

Design and Selection of Programming Languages

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Exercise 11.1 — Correctness Proof for Gödel Numbering — 20% of Final 2004

Let int variables a, b, p , and i , and the following program fragment **P** in a Pascal-like programming language be given:

```
(a,i) := (p,0);  
while a > i do  
    i:=i+1;  
    a:=a-i  
od;  
b:=i-a;
```

Prove partial correctness of **P** with respect to the precondition $\{p \geq 0\}$ and the postcondition

$$p = \frac{(a+b)(a+b+1)}{2} + a \wedge a \geq 0 \wedge b \geq 0$$

documenting all intermediate steps, and showing also the implications used.

Hint: For producing this proof, you need no creativity at all, but a high degree of diligence.

Background: **P** decodes the natural number stored in p as a pair (a, b) of two natural numbers; this encoding is a simple kind of *Gödel numbering*.

Exercise 11.2 — Axiomatic Semantics: Partial Correctness Proof — 24% of Final, 2003

Consider the following program fragment in a language providing a Java-like printing statement, given an n -element Java-like array a :

```
(i, m) := (0, 0) ;  
while i ≠ n do  
    (i, m) := ( i + 1 , ( m * i + a[i] ) / ( i + 1 ) ) ;  
    println(i + " " + m)  
od
```

- What is the output of this program for $n = 5$ and a containing the sequence 4, 2, 9, 1, 4?
- What does this program do? (Short verbal description.)
- For this program **without the println** statement, **prove partial correctness** with respect to the **precondition** $\{n \geq 0\}$ and the **postcondition** $\{m \cdot n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a[j]\}$.

Important: *Justify* implications you use, and pay attention to **definedness of operations**!