1 \ \mathbf{then} \ n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ \top \ \mathbf{else} \ ok \ \mathbf{fi} && \text{substitution law, expand } ok \\
 &= \mathbf{if} \ n \neq 1 \ \mathbf{then} \ \top \ \mathbf{else} \ n' = n \ \mathbf{fi} && \text{one case} \\
 &= n = 1 \Rightarrow n' = n && \text{context} \\
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 P_2 &= \mathbf{if} \ n \neq 1 \ \mathbf{then} \ n := \text{div } n \ 2. \ n = 1 \Rightarrow n' = 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ ok \ \mathbf{fi} && \text{substitution law, expand } ok \\
 &= \mathbf{if} \ n \neq 1 \ \mathbf{then} \ \text{div } n \ 2 = 1 \Rightarrow n' = 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ n' = n \ \mathbf{fi} && \text{arithmetic, context} \\
 &= \mathbf{if} \ n \neq 1 \ \mathbf{then} \ n = 2 \vee n = 3 \Rightarrow n' = 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ n' = 1 \ \mathbf{fi} && \text{case analysis} \\
 &= (n \neq 1 \Rightarrow (n = 2 \vee n = 3 \Rightarrow n' = 1)) \wedge (n = 1 \Rightarrow n' = 1) && \text{portation and absorption} \\
 &= (n = 2 \vee n = 3 \Rightarrow n' = 1) \wedge (n = 1 \Rightarrow n' = 1) && \text{antidistributive} \\
 &= (n: 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow n' = 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\S \quad n \geq 1 \Rightarrow n' = 1$$