# Is Peter Correct or Incorrect?

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In summary, there is a rich variety of problems for both experimental and theoretical work to bring the foundations of reasoning about program incorrectness onto a par with the extensively developed foundations for correctness.



# An A Parte on Singularities of Logics

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- 4. Calculate the proof system by fixpoint induction and Aczel correspondence between fixpoints and deductive systems

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# The Design of Hoare Incorrectness Logic (HL)

# I) Relational semantics

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- Syntax\*:
- States:  $\Sigma$ ends • Angelic relational semantics:  $[S]^{e^*} \in \wp(\Sigma \times \Sigma)$

#### $S \in S := x = A | skip | S; S | if (B) S else S | while (B) S$

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- theoretic fixpoints (forthcoming)

#### • Derived using Aczel correspondence between deductive systems and set-



#### (49)(51)

# II) Abstraction of the semantics to the theory

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### Exact abstractions

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• Graph isomorphism (a function is isomorphic to its graph, which is a functional relation):.../...  $\langle \wp(\Sigma) \to \wp(\Sigma), = \rangle \xrightarrow{\gamma_{G}} \langle \wp_{fun}(\wp(\Sigma) \times \wp(\Sigma)), = \rangle \quad f \in \wp(\Sigma) \to \wp(\Sigma)$ 

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 $\alpha_{\rm G}(f) = \{ \langle P, f(P) \rangle \mid P \in \wp(\Sigma) \}$  $\gamma_{\rm G}(R) \triangleq \lambda P \cdot (Q \text{ such that } \langle P, S \rangle \in R)$ 







### Negation abstraction: $X \in \wp(\mathcal{X}), \alpha^{\neg}(X) \triangleq \neg X \text{ (where } \neg X \triangleq \mathcal{X} \setminus X)$ $\langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \subseteq \rangle \xrightarrow[\alpha]{\alpha} \langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \supseteq \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \supseteq \rangle \xrightarrow[\alpha]{\alpha} \langle \wp(\mathcal{X}), \subseteq \rangle$

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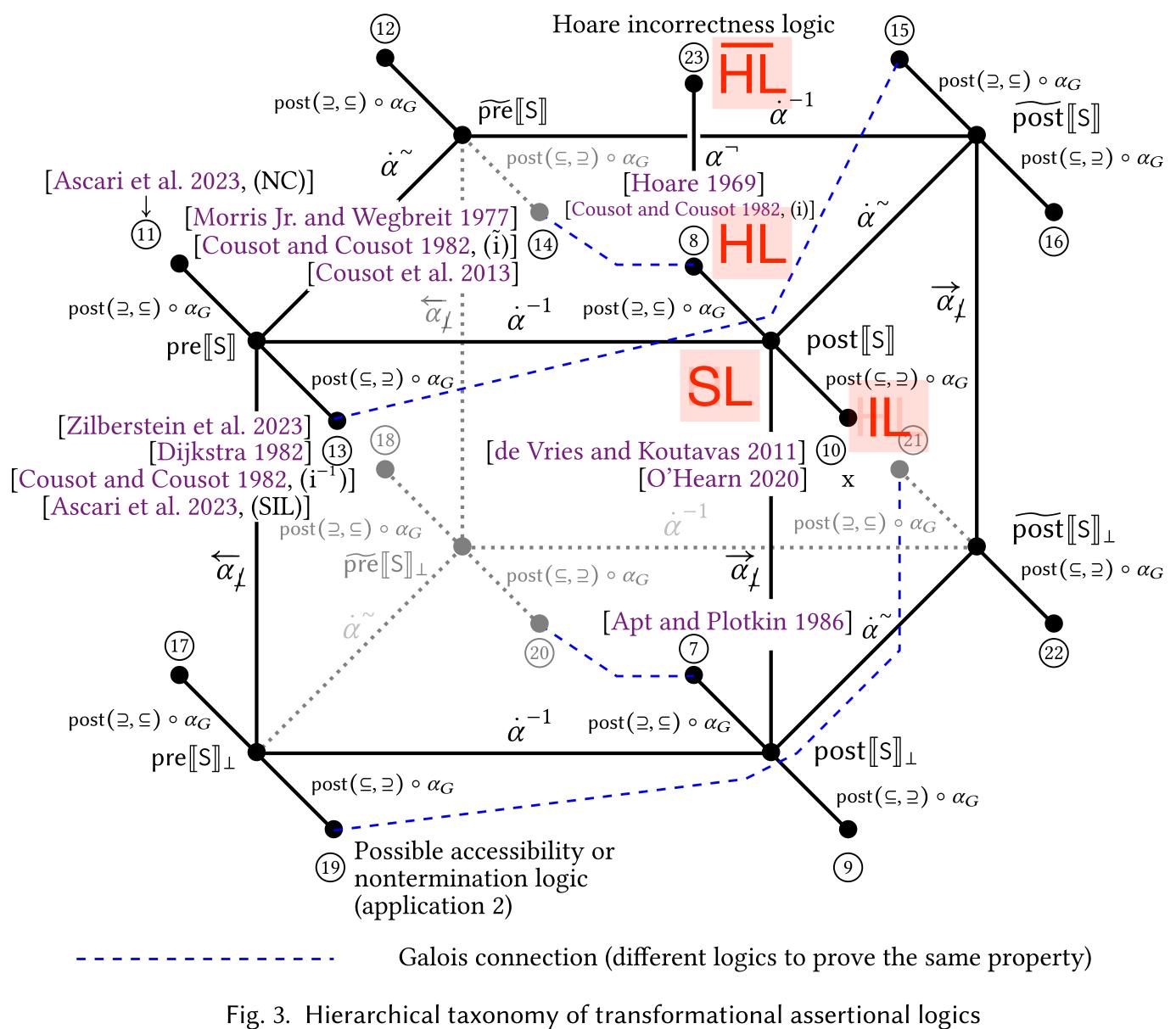
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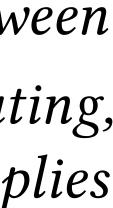
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## Fixpoint abstraction

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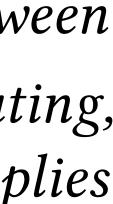
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- logic (SL)
- For the iteration W = while (B) S :

#### • We get a fixpoint definition of the theory of strongest postconditions

#### $\mathcal{T}(W) \triangleq \{ \langle P, \text{post}[\neg B]] ( \mathsf{lfp}^{\subseteq} \lambda X \cdot P \cup \mathsf{post}([B]] ; [S]^{e} X) \} | P \in \wp(\Sigma) \}$





#### **1 PROPERTIES OF STRONGEST POSTCONDITIONS**

LEMMA 1.1 (COMPOSITION).  $post(X \ \ Y) = post(Y) \circ post(X)$ . Proof of Lem. 1.1.  $post(X \ ; Y)$  $= \lambda P \cdot \{ \sigma'' \mid \exists \sigma \in P . \langle \sigma, \sigma'' \rangle \in X \, \mathring{} \, Y \}$ ?def. post∫  $= \lambda P \cdot \{ \sigma'' \mid \exists \sigma \in P . \exists \sigma' . \langle \sigma, \sigma' \rangle \in X \land \langle \sigma', \sigma'' \rangle \in Y \}$ رdef. پر  $= \lambda P \cdot \{ \sigma'' \mid \exists \sigma' \, . \, \sigma' \in \{ \sigma' \mid \exists \sigma \in P \, . \, \langle \sigma, \, \sigma' \rangle \in X \} \land \langle \sigma', \, \sigma'' \rangle \in Y \}$  $\partial \text{def.} \exists \text{ and } \in \mathcal{G}$  $= \lambda P \cdot \{ \sigma'' \mid \exists \sigma' \in \text{post}(X) P . \langle \sigma', \sigma'' \rangle \in Y \}$ {def. post∫ =  $\lambda P \cdot \text{post}(Y)(\text{post}(X)P)$ ?def. post∫  $= post(Y) \circ post(X)$  $\partial def.$  function composition  $\circ$ LEMMA 1.2 (TEST). post  $\llbracket B \rrbracket P = P \cap \mathcal{B} \llbracket B \rrbracket$ . Proof of Lem. 1.2. post[[B]]P  $= \{\sigma' \mid \exists \sigma \in P . \langle \sigma, \sigma' \rangle \in [\![B]\!] \}$ ?def. post∫  $= \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \in P \land \sigma \in \mathcal{B}[\![\mathsf{B}]\!] \}$  $\langle \text{def.} [\![B]\!] \triangleq \{ \langle \sigma, \sigma \rangle \mid \sigma \in \mathcal{B}[\![B]\!] \} \}$  $= P \cap \mathcal{B}[\![B]\!]$  $\partial def.$  intersection  $\cup \subseteq \Box$ LEMMA 1.3 (STRONGEST POSTCONDITION).  $\mathcal{T}(S) = \alpha_{G} \circ \text{post}[S] = \{ \langle P, \text{post}[S] P \rangle | P \in \wp(\Sigma) \}.$ Proof of Lem. 1.3.  $\mathcal{T}(S)$ =  $\alpha_{\rm G} \circ {\rm post} \circ \alpha_{\it L} \circ \alpha_{\it C}(\{[\![ {\tt S} ]\!]_{\perp}\})$  $\partial \det \mathcal{T}$ =  $\alpha_{\rm G} \circ {\rm post} \circ \alpha_{\it I}([[{\rm S}]]_{\perp})$  $\partial \det \alpha_C$  $= \alpha_{\rm G} \circ {\rm post}(\llbracket {\rm S} \rrbracket_{\perp} \cap (\Sigma \times \Sigma))$  $\langle \text{def. } \alpha_I \rangle$ =  $\alpha_{\rm G} \circ \rm{post}[S]$  $\partial def.$  (1) of the angelic semantics [S] $= \{ \langle P, \text{ post}[S] P \rangle \mid P \in \wp(\Sigma) \}$  $\langle \text{def. } \alpha_{\text{G}} \rangle \square$ LEMMA 1.4 (STRONGEST POSTCONDITION OVER APPROXIMATION).  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{HL}}(\mathsf{S}) \triangleq \mathrm{post}(\supseteq \subseteq) \circ \mathcal{T}(\mathsf{S}) = \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \mathrm{post}[\![\mathsf{S}]\!] P \subseteq Q \} = \mathrm{post}(=, \subseteq) \circ \mathcal{T}(\mathsf{S})$ Proof of Lem. 1.4.  $\mathsf{post}(\supseteq.\subseteq) \circ \mathcal{T}(\mathsf{S})$  $= \text{post}(\supseteq \subseteq)(\mathcal{T}(S))$  $\partial$  def. function composition  $\circ$  $= \text{post}(\supseteq \subseteq)(\{\langle P, \text{post}[S] P \rangle \mid P \in \wp(\Sigma)\})$ 2 Lem. 1.3 $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists \langle P, Q \rangle \in \{ \langle P, \text{post}[S]P \rangle \mid P \in \wp(\Sigma) \} . \langle \langle P, Q \rangle, \langle P', Q' \rangle \rangle \in \supseteq \subseteq \} \quad (\text{def. (10) of post}) \}$  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists P . \langle \langle P, \text{post}[S]P \rangle, \langle P', Q' \rangle \rangle \in \supseteq \subseteq \}$ 7 def. ∈ \$  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists P . \langle P, \text{ post}[S]P \rangle \supseteq \subseteq \langle P', Q' \rangle \}$ {def. ∈∫  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists P : P \supseteq P' \land \mathsf{post}[[S]] P \subseteq Q' \}$ (def. ⊇.⊆∫  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists P . P' \subseteq P \land \mathsf{post}[S] P \subseteq Q' \}$ {def. ⊇∫

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$$\langle (\subseteq) \text{ by Galois connection (12), post is increasing so that } P' \subseteq P \land \text{post}[[S]]P \subseteq Q' \text{ implies post}[[S]]P' \subseteq \text{post}[[S]]P \subseteq Q' \text{ hence post}[[S]]P' \subseteq Q' \text{ by transitivity; } (\supseteq) \text{ take } P = P' \rbrace$$

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LEMMA 1.5 (COMMUTATION). post  $\circ F'^e = \overline{F}^e \circ \text{post where } \overline{F}^e(X) \triangleq \text{id } \cup (\text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \mathring{} S \rrbracket^e) \circ X)$ and  $F'^e \triangleq \lambda X \cdot \mathrm{id} \cup (X \circ [B] \circ [S]^e), X \in \wp(\Sigma \times \Sigma)$  by (70).

PROOF OF LEM. 1.5.  

$$post(F'^{e}(X))$$
 (where  $X \in \wp(\Sigma)$ )  
 $= post(id \cup (X \circ [B] \circ [S]^{e}))$  (def.  $F^{e}$ )  
 $= post(id) \cup post(X \circ [B] \circ [S]^{e})$  (join preservation in Galois connection (12))  
 $= id \cup (post([B] \circ [S]^{e}) \circ post(X))$  (def. post and composition Lem. 1.1)  
 $= \bar{F}^{e}(post(X))$  (def.  $\bar{F}^{e}$ ) (def.  $\bar{F}^{e}$ )

LEMMA 1.6 (POINTWISE COMMUTATION).  $\forall X \in \wp(\Sigma) \to \wp(\Sigma) . \forall P \in \wp(\Sigma) . \bar{F}^e(X)P \triangleq \bar{F}^e_P(X(P))$ where  $\overline{F}_{P}^{e}(X) \triangleq P \cup \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \operatorname{g} \llbracket S \rrbracket^{e})X.$ Proof of Lem. 1.6.  $\overline{F}^{e}(X)P$  $= (\mathsf{id} \stackrel{\cdot}{\cup} (\mathsf{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \stackrel{\circ}{,} \llbracket S \rrbracket^e) \circ X))P$  $2 \operatorname{def.} \bar{F}^e$  $= \operatorname{id}(P) \cup (\operatorname{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \operatorname{g} \mathbb{S} \rrbracket^e) \circ X)(P)$ ? pointwise def.  $\dot{\cup}$  and function composition  $\circ$  $(\Pi - \Pi \circ \Pi \circ \Pi \circ I)$  $\partial def.$  identity id and function application  $\int$  $\langle \operatorname{def.} \bar{F}_P^e(X) \triangleq P \cup \operatorname{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \operatorname{s} \llbracket S \rrbracket^e) X \rangle \square$  $= F_P^e(X(P))$ 

$$= P \cup \text{post}(\llbracket B \rrbracket \, \mathring{g} \, \llbracket S \rrbracket^{e})(X(P))$$

 $\bar{F}_{P}^{e}(X) \triangleq P \cup \mathsf{post}(\llbracket \mathsf{B} \rrbracket \operatorname{s}^{e}]^{e})X.$ 

PROOF OF TH. 1.7.  
post[[W]]  
= post(lfp<sup>$$\subseteq$$</sup> F<sup>e</sup>  $\stackrel{\circ}{,}$  [[¬B]])  
= post[[¬B]]  $\circ$  post(lfp <sup>$\subseteq$</sup>  F<sup>e</sup>)  
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= post[[¬B]](lfp <sup>$\subseteq$</sup>  F<sup>e</sup>)

For simplicity, we consider conditional iteration W = while (B) S with no break.

THEOREM 1.7 (ITERATION STRONGEST POSTCONDITION). post  $[W]P = \text{post}[\neg B](\text{lfp} \in \overline{F}_{P}^{e})$  where

(def. (49) of [[₩]] in absence of break

2 composition Lem. 1.1

 $\lim_{t \to 0} F^e = \operatorname{lfp}^{\subseteq} F'^e \text{ in } (70)$ 

(commutation Lem. 1.5 and fixpoint abstraction Th. II.2.2)

= post $\llbracket \neg B \rrbracket \circ \lambda P \cdot Ifp^{\subseteq} \overline{F}_P^e$ 

 $\langle pointwise commutation Lem. 1.6 and pointwise abstraction Cor. II.2.2 \rangle \square$ 

Corollary 1.8 (Conditional iteration strongest postcondition graph).  $\mathcal{T}(W) = \{\langle P, \rangle \}$  $\operatorname{post}[\![\neg \mathsf{B}]\!](\operatorname{lfp}^{\subseteq} \bar{F}_{P}^{e})) \mid P \in \wp(\Sigma)\} \text{ where } \bar{F}_{P}^{e}(X) \triangleq P \cup \operatorname{post}([\![\mathsf{B}]\!] \, \operatorname{\mathfrak{g}}\, [\![\mathsf{S}]\!]^{e})X.$ 

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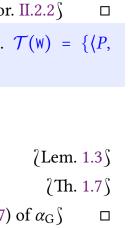
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$$(\text{def. (7)})$$



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IV) Design of the proof system

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- **BUT** impractical:
  - you first prove the strongest postcondition, and then
  - use the consequence rule to approximate!

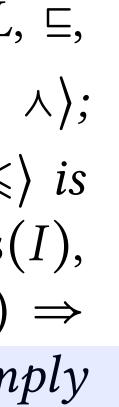


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## Fixpoint induction

#### **Fixpoint induction**

THEOREM H.3 (NON EMPTY INTERSECTION WITH ABSTRACTION OF LEAST FIXPOINT). Assume that (1)  $\langle L, \subseteq, \rangle$  $\bot$ ,  $\top$ ,  $\Box$ ,  $\sqcup$  is an atomic complete lattice; (2)  $f \in L \to L$  preserves nonempty joins  $\sqcup$ ; (3)  $\langle L, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} \langle \overline{L}, \preceq, \land \rangle$ ; (4)  $\overline{Q} \in \overline{L} \setminus \{0\}$  where  $0 \triangleq \alpha(\perp)$ ; (5) There exists an inductive invariant  $I \in L$  of f (i.e.  $f(I) \subseteq I$ ); (6)  $\langle W, \leqslant \rangle$  is a well-founded set and  $v \in atoms(I) \rightarrow W$  is a (variant) function; (7) There exists a sequence  $\langle a_i \in atoms(I), due here \rangle$  $i \in [1, \infty]$  that (7.a)  $a_1 \in f(\bot), (7.b) \forall i \in [1, \infty]$ .  $a_{i+1} \in \text{atoms}(f(a_i)), (7.c) \forall i \in [1, \infty]$ .  $(a_i \neq a_{i+1}) \Rightarrow$  $(v(a_i) > v(a_{i+1}), (7.d) \forall i \in [1, \infty] : (v(a_i) \neq v(a_{i+1}) \Rightarrow \alpha(a_i) \land \overline{Q} \neq 0; Then, hypotheses (1) to (7) imply$  $\alpha(\operatorname{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f) \land \overline{Q} \neq 0$ . Conversely (1) to (4) and  $\operatorname{lfp}^{\sqsubseteq} f \sqcap \gamma(\overline{Q}) \neq \bot imply$  (5) to (7).



## Calculational design of the proof system

### HL does not need a consequence rule

THEOREM 4.1 (EQUIVALENT DEFINITIONS OF HL THEORIES).

 $\mathcal{T}_{\overline{HL}}(S) \triangleq \text{post}(\subseteq, \supseteq) \circ \alpha^{\neg} \circ \mathcal{T}_{HL}(S) = \alpha^{\neg} \circ \mathcal{T}_{HL}(S)$ 

Observe that Th. 4.1 shows that  $post(\subseteq, \supseteq)$  can be dispensed with. This implies that the consequence rule is useless for Hoare incorrectness logic.

Proof of Th. 4.1.

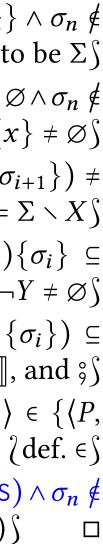
 $\langle \text{def. } \mathcal{T}_{\overline{\text{HL}}} \rangle$  $\mathcal{T}_{\overline{\mathrm{HL}}}(S) = \mathrm{post}(\subseteq, \supseteq) \circ \alpha^{\mathsf{T}} \circ \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{HL}}(S)$  $= \operatorname{post}((\subseteq, \supseteq)(\neg \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \operatorname{post}[S] P \subseteq Q \})$ ? Lem. 1.4 and def. (30) of  $\alpha \neg \beta$  $= \operatorname{post}(\subseteq, \supseteq)(\{\langle P, Q \rangle \mid \neg(\operatorname{post}[S] P \subseteq Q)\})$ ?def. º  $= \operatorname{post}(\subseteq, \supseteq)(\{\langle P, Q \rangle \mid \operatorname{post}[S] P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset\})$  $\partial \text{def.} \subseteq \text{and } \neg \mathcal{G}$  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists \langle P, Q \rangle \in \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \mathsf{post}[S]P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \} . \langle P, Q \rangle \subseteq \subseteq \langle P', Q' \rangle \}$ ?def. post∫  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists \langle P, Q \rangle : \text{post}[S]P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \land \langle P, Q \rangle \subseteq \subseteq \langle P', Q' \rangle \}$  $\partial \text{def.} \in \mathcal{G}$  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists \langle P, Q \rangle \text{ post} [S] P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \land P \subseteq P' \land Q \supseteq Q' \}$  (component wise def. of  $\subseteq, \supseteq S$ )  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \exists Q : \mathsf{post}[S] P' \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \land Q \supseteq Q' \}$  $(\subseteq)$  if  $P \subseteq P'$  then post  $[S] P \subseteq P'$  by (12) so that post  $[S] P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset$  implies post  $[S] P' \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset;$ (2) conversely, if  $\exists Q$  . post [S]P', then  $\exists P$  . post  $[S]P \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \land P \subseteq P'$  by choosing P = P'.  $= \{ \langle P', Q' \rangle \mid \mathsf{post}[S] P' \cap \neg Q' \neq \emptyset \}$  $(\subseteq)$  if  $Q \supseteq Q'$  then  $\neg Q' \supseteq \neg Q$  so post  $[S]P' \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset$  implies post  $[S]P' \cap \neg Q' \neq \emptyset$ ; conversely post  $[S]P' \cap \neg Q' \neq \emptyset$  implies  $\exists Q$ . post  $[S]P' \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset \land Q \supseteq Q'$  by choosing (⊇) Q = Q'.  $= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \neg (\mathsf{post}[S] P \subseteq Q) \}$  $\partial \text{def.} \subseteq \text{and } \neg \mathcal{G}$  $= \alpha^{\neg} \circ \mathcal{T}_{HL}(S)$ (def.  $\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{T}_{HL}$  for Hoare logic) 35

## Theory of HL

Theorem 4.2 (Theory of  $\overline{\text{HL}}$ ).

$$\mathcal{T}_{\overline{HL}}(\mathbb{W}) = \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \ge 1 . \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \land \\ \forall i \in [1, n[ . \langle \mathcal{B}[\![\mathsf{B}]\!] \cap \{\sigma_i\}, \neg\{\sigma_{i+1}\} \rangle \in \mathcal{T}_{\overline{HL}}(\mathsf{S}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[\![\mathsf{B}]\!] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \}$$

- $= \{ \langle P, Q \rangle \mid \exists n \ge 1 : \exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1, n] \rangle : \sigma_1 \in P \land \forall i \in [1, n[ : \{\sigma_{i+1}\} \subseteq \text{post}(\llbracketB]] \ \text{$\scilon} \llbracketB]] \ \text{$\scilon} \sigma_n \notin Q \}$   $\mathcal{B}\llbracketB \land \sigma_n \notin Q \}$  $\mathcal{I} \text{ is not used and can always be chosen to be } \Sigma \}$
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## Proof system of HL

THEOREM 4.3 (HL RULES FOR CONDITIONAL ITERATION).  $\frac{\exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in [1,n] \rangle . \sigma_1 \in P \land \forall i \in [1,n[. (B[B]] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land (\neg \{\sigma_{i+1}\}) \land \sigma_n \notin B[B]] \land \sigma_n \notin Q}{(P) \text{ while (B) } \land (Q)}$ 

PROOF OF (3). We write  $(P) S (Q) \triangleq \langle P, Q \rangle \in \overline{HL}(S);$ By structural induction (S being a strict component of while (B) S), the rule for (|P|) S (|Q|) have already been defined; By Aczel method, the (constant) fixpoint  $|fp \in \lambda X \cdot S|$  is defined by  $\{\frac{\emptyset}{c} \mid c \in S\}$ ; So for while (B) S we have an axiom  $\frac{\emptyset}{(P)}$  while (B) S(0) with side condition  $\exists \langle \sigma_i \in I, i \in I \rangle$  $[1,n] \rangle \ . \ \sigma_1 \in P \land \forall i \in [1,n[ \ . \ (\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land (\neg \{\sigma_{i+1}\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B]] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land (\neg \{\sigma_{i+1}\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B]] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land (\neg \{\sigma_i\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B]] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]] \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]) \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]) \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]) \cap \{\sigma_i\}) \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B] \land \sigma_n \notin Q \text{ where } (\mathcal{B}[B]) \cap \{\sigma_i\} \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[B] \cap \{\sigma_i\} \land \sigma_n \land \sigma_n \notin \mathcal{B}[A] \cap \sigma_n \land \sigma_$ 

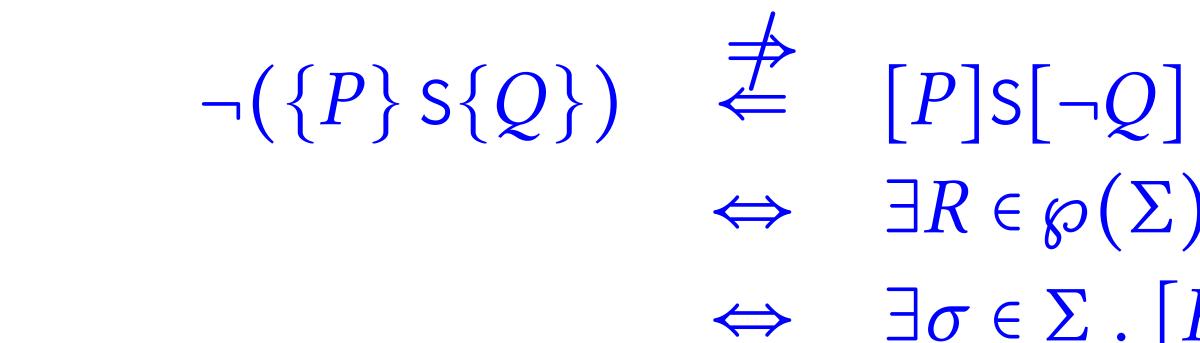
 $\{\sigma_i\}$  || S (|  $\neg$  { $\sigma_{i+1}$ } ||) is well-defined by structural induction;

Traditionally, the side condition is written as a premiss, to get (3).



#### About incorrectness

#### • IL is <u>not</u> Hoare incorrectness logic (sufficient, not necessary)



- $\Leftrightarrow \exists R \in \wp(\Sigma) . [P] S [R] \land R \cap \neg Q \neq \emptyset$  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \sigma \in \Sigma \ . \ [P] \ S[\{\sigma\}] \land \sigma \notin Q$

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