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More Data Types (lists, trees)

Handling Exceptions

Computer Arithmetic

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Function Calls

let $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$
requires Pre
writes \vec{w}
ensures $Post$
body $Body$

$$\begin{aligned} WP(f(t_1, \dots, t_n), Q) = & Pre[x_i \leftarrow t_i] \wedge \\ & \forall \vec{v}, (Post[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j, w_j@Old \leftarrow w_j] \rightarrow Q[w_j \leftarrow v_j]) \end{aligned}$$

Modular proof

When calling function f , only the contract of f is visible, not its body

Soundness Theorem for a Complete Program

Assuming that for each function defined as

let $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$
 requires Pre
 writes \vec{w}
 ensures $Post$
 body $Body$

we have

- ▶ variables assigned in $Body$ belong to \vec{w} ,
- ▶ $\models Pre \rightarrow WP(Body, Post)[w_i@Old \leftarrow w_i]$ holds,

then for any formula Q and any expression e ,
if $\Sigma, \pi \models WP(e, Q)$ then execution of Σ, π, e is *safe*

Remark: (mutually) recursive functions are allowed

Termination

- ▶ Loop *variant*
- ▶ *Variants* for (mutually) recursive function(s)

Home Work: McCarthy's 91 Function

$$f91(n) = \text{if } n \leq 100 \text{ then } f91(f91(n + 11)) \text{ else } n - 10$$

Find adequate specifications

```
let f91(n:int): int
  requires ?
  variant ?
  writes ?
  ensures ?
body
  if n <= 100 then f91(f91(n + 11)) else n - 10
```

Use canvas file [mccarthy.mlw](#)

Programs on Arrays

- ▶ applicative maps as a built-in theory
- ▶ array = record (length, pure map)
- ▶ handling of out-of-bounds index check

```
type array 'a = { length : int; elts : int -> 'a}

val get (ref a:array 'a) (i:int) : 'a
  requires 0 <= i < a.length
  ensures  result = select(a.elts,i)

val set (ref a:array 'a) (i:int) (v:'a) : unit
  requires 0 <= i < a.length
  writes    a
  ensures  a.length = a@0ld.length /\
            a.elts = store(a@0ld.elts,i,v)
```

- ▶ `a[i]` interpreted as a call to `get(a,i)`
- ▶ `a[i] <- v` interpreted as a call to `set(a,i,v)`

Home Work: Search Algorithms

```
var a: array int

let search(v:int): int
  requires 0 <= a.length
  ensures { ? }
= ?
```

1. Formalize postcondition: if v occurs in a , between 0 and $a.length - 1$, then $result$ is an index where v occurs, otherwise $result$ is set to -1

2. Implement and prove *linear search*:

$res \leftarrow -1$;

for each i from 0 to $a.length - 1$: if $a[i] = v$ then $res \leftarrow i$;

return res

See file [lin_search.mlw](#)

Home Work: Binary Search

```
low = 0; high = a.length - 1;  
while low ≤ high:  
    let m be the middle of low and high  
    if a[m] = v then return m  
    if a[m] < v then continue search between m and high  
    if a[m] > v then continue search between low and m
```

See file [bin_search.mlw](#)

Home Work: “for” loops

Syntax: `for $i = e_1$ to e_2 do e`

Typing:

- ▶ i visible only in e , and is immutable
- ▶ e_1 and e_2 must be of type `int`, e must be of type `unit`

Operational semantics:

(assuming e_1 and e_2 are values v_1 and v_2)

$$\frac{v_1 > v_2}{\Sigma, \pi, \text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, ()}$$

$$\frac{v_1 \leq v_2}{\Sigma, \pi, \text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, \begin{array}{l} (\text{let } i = v_1 \text{ in } e); \\ (\text{for } i = v_1 + 1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e) \end{array}}$$

Home Work: “for” loops

Propose a Hoare logic rule for the for loop:

$$\frac{\{?\}e\{?\}}{\{?\}\text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e\{?\}}$$

Propose a rule for computing the WP:

$$\text{WP}(\text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ invariant } I \text{ do } e, Q) = ?$$

Home Work: “for” loops

Notice: loop invariant I typically has i as a free variable

Informal vision of execution, stating when invariant is supposed to hold and for which value of i :

$\{I[i \leftarrow v1]\}$

$i \leftarrow v1$

$\{I\}$

e

$\{I[i \leftarrow i + 1]\}$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

$\{I\}$

e

\vdots

$\{I\}$

e

$\{I[i \leftarrow i + 1]\}$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

(* assuming now $i = v2$, last iteration *)

$\{I\}$ (* where $i = v2$ *)

e

$\{I[i \leftarrow i + 1]\}$ (* and still $i=v2$, hence *)

$\{I[i \leftarrow v2 + 1]\}$

Home Work: “for” loops

So we deduce the Hoare logic rule

$$\frac{\{I \wedge v_1 \leq i \leq v_2\} e \{I[i \leftarrow i + 1]\}}{\{I[i \leftarrow v_1] \wedge v_1 \leq v_2\} \text{for } i = v_1 \text{ to } v_2 \text{ do } e \{I[i \leftarrow v_2 + 1]\}}$$

Remark

Some rule should be stated for case $v_1 > v_2$, left as exercise

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Additional exercise: use a for loop in the linear search example

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(Why3) Logic Language (reminder)

- ▶ (First-order) logic, built-in arithmetic (integers and reals)
- ▶ *Definitions* à la ML
 - ▶ logic (i.e. pure) *functions, predicates*
 - ▶ structured types, pattern-matching (to be seen in this lecture)
- ▶ *type polymorphism* à la ML
- ▶ *higher-order logic as a built-in theory of functions*
- ▶ Axiomatizations
- ▶ Inductive predicates (not detailed here)

Important note

Logic functions and predicates are *always totally defined*

Introducing Ghost Code

Example: Euclidean division / just compute the remainder:

```
q <- 0; r <- x;  
while r >= y do  
  invariant { x = q * y + r }  
  r <- r - y; q <- q + 1
```

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```
    r <- x;  
while r >= y do  
    invariant { exists q.  $x = q * y + r$  }  
    r <- r - y;
```

(See Why3 file [euclidean_rem.mlw](#))

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Ghost code, ghost variables

- ▶ Cannot interfere with regular code (checked by typing)
- ▶ Visible only in annotations

See also [euclidean_rem_with_ghost.mlw](#)

Home Work: Bézout coefficients

- ▶ Extend the post-condition of Euclid's algorithm for GCD to express the Bézout property:

$$\exists a, b, \textit{result} = x * a + y * b$$

- ▶ Prove the program by adding appropriate ghost local variables

Use canvas file [exo_bezout.mlw](#)

More Ghosts: Programs turned into Logic Functions

If the program f is

- ▶ *Proved terminating*
- ▶ *Has no side effects*

let $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$
requires Pre
variant var, \prec
ensures $Post$
body $Body$

then there exists a logic function:

function $f \tau_1 \dots \tau_n : \tau$

lemma $f_{spec} : \forall x_1, \dots, x_n. Pre \rightarrow Post[result \leftarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$

and if $Body$ is a pure term then

lemma $f_{body} : \forall x_1, \dots, x_n. Pre \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = Body$

Offers an important alternative to axiomatic definitions

In Why3: done using keywords `let` `function`

Example: axiom-free specification of factorial

```
let function fact (n:int) : int
  requires { n >= 0 }
  variant { n }
= if n=0 then 1 else n * fact(n-1)
```

generates the logic context

```
function fact int : int

axiom f_body: forall n. n >= 0 ->
  fact n = if n=0 then 1 else n * fact(n-1)
```

Example of Factorial

Exercise: Find appropriate precondition, postcondition, loop invariant, and variant, for this program:

```
let fact_imp (x:int): int
  requires ?
  ensures ?
body
  let ref y = 0 in
  let ref res = 1 in
  while y < x do
    y <- y + 1;
    res <- res * y
  done;
  res
```

See file [fact.mlw](#)

More Ghosts: Lemma functions

- ▶ if a program function is *without side effects* and *terminating*:

let $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \text{unit}$

requires Pre

variant var, \prec

ensures $Post$

body $Body$

then it is a proof of

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n. Pre \rightarrow Post$$

- ▶ If f is recursive, it simulates a proof by induction

Example: sum of odds

```
function sum_of_odd_numbers int : int
  (** 'sum_of_odd_numbers n' denote the sum of
      odd numbers from '1' to '2n-1' *)

axiom sum_of_odd_numbers_base : sum_of_odd_numbers 0 = 0

axiom sum_of_odd_numbers_rec : forall n. n >= 1 ->
  sum_of_odd_numbers n = sum_of_odd_numbers (n-1) + 2*n-1

goal sum_of_odd_numbers_any:
  forall n. n >= 0 -> sum_of_odd_numbers n = n * n
```

See file [arith_lemma_function.mlw](#)

Example: sum of odds as lemma function

```
let rec lemma sum_of_odd_numbers_any (n:int)
  requires { n >= 0 }
  variant { n }
  ensures { sum_of_odd_numbers n = n * n }
= if n > 0 then sum_of_odd_numbers_any (n-1)
```

Home work

Prove the helper lemmas stated for the fast exponentiation algorithm

See [power_int_lemma_functions.mlw](#)

Home Work

Prove Fermat's little theorem for case $p = 3$:

$$\forall x, \exists y. x^3 - x = 3y$$

using a lemma function

See [little_fermat_3.mlw](#)

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- Sum types à la ML:

type t =

| C₁ τ_{1,1} ⋯ τ_{1,n₁}

| ⋮

| C_k τ_{k,1} ⋯ τ_{k,n_k}

Sum Types

- Sum types à la ML:

type $t =$

| $C_1 \tau_{1,1} \cdots \tau_{1,n_1}$

| \vdots

| $C_k \tau_{k,1} \cdots \tau_{k,n_k}$

- Pattern-matching with

match e with

| $C_1(p_1, \cdots, p_{n_1}) \rightarrow e_1$

| \vdots

| $C_k(p_1, \cdots, p_{n_k}) \rightarrow e_k$

end

Sum Types

- ▶ Sum types à la ML:

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type t =  
| C1 τ1,1 ⋯ τ1,n1  
| ⋮  
| Ck τk,1 ⋯ τk,nk
```

- ▶ Pattern-matching with

```
match e with  
| C1(p1, ⋯, pn1) → e1  
| ⋮  
| Ck(p1, ⋯, pnk) → ek  
end
```

- ▶ Extended pattern-matching, wildcard: `_`

Recursive Sum Types

- ▶ Sum types can be **recursive**.
- ▶ **Recursive definitions** of functions or predicates
 - ▶ Must terminate (only total functions in the logic)
 - ▶ In practice in Why3: recursive calls only allowed on **structurally smaller** arguments.

Sum Types: Example of Lists

```
type list 'a = Nil | Cons 'a (list 'a)

function append(l1:list 'a,l2:list 'a): list 'a =
  match l1 with
  | Nil -> l2
  | Cons(x,l) -> Cons(x, append(l,l2))
  end

function length(l:list 'a): int =
  match l with
  | Nil -> 0
  | Cons(_,r) -> 1 + length r
  end

function rev(l:list 'a): list 'a =
  match l with
  | Nil -> Nil
  | Cons(x,r) -> append(rev(r), Cons(x,Nil))
  end
```

Example: Efficient List Reversal

Exercise: fill the holes below.

```
val ref l: list int

let rev_append(r:list int)
  variant ? writes ? ensures ?
body
  match r with
  | Nil -> ()
  | Cons(x,r) -> l <- Cons(x,l); rev_append(r)
end

let reverse(r:list int)
  writes l ensures l = rev r
body ?
```

See [rev.mlw](#)

Binary Trees

```
type tree 'a = Leaf | Node (tree 'a) 'a (tree 'a)
```

Home work: specify, implement, and prove a procedure returning the maximum of a tree of integers.

(problem 2 of the FoVeOOS verification competition in 2011, <http://foveoos2011.cost-ic0701.org/verification-competition>, continued nowadays as the yearly VerifyThis competition, <https://www.pm.inf.ethz.ch/research/verifythis.html>)

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Exceptions

We extend the syntax of expressions with

$$\begin{array}{l} e ::= \text{raise } \textit{exn} \\ \quad | \text{ try } e \text{ with } \textit{exn} \rightarrow e \end{array}$$

with *exn* a set of exception identifiers, declared as

exception *exn* <type>

Remark: <type> can be omitted if it is unit

Example: linear search revisited in [lin_search_exc.mlw](#)

Operational Semantics

- ▶ Values (i.e. expressions that do not reduce): now either constants v or $\text{raise } \text{exn}$
- ▶ Context rules
Assuming that sub-expressions are introduced with “let”,
e.g. $e_1 + e_2$ written as

$$\text{let } v_1 = e_1 \text{ in let } v_2 = e_2 \text{ in } v_1 + v_2$$

then context rules are essentially given by the propagation of thrown exceptions inside “let”:

$$\Sigma, \pi, (\text{let } x = \text{raise } \text{exn} \text{ in } e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, \text{raise } \text{exn}$$

Operational Semantics: main rules

- Reduction of try-with:

$$\frac{\Sigma, \pi, e \rightsquigarrow \Sigma', \pi', e'}{\Sigma, \pi, (\text{try } e \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e'') \rightsquigarrow \Sigma', \pi', (\text{try } e' \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e'')}$$

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- Normal execution:

$$\Sigma, \pi, (\text{try } v \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e') \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, v$$

- Exception handling:

$$\Sigma, \pi, (\text{try raise } \text{exn} \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, e$$

$$\frac{\text{exn} \neq \text{exn}'}{\Sigma, \pi, (\text{try raise } \text{exn} \text{ with } \text{exn}' \rightarrow e) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma, \pi, \text{raise } \text{exn}'}$$

WP Rules

Function WP modified to allow **exceptional post-conditions** too:

$$\text{WP}(e, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

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Extension of WP for simple expressions:

$$\text{WP}(x \leftarrow t, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = Q[\text{result} \leftarrow (), x \leftarrow t]$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{assert } R, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = R \wedge Q$$

WP Rules

Extension of WP for composite expressions:

$$\text{WP}(\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = \\ \text{WP}(e_1, \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)[\text{result} \leftarrow x], \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

$$\text{WP}(\text{if } t \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = \\ \text{if } t \text{ then } \text{WP}(e_1, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \\ \text{else } \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

$$\text{WP}\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{while } c \text{ invariant } I \\ \text{do } e \end{array}, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i\right) = I \wedge \forall \vec{v}, \\ (I \rightarrow \text{if } c \text{ then } \text{WP}(e, I, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \text{ else } Q)[w_i \leftarrow v_i]$$

where w_1, \dots, w_k is the set of assigned variables in e and v_1, \dots, v_k are fresh logic variables.

WP Rules

Exercise: propose rules for

$$\text{WP}(\text{raise } \textit{exn}, Q, \textit{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

and

$$\text{WP}(\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } \textit{exn} \rightarrow e_2, Q, \textit{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i)$$

WP Rules

$$\text{WP}(\text{raise } \text{exn}_k, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) = R_k$$

$$\text{WP}((\text{try } e_1 \text{ with } \text{exn} \rightarrow e_2), Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) =$$

$$\text{WP} \left(e_1, Q, \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{exn} \rightarrow \text{WP}(e_2, Q, \text{exn}_i \rightarrow R_i) \\ \text{exn}_i \setminus \text{exn} \rightarrow R_i \end{array} \right. \right)$$

Functions Throwing Exceptions

Generalized contract:

```
val  $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$   
  requires  $Pre$   
  writes  $\vec{w}$   
  ensures  $Post$   
  raises  $E_1 \rightarrow Post_1$   
   $\vdots$   
  raises  $E_n \rightarrow Post_n$ 
```

Extended WP rule for function call:

$$\begin{aligned} WP(f(t_1, \dots, t_n), Q, E_k \rightarrow R_k) = & Pre[x_i \leftarrow t_i] \wedge \forall \vec{v}, \\ & (Post[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j] \rightarrow Q[w_j \leftarrow v_j]) \wedge \\ & \bigwedge_k (Post_k[x_i \leftarrow t_i, w_j \leftarrow v_j] \rightarrow R_k[w_j \leftarrow v_j]) \end{aligned}$$

Verification Conditions for programs

For each function defined with generalized contract

```
let  $f(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau$   
  requires  $Pre$   
  writes  $\vec{w}$   
  ensures  $Post$   
  raises  $E_1 \rightarrow Post_1$   
   $\vdots$   
  raises  $E_n \rightarrow Post_n$   
  body  $Body$ 
```

we have to check

- ▶ Variables assigned in $Body$ belong to \vec{w}
- ▶ $Pre \rightarrow WP(Body, Post, E_k \rightarrow Post_k)[w_i@Old \leftarrow w_i]$ holds

Example: “Defensive” variant of ISQRT

```
exception NotSquare

let isqrt(x:int): int
  ensures result >= 0 /\ sqr(result) = x
  raises NotSquare -> forall n:int. sqr(n) <> x
body
  if x < 0 then raise NotSquare;
  let ref res = 0 in
  let ref sum = 1 in
  while sum <= x do
    res <- res + 1; sum <- sum + 2 * res + 1
  done;
  if sqr(res) <> x then raise NotSquare;
  res
```

See Why3 version in [isqrt_exc.mlw](#)

Home Work

- Implement and prove binary search using also a immediate exit:

low = 0; *high* = *a.length* - 1;

while *low* ≤ *high*:

 let *m* be the middle of *low* and *high*

 if *a*[*m*] = *v* then return *m*

 if *a*[*m*] < *v* then continue search between *m* and *high*

 if *a*[*m*] > *v* then continue search between *low* and *m*

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 - ▶ *rounding errors*
 - ▶ $\underbrace{0.1 + 0.1 + \dots + 0.1}_{10\text{ times}} = 1.0 \rightarrow \text{false}$
(because $0.1 \rightarrow 0.100000001490116119384765625$ in 32-bit)

See also [arith.c](#)

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Internal clock ticks every 0.1 second.

Time is tracked by fixed-point arith.: $0.1 \simeq 209715 \cdot 2^{-24}$.

Cumulated skew after 24h: -0.08s , distance: 160m.

System was supposed to be rebooted periodically.

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Bug in binary/decimal conversion.

Failing inputs: 12 FP numbers.

Probability to uncover them by random testing: 10^{-18} .

Integer overflow: example of Binary Search

- ▶ Google “Read All About It: Nearly All Binary Searches and Mergesorts are Broken”

```
let ref l = 0 in
let ref u = a.length - 1 in
while l <= u do
  let m = (l + u) / 2 in
  ...
```

$l + u$ may overflow with large arrays!

Goal

prove that a program is safe with respect to overflows

Target Type: int32

- ▶ 32-bit signed integers in two-complement representation: integers between -2^{31} and $2^{31} - 1$.
- ▶ If the **mathematical** result of an operation fits in that range, that is the **computed** result.
- ▶ Otherwise, an **overflow** occurs.
Behavior depends on language and environment:
modulo arith, saturated arith, abrupt termination, etc.

A program is **safe** if no overflow occurs.

Safety Checking

Idea: replace all arithmetic operations by abstract functions with preconditions. $x + y$ becomes `int32_add(x, y)`.

```
val int32_add(x: int, y: int): int
  requires  $-2^{31} \leq x + y < 2^{31}$ 
  ensures result =  $x + y$ 
```

Unsatisfactory: range constraints of integer must be added explicitly everywhere

Safety Checking, Second Attempt

Idea:

- ▶ replace type *int* with an abstract type *int32*
- ▶ introduce a *projection* from *int32* to *int*
- ▶ axiom about the *range* of projections of *int32* elements
- ▶ replace all operations by abstract functions with preconditions

```
type int32
```

```
function to_int(x: int32): int
```

```
axiom bounded_int32:
```

```
  forall x: int32.  $-2^{31} \leq \text{to\_int}(x) < 2^{31}$ 
```

```
val int32_add(x: int32, y: int32): int32
```

```
  requires  $-2^{31} \leq \text{to\_int}(x) + \text{to\_int}(y) < 2^{31}$ 
```

```
  ensures  $\text{to\_int}(\text{result}) = \text{to\_int}(x) + \text{to\_int}(y)$ 
```


Binary Search with overflow checking

See [bin_search_int32.mlw](#)

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Application

Used for translating mainstream programming language into Why3:

- ▶ From C to Why3: Frama-C, Jessie plug-in
See [bin_search.c](#)
- ▶ From Java to Why3: Krakatoa
- ▶ From Ada to Why3: Spark2014
- ▶ From Rust to Why3: Creusot

Floating-Point Arithmetic

- ▶ Limited range \Rightarrow **exceptional** behaviors.
- ▶ Limited **precision** \Rightarrow **inaccurate** results.

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- ▶ if $0 < e' < 2^{w_e} - 1$, the real $(-1)^s \cdot \overline{1.m'} \cdot 2^{e'-bias}$, **normal**
- ▶ if $e' = 0$,
 - ▶ ± 0 if $m' = 0$, **zeros**
 - ▶ the real $(-1)^s \cdot \overline{0.m'} \cdot 2^{-bias+1}$ otherwise, **subnormal**
- ▶ if $e' = 2^{w_e} - 1$,
 - ▶ $(-1)^s \cdot \infty$ if $m' = 0$, **infinity**
 - ▶ *Not-a-Number* otherwise. **NaN**

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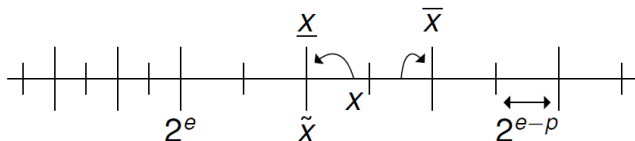
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{1} & \boxed{11000110} & \boxed{10010011110000111000000} \\ s & e & f \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ (-1)^s & \times 2^{e-B} & \times 1.f \\ (-1)^1 & \times 2^{198-127} & \times 1.10010011110000111000000_2 \\ & & -2^{54} \times 206727 \approx -3.7 \times 10^{21} \end{array}$$

Semantics for the Finite Case

IEEE-754 standard

A floating-point operator shall behave as if it was first computing the **infinitely-precise** value and then **rounding** it so that it fits in the destination floating-point format.

Rounding of a **real** number x :



Overflows are **not** considered when defining rounding: exponents are supposed to have **no upper bound**!

Specifications, main ideas

Same as with integers, we specify FP operations so that no overflow occurs.

```
constant max : real = 0x1.FFFFFEp127
predicate in_float32 (x:real) = abs x <= max
type float32
function to_real(x: float32): real
axiom float32_range: forall x: float32. in_float32 (to_real x)

function round32(x: real): real
(* ... axioms about round32 ... *)

function float32_add(x: float32, y: float32): float32
  requires in_float32(round32(to_real x + to_real y))
  ensures to_real result = round32 (to_real x + to_real y)
```


Specifications in practice

- ▶ Several possible rounding modes
- ▶ many axioms for `round32`, but incomplete anyway
- ▶ Specialized prover: Gappa <http://gappa.gforge.inria.fr/>

Demo: [clock_drift.c](#)

Deductive verification nowadays

More native support in SMT solvers:

- ▶ *bitvectors* supported by CVC4, Z3, others
- ▶ *theory of floats* supported by Z3, CVC4, MathSAT

Using such a support for deductive program verification remains an open research topic

- ▶ Issues when bitvectors/floats are mixed with other features: conversions, arrays, quantification

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That's all for today, Merry Christmas !



- ▶ Next lecture on January 14th
- ▶ Several home work exercises to do
- ▶ Project text available on the web page, to be returned before February 8th, 2024