

# CS:5810

## Formal Methods in Software Engineering

### More Reasoning about Programs with Arrays in Dafny

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# Modifying arrays

When a method modifies values accessible through reference parameters (and stored in the heap), its specification must identify the relevant parts of the heap using *frames*

```
method SetEndpoints(a: array<int>, left: int, right: int)
  requires a.Length != 0
  modifies a
{
  a[0] := left;
  a[a.Length - 1] := right;
}
```

# Modifies clause

*If a method changes the elements of an array a given as a parameter, its specification must include **modifies a***

```
method Aliases(a: array<int>, b: array<int>)
  requires 100 <= a.Length
  modifies a
{
  a[0] := 10;
  var c := a;
  if b == a {
    b[10] := b[0] + 1; // ok since b == a
  }
  c[20] := a[14] + 2; //ok since c == a
}
```

# Old

The expression *old*(*E*) denotes the value of *E* on entry to the enclosing method.

**method** UpdateElements(a: array<int>)

**requires** a.Length == 10

**modifies** a

**ensures** old(a[4]) < a[4]

**ensures** a[6] <= old(a[6])

**ensures** a[8] == old(a[8])

{

a[4], a[8] := a[4] + 3, a[8] + 1;

a[7], a[8] := 516, a[8] - 1;

}

# Old

`old` affects only the heap dereferences in its argument

For example, in

```
method OldVsParameters(a: array<int>, i: int)
```

```
returns (y: int)
```

```
  requires 0 <= i < a.Length
```

```
  modifies a
```

```
  ensures old(a[i] + y) == 25
```

only `a[i]` is interpreted in the pre-state of the method

# New arrays

*A method is allowed to allocate a new array and change the elements of that array without mentioning this array in the **modifies** clause*

For example,

```
method NewArray() returns (a: array<int>)
  ensures a.Length == 20
{
  a := new int[20];
  var b := new int[30];
  a[6] := 216;
  b[7] := 343;
}
```

# Fresh arrays

```
method Caller() {  
  var a := NewArray();  
  a[8] := 512; // error: modification of a not allowed  
}
```

To fix error, strengthen specification of NewArray to

```
method NewArray() returns (a: array<int>)  
  ensures fresh(a) && a.Length == 20
```

# Reads clauses

*If a function accesses the elements of an input array  $a$ , its specification must include **reads**  $a$*

```
function IsZeroArray(a: array<int>, lo: int, hi: int): bool
  requires 0 <= lo <= hi <= a.Length
  reads a
  decreases hi - lo
{
  lo == hi || (a[lo] == 0 && IsZeroArray(a, lo + 1, hi))
}
```



# Initializing an array

```
method InitArray<T>(a: array<T>, d: T)
  modifies a
  ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < a.Length ==> a[i] == d
{
  var n := 0;
  while n != a.Length
    invariant 0 <= n <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == d
}
```

```
{ forall i :: 0 <= i < n + 1 ==> a[i] == d }
n := n + 1
{ forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == d }
```

# Initializing an array

**method** InitArray<T>(a: **array**<T>, d: T)

**modifies** a

**ensures forall**  $i :: 0 \leq i < a.Length \implies a[i] == d$

```
{  
  var n := 0;  
  while n != a.Length  
    invariant  $0 \leq n \leq a.Length$   
    invariant forall  $i :: 0 \leq i < n \implies a[i] == d$   
}
```

$\{ (\text{forall } i :: 0 \leq i < n \implies a[i] == d) \ \&\& \ a[n] == d \}$

$\{ \text{forall } i :: 0 \leq i < n + 1 \implies a[i] == d \}$

**n := n + 1**

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# Initializing an array

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{
  var n := 0;
  while n != a.Length
    invariant 0 <= n <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == d
    {
      a[n] := d;
      n := n + 1;
    }
}
```

# Initializing a matrix

method InitMatrix<T>(a: array2<T>, d: T)

modifies a

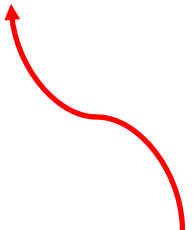
ensures forall i,j :: 0 <= i < a.Length0 &&

0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d

We will need two loops, one nested in the other.

# Initializing a matrix

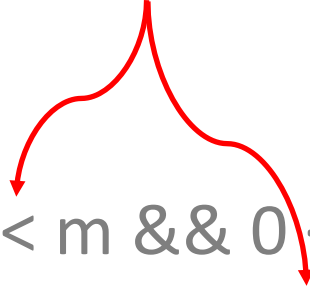
```
method InitMatrix<T>(a: array2<T>, d: T)
  modifies a
  ensures forall i,j :: 0 <= i < a.Length0 &&
                        0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d
{
  var m := 0;
  while m != a.Length0
    invariant 0 <= m <= a.Length0
    invariant forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m &&
                        0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d
}
```



Specification for outer loop (replaces a.Length0 by m)

# Initializing a matrix

These predicates form postcondition of inner loop.



```
{ (forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m && 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d) &&  
(forall j :: 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[m,j] == d)}
```

```
{ (forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m && 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d)  
&& (forall i,j :: i == m && 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d)}
```

```
{ forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m + 1 && 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d }
```

```
m := m + 1;
```

```
{ forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m && 0 <= j < a.Length1 ==> a[i,j] == d }
```

# The inner loop

```
{
  var n := 0;
  while n != a.Length1
    invariant 0 <= n <= a.Length1
    invariant forall i,j :: 0 <= i < m && 0 <= j < a.Length1
      ==> a[i,j] == d
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < n ==> a[m,j] == d
    {
      a[m,n] := d;
      n := n + 1;
    }
    m := m + 1;
}
```

Loop design technique 8.1

replacing a.Length1 by n

# Incrementing the values in an array

**method** IncrementArray(a: **array**<int>)

**modifies** a

**ensures forall** i :: 0 <= i < a.Length ==> a[i] == **old**(a[i]) + 1



# Incrementing the values in an array

method IncrementArray(a: array<int>)

modifies a

ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < a.Length ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1

{

var n := 0;

while n != a.Length

invariant 0 <= n <= a.Length

invariant forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1

{

a[n] := a[n] + 1;

n := n + 1;

} // error: second loop invariant not maintained

}

# Debugging the verification

$a[n] := a[n] + 1;$

$n := n + 1;$

$\text{assert forall } i :: 0 \leq i < n \implies a[i] == \text{old}(a[i]) + 1; // \text{error}$

# Debugging the verification

```
a[n] := a[n] + 1;
```

```
assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n + 1 ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1; // error
```

```
n := n + 1;
```

# Debugging the verification

```
a[n] := a[n] + 1;  
assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;  
assert a[n] == old(a[n]) + 1; // error  
assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n + 1 ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;  
n := n + 1;
```

# Debugging the verification

```
assert a[n] + 1 == old(a[n]) + 1; // error
a[n] := a[n] + 1;
assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;
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assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n + 1 ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;
n := n + 1;
```

# Debugging the verification

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assert a[n] + 1 == old(a[n]) + 1; // error
a[n] := a[n] + 1;
assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;
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assert forall i :: 0 <= i < n + 1 ==> a[i] == old(a[i]) + 1;
n := n + 1;
```

The verifier tells us that if we can assert the first condition then the verification succeeds.

Need to add invariant:

```
invariant forall i :: n <= i < a.Length ==> a[i] == old(a[i])
```

# Copying an array

**method** CopyArray(src: array, dst: array)

**requires** src.Length == dst.Length

**modifies** dst

**ensures forall** i ::

$0 \leq i < \text{src.Length} \implies \text{dst}[i] == \text{old}(\text{src}[i])$

{

**var** n := 0;

**while** n != src.Length

**invariant**  $0 \leq n \leq \text{src.Length}$

**invariant forall** i ::  $0 \leq i < n \implies \text{dst}[i] == \text{old}(\text{src}[i])$

**invariant forall** i ::

$0 \leq i < \text{src.Length} \implies \text{src}[i] == \text{old}(\text{src}[i])$

{ dst[n] := src[n]; n := n + 1; }

}

# Selection sort

method SelectionSort(a: array<int>)

modifies a

ensures forall i,j ::  $0 \leq i < j < a.Length \implies a[i] \leq a[j]$



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ensures multiset(a[..]) == old(multiset(a[..]))

A multiset is like a set but may contain duplicate elements.

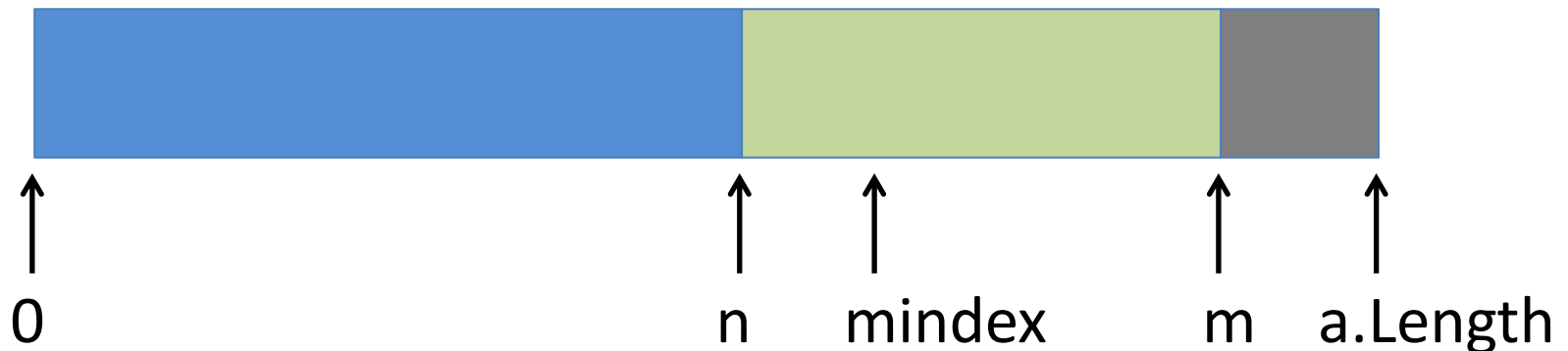
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# Implementation

replace constant  
a.Length in first  
postcondition with n

use second  
postcondition  
as invariant

```
{  
var n := 0;  
while n != a.Length  
  invariant 0 <= n <= a.Length  
  invariant forall i,j :: 0 <= i < j < n ==> a[i] <= a[j]  
  invariant multiset(a[..]) == old(multiset(a[..]))  
  ...  
}
```

# Inner loop

```
var minindex, m := n, n;  
while m != a.Length  
    invariant n <= m <= a.Length  
        && n <= minindex < a.Length  
    invariant forall i :: n <= i < m ==> a[minindex] <= a[i]  
{  
    if a[m] < a[minindex] { minindex := m; }  
    m := m + 1;  
}
```

# Inner loop

```
var minindex, m := n, n + 1;
while m != a.Length
    invariant n <= minindex < m <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: n <= i < m ==> a[minindex] <= a[i]
{
    if a[m] < a[minindex] { minindex := m; }
    m := m + 1;
}
```

# Outer loop

```
{  
  var minindex, m := n, n + 1;  
  while m != a.Length  
    invariant n <= minindex < m <= a.Length  
    invariant forall i :: n <= i < m ==> a[minindex] <= a[i]  
    {  
      if a[m] < a[minindex] { minindex := m; }  
      m := m + 1;  
    }  
  a[n], a[minindex] := a[minindex], a[n];  
  n := n + 1;           // error  
}
```

# Outer loop

```
{
  var minindex, m := n, n + 1;
  while m != a.Length
    invariant n <= minindex < m <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: n <= i < m ==> a[minindex] <= a[i]
    {
      if a[m] < a[minindex] { minindex := m; }
      m := m + 1;
    }
  a[n], a[minindex] := a[minindex], a[n];
  assert forall i,j :: 0 <= i < j < n ==> a[i] <= a[j]; // ok
  n := n + 1;
}
```

# Outer loop

```
invariant forall i,j :: 0 <= i < n <= j < a.Length ==> a[i] <= a[j]
{
  var minindex, m := n, n + 1;
  while m != a.Length
    invariant n <= minindex < m <= a.Length
    invariant forall i :: n <= i < m ==> a[minindex] <= a[i]
    {
      if a[m] < a[minindex] { minindex := m; }
      m := m + 1;
    }
  a[n], a[minindex] := a[minindex], a[n];
  assert forall i,j :: 0 <= i < j < n ==> a[i] <= a[j]; // ok
  n := n + 1;
}
```