

# Separation Logic 2/4

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part 2/4: some initial material from Arthur Charguéraud

## Frame rule examples

## Length of a mutable list, recursively

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We prove this specification by induction on  $L$ .

## Verification of mlength: nil case

**Case**  $L = \mathbf{nil}$ . Then  $p = \mathbf{null}$ . Goal is:

$$\{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList nil}\} (0) \{\lambda n. \ulcorner n = \text{length nil} \urcorner * p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList nil}\}$$

Same as:

$$\{\ulcorner p = \mathbf{null} \urcorner\} (0) \{\lambda n. \ulcorner n = 0 \urcorner * \ulcorner p = \mathbf{null} \urcorner\}$$

(true by definition of triples, because  $p = \mathbf{null} \Rightarrow 0 = 0 \wedge p = \mathbf{null}$ .)

# Verification of mlength: using the frame rule

I.H.:  $\forall Lp. \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L\} (\text{mlength } p) \{\lambda n. \ulcorner n = \text{length } L \urcorner * p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L\}$

Assume  $p \neq \text{null}$ . So  $L = x :: L'$  for some  $x, L'$ .

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## Exercise!

# Instantiation of the frame rule

Induction hypothesis:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\} \\ & (\text{mlength } p') \\ & \{\lambda n'. \ulcorner n' = \text{length } L' \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\} \end{aligned}$$

By the frame rule:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' * p \mapsto (x, p')\} \\ & (\text{mlength } p') \\ & \{\lambda n. \ulcorner n = \text{length } L' \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' * p \mapsto (x, p')\} \end{aligned}$$

# Verification of mlength: rocq

Rocq: `mlength_spec` – use of frame.

# Verification of in-place increment

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$\{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList}(x :: L')\}$

$\{p \mapsto (x, p') * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\}$

`p.hd <- p.hd + 1;`

$\{p \mapsto (x + 1, p') * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\}$

`list_incr p.tl`

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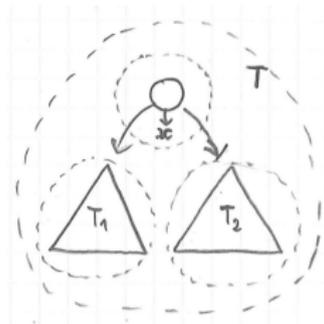
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## Verification of list\_incr: rocq

Rocq: `list_incr_spec` – guess state of proof after applying IH

# Specification of tree copy

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let rec copy (p:node) : node =  
  if p == null then null else  
  let p1' = copy p.left in  
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  { item = p.item;  
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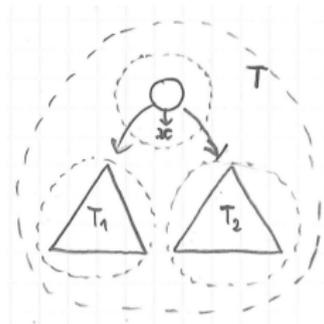


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$$\forall pT. \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T\} (\text{copy } p) \{\lambda p'. p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T\}$$

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## Verification of tree copy: frame rule

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| $p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T$  | by pre-condition        |
| $\underline{p \mapsto (x, p_1, p_2)} * p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1 * p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$   | by unfolding            |
| $p \mapsto \underline{(x, p_1, p_2)} * \underline{p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1} * p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$<br>$* \underline{p'_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1}$                                    | <u>frame</u> +induction |
| $p \mapsto (x, p_1, p_2) * p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1 * p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$<br>$* p'_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1 * p'_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$                              | <u>frame</u> +induction |
| $p \mapsto (x, p_1, p_2) * p_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1 * p_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$<br>$* p' \mapsto (x, p'_1, p'_2) * p'_1 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_1 * p'_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T_2$ | by allocation           |
| $p \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T$<br>$* p' \rightsquigarrow \text{Mtree } T$   | by folding              |

## Small footprint specifications

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From small to large footprint using frame:

$$\frac{\{p \mapsto w\} (p.\text{hd} \leftarrow v) \{\lambda_. p \mapsto v\}}{\{p \mapsto w * p + 1 \mapsto q\} (p.\text{hd} \leftarrow v) \{\lambda_. p \mapsto v * p + 1 \mapsto q\}} \text{FRAME}$$

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where  $p.\text{length} \mapsto n$  and  $p[i] \mapsto v$  are abstract definitions for the user. Memory safety/GC assume we respect abstraction barrier.

# Small footprint specifications for C arrays

Small footprint specification for C array is the same as for any pointer, since  $p[i]$  is just  $*(p + i)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \{p \mapsto -\} (*p = v) \quad \{\lambda_. p \mapsto v\} \\ \{p \mapsto v\} (*p) \quad \quad \{\lambda x. \ulcorner x = v \urcorner * p \mapsto v\} \end{array}$$

large footprint specifications e.g. for array read/write are derivable

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Derive large from small using frame and:

$$p \rightsquigarrow \text{Array } L = p[i] \mapsto L[i] * p.\text{length} \mapsto |L| \\ * \text{*}_{j=0, j \neq i}^{|L|-1} p[j] \mapsto L[j]$$

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When running programs proved in separation logic, one can disable those dynamic checks `ocamlOPT -unsafe` and get faster code.

(Same story with `null`.)

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Definition:

$$H_1 \triangleright H_2 \quad \equiv \quad \forall m. H_1 m \Rightarrow H_2 m$$

For example:

$$(r \mapsto 6) \triangleright \exists n. (r \mapsto n) * \text{'even } n\text{'}$$

Thanks to ( $\triangleright$ ), we never need to manipulate heaps explicitly.

Some rules:

$$\frac{}{H \triangleright H} \triangleright\text{-REFL} \qquad \frac{H_1 \triangleright H_2 \quad H_2 \triangleright H_3}{H_1 \triangleright H_3} \triangleright\text{-TRANS}$$

# Frame property for heap entailment

$$\frac{H_1 \triangleright H'_1}{H_1 * H_2 \triangleright H'_1 * H_2} \text{ENTAIL-FRAME}$$

For example, to prove:

$$(r \mapsto 2) * (s \mapsto 3) \triangleright (r \mapsto 2) * (t \mapsto n)$$

it suffices to prove:

$$(s \mapsto 3) \triangleright (t \mapsto n).$$

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(4 helps ensure absence of memory leaks in some cases)

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Example:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{(r \mapsto 6) \triangleright (r \mapsto 6)} \text{ REFL} \quad \frac{\overline{\text{even } 6}}{\text{MATH}}}{(r \mapsto 6) \triangleright (r \mapsto 6) * \ulcorner \text{even } 6 \urcorner} \text{ PROP-R}}{(r \mapsto 6) \triangleright ((r \mapsto n) * \ulcorner \text{even } n \urcorner) [6/n]} \text{ SUBST}}{(r \mapsto 6) \triangleright \exists n. (r \mapsto n) * \ulcorner \text{even } n \urcorner} \text{ EXISTS-R}$$

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# Proving heap entailment relations

Systematic approach to dealing with heap entailment:

- 1 extract from left hand side,
- 2 instantiate in right hand side,
- 3 cancel equal predicates on both sides.

Example:

$$\frac{}{a : \text{int}, a > 5 \vdash (r \mapsto 3) * (s \mapsto a) \triangleright (r \mapsto 3) * (s \mapsto a)}$$
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## Structural rules

## Frame rule

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Reformulation:

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Note that  $H$  and  $H'$  must cover the same set of memory cells, that is, no garbage collection is allowed here. Similarly for  $Q$  and  $Q'$ .

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Can the following rule be used by choosing  $H' = \exists s. s \mapsto r$ ?

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In  $\exists H'. H'$ , the choice of  $H'$  may depend on the return value  $x$ . For  $(\lambda r. r \mapsto x * \exists s. s \mapsto r)$ , we may instantiate  $H'$  as  $(\exists s. s \mapsto r)$ .

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Remark: why no rule introducing of  $\exists x.$  and  $\ulcorner P \urcorner$  in the postcondition?

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(4) Conclude using comm., assoc., extrusion, and EXISTS-R and PROP-R.

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Rocq: `mtree.v` – use of `exist/prop` rules

# Summary

Structural rules:

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$$\frac{\{H_1\} t \{Q_1\}}{\{H_1 * H_2\} t \{Q_1 * H_2\}} \text{ FRAME}$$

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Other structural rules are derivable.

Reasoning rules for terms — or break?

# Reasoning rule for sequences

Example:

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Solution 2:

$$\frac{\{H\} t_1 \{Q'\} \quad \{Q' ()\} t_2 \{Q\}}{\{H\} (t_1 ; t_2) \{Q\}} \text{SEQ}$$

Remark:  $Q' = \lambda_{\cdot}. H'$  is equivalent to  $Q' () = H'$ .

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## Bind rule

Logics often have **bind rule** in order to focus on an expression:

$$\frac{\{H\} e \{Q'\} \quad \forall v \{Q' v\} C[v] \{Q\} \quad C \text{ is an evaluation context}}{\{H\} C[e] \{Q\}} \text{ BIND}$$

it is like applying *let expansion*:

$$C[e] \approx \text{let } x = e \text{ in } C[x]$$

then applying the let rule.

A term that has been fully “let-expanded” is said to be in *A-normal form*

## Reasoning rule for values

Example:

$$\{\ulcorner \urcorner\} 3 \{\lambda x. \ulcorner x = 3 \urcorner\}$$

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$$\frac{}{\{\ulcorner \urcorner\} v \{\lambda x. \ulcorner x = v \urcorner\}} \text{VAL}$$

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When  $v$  is not a value, transformation to A-normal form:

$$(\text{if } t_0 \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2) \approx (\text{let } x = t_0 \text{ in } (\text{if } x \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2))$$

## Reasoning rule for functions

Rule:

$$\frac{v_1 = \lambda x. t \quad \{H\} t[v_2/x] \{Q\}}{\{H\} (v_1 v_2) \{Q\}} \text{FUN}$$

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Remark: in general we have  $\{H\} t' \{Q\} \Leftrightarrow \{H\} t \{Q\}$  for pure deterministic reductions, i.e. if  $t \rightarrow_{\text{pure}} t'$ , where

$$\frac{x \rightarrow y \quad \forall z (x \rightarrow z) \Rightarrow y = z}{x \rightarrow_{\text{det}} y} \qquad \frac{\forall m \langle t, m \rangle \rightarrow_{\text{det}} \langle t', m \rangle}{t \rightarrow_{\text{pure}} t'}$$

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```

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We conclude using the let-binding rule:  $Q' \equiv \lambda x. \ulcorner x = n \urcorner * (r \mapsto n)$ .

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$$\frac{v_1 = \mu f. \lambda x. t \quad \{H\} t[v_1/f][v_2/x] \{Q\}}{\{H\} (v_1 v_2) \{Q\}} \text{FIX}$$

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We prove this specification by induction on  $L$ .

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– Use PROP to get the tautology:

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**Case  $p = \text{null}$ .** Goal is:

$$p = \text{null} \Rightarrow \{p \rightsquigarrow \text{MList}(x :: L')\} \dots \{\dots\}$$

Derive a contradiction from  $\text{null} \rightsquigarrow \text{MList}(x :: L') \triangleright \text{'False'}$  and the consequence rule and PROP

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– Apply the let-binding rule, and the read rule. Remains:

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– Apply the frame rule to remove:  $p \mapsto (x, p')$ .

– Apply the let-binding rule with :  $Q \equiv \lambda n'. \ulcorner n' = |L'| \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'$ .

## Verification of mlength: cons case (2/2)

There remains to prove the two premises of the let-rule.

– First branch, exploit the induction hypothesis:

$$\{p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\} (\text{mlength } p') \{\lambda n'. \ulcorner n' = |L'| \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\}$$

– Second branch:

$$\{p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' * \ulcorner n' = |L'| \urcorner\} (1 + n') \{\lambda n. \ulcorner n = |L| \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'\}$$

– Apply the PROP rule and the VAL-FRAME rule.

$$n' = |L'| \quad \Rightarrow \quad p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L' \triangleright \ulcorner 1 + n' = |L| \urcorner * p' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'$$

– Cancel equal parts, conclude using  $|L| = |x :: L'| = 1 + |L'| = 1 + n'$ .

# Verification of mlength: rocq

Rocq: `mlength_spec` – rules for terms.

## Loops in Separation Logic

# Verification of a for-loop

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Loop invariant ( $I : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{Hprop}$ ) that applies for any  $i \in [2, n + 1]$ :

$$I i \quad \equiv \quad r \mapsto (i - 1)!$$

## Reasoning rule for for-loops

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General rule, also covering the case  $a > b$ :

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or just the special case

$$\frac{a > b}{\{P\} (\text{for } i = a \text{ to } b \text{ do } t) \{\lambda_. P\}}$$

# Reasoning rule for while loops using invariants

In general, need two invariants ( $I : \text{Hprop}$ ) and ( $J : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{Hprop}$ )

- $I$  after  $t_2$ , before  $t_1$
- $J$  specifying condition  $t_1$ 's result, before  $t_2$

$$\frac{\{I\} t_1 \{J\} \quad \{J \text{ true}\} t_2 \{\lambda_. I\}}{\{I\} (\text{while } t_1 \text{ do } t_2) \{\lambda_. J \text{ false}\}}$$

- for total correctness: parameterize the invariant with a measure.

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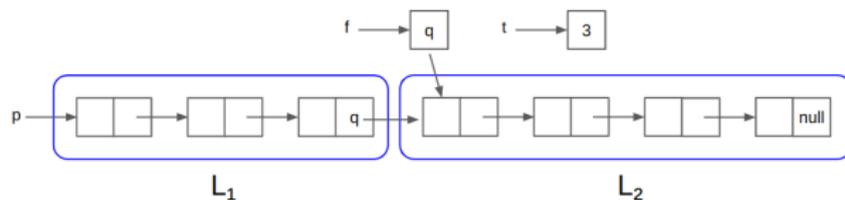
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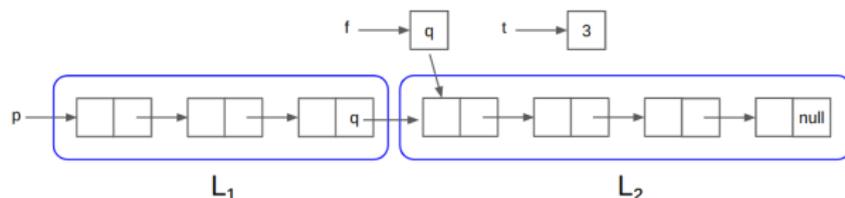
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# Length with a while loop



```
let mlength (p:'a cell) =  
  let t = ref 0 in  
  let f = ref p in  
  while !f != null do  
    incr t;  
    f := (!f).tl;  
  done;  
  !t
```

## Length with a while loop: induction



We discard  $L_1$  and prove by induction on  $L_2$  that for all  $n$  and  $q$ :

$$\{q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 * f \mapsto q * t \mapsto n\}$$

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(while !f != null do incr t; f := (!f).tl; done)
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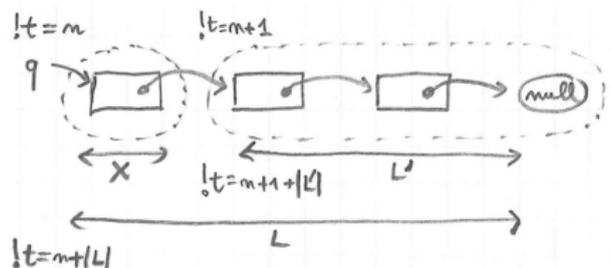
$$\{q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2 * f \mapsto \text{null} * t \mapsto (n + \text{length } L_2)\}$$

The loop unfolds to:

```
if !f != null
  then (incr t; f := (!f).tl; while .. do .. done)
  else ()
```

**Exercise:** give a proof sketch for the induction for `mlength`.

## Length with a while loop: use of frame




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|  |                           |                              |                        |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| $q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2$   | $* f \mapsto q$           | $* t \mapsto n$              | begin                  |
| $q \mapsto \{x; q'\} * q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$                   | $* f \mapsto q$           | $* t \mapsto n$              | unfold                 |
| $q \mapsto \{x; q'\} * q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$                   | $* f \mapsto q$           | $* t \mapsto n + 1$          | increment              |
| <u><math>q \mapsto \{x; q'\} * q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2</math></u> | $* f \mapsto q'$          | $* t \mapsto n + 1$          | follow head            |
| $q \mapsto \{x; q'\} * q' \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L'_2$                   | $* f \mapsto \text{null}$ | $* t \mapsto n + 1 +  L'_2 $ | <u>frame</u> +Ind.hyp. |
| $q \rightsquigarrow \text{MList } L_2$   | $* f \mapsto \text{null}$ | $* t \mapsto n +  L_2 $      | fold                   |

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## Basic higher-order functions

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This is equivalent to the form below, which involves nested triples:

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$$\begin{aligned} \forall n f I. \quad & (\forall i \in [0, n). \{I i\} (f ()) \{\lambda_. I (i + 1)\}) \\ \Rightarrow & \{I 0\} (\text{repeat } n f) \{\lambda_. I n\} \end{aligned}$$

The premise consists of a family of hypotheses describing the behavior of applications of  $f$  to particular arguments.

## Iteration over a pure (immutable) list



pure lists ('a list)  $\neq$  mutable lists ('a cell)  
They are allocated in memory but by design the language guarantees they behave like base values.



```
let rec iter (f : 'a -> unit) (l : 'a list) =  
  match l with  
  | [] -> ()  
  | x::t -> f x; iter f t
```

**Exercise:** specify `iter`, using an invariant  $I$ , of type  $\text{list } \alpha \rightarrow \text{Hprop}$ .

## Possible answers

Invariant on **past** elements:

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Invariant on **future** elements:

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**Exercise:** Give an example where ITER-PAST is insufficient

**Exercise:** Show ITER-FUTURE implies ITER-PAST

The end!