

Exercise 3

Behavioral Subtyping

1.

```
class sortedArray{

    int[] A;
    invariant A ≠ null;
    invariant  $\forall i:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq i \wedge i < \text{A.length} - 1$ 
         $\Rightarrow \text{A}[i] < \text{A}[i+1]$ ;

    requires  $\forall i:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq i \wedge i < \text{A.length}$ 
         $\Rightarrow x \neq \text{A}[i]$ ;
    ensures  $\text{A.length} = \text{old}(\text{A.length}) + 1$ ;
    ensures  $\exists i_0:\text{int} \mid (0 \leq i_0 \wedge i_0 < \text{A.length})$ 
 $\wedge (\forall i:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq i \wedge i < i_0 \Rightarrow$ 
         $\text{A}[i] = \text{old}(\text{A}[i]))$ 
 $\wedge (\forall i:\text{int} \mid i_0 < i \wedge i < \text{A.length}$ 
         $\Rightarrow \text{A}[i] = \text{old}(\text{A}[i-1]))$ 
 $\wedge \text{A}[i_0] = x$ ;
    void insert (int x){...}
}
```

Here is another way to express the last ensures clause. First of all we need to introduce an auxiliary predicate contains:

$\text{contains}(L, x) = \exists j:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq j \wedge j < L.\text{length} \wedge L[j] = x$

Using this predicate we can express the desired property as:

$\text{ensures } \forall i:\text{int} \mid \text{contains}(\text{A}, i) \Leftrightarrow$
 $i = x \vee \text{contains}(\text{old}(\text{A}), i)$

2.

a. The two classes have no behavioural subtyping relation. The invariant of SortedArrayEven is stronger than that of SortedArray, because it includes an extra conjunct:

$\forall i:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq i \wedge i < \text{A.length} - 1 \Rightarrow \text{A}[i] \% 2 == 0$

However, using insert with an odd parameter now breaks the invariant.

b. If we want to use SortedArrayEven as a behavioural subtype of SortedArray, then we can strengthen the precondition of SortedArray.insert, by conjoining $x \% 2 == 0$ to it. This however is not what SortedArray is meant to do.

c. The problem disappears if we forbid mutating methods: there is now no way for a method to break the stronger invariant.

d. The specification for NoDupArray is as follows:

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```
class NoDupArray{  
  
    int[] A;  
    invariant A ≠ null;  
    invariant  $\forall i,j:\text{int} \mid$   
         $0 \leq i \wedge i < j \wedge j < A.\text{length} \Rightarrow A[i] \neq A[j];$   
  
    requires  $\forall i:\text{int} \mid 0 \leq i \wedge i < A.\text{length}$   
         $\Rightarrow x \neq A[i];$   
    ensures A.length = old(A.length) + 1;  
    ensures  $\forall i:\text{int} \mid$   
        contains (A, i)  $\Leftrightarrow i=x \vee$  contains (old(A), i)  
    void insert (int x){...}  
}
```

This class is a behavioural supertype of SortedArray. The reason that the mutator method insert does not pose a problem here is that its contract does not break the invariant of the subclass.

3.

| | $\text{Pre}_{\text{super}} \Rightarrow \text{Pre}_{\text{sub}}$ | $\text{Post}_{\text{sub}} \Rightarrow \text{Post}_{\text{super}}$ | Behavioral subtyping |
|-----|---|---|----------------------|
| (a) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| (b) | Yes | No | No |
| (c) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| (d) | No | Yes | No |
| (e) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| (f) | Yes | Yes | Yes |

4. The proposed example violates the behavioral subtyping rules that we currently have. Nevertheless class B can be used in any context where class A can be used. The source of this mismatch is that we ignore preconditions when checking post-conditions. So if we want to check that a class Sub is a behavioral subtype of a class Super it is enough to check that for each inherited method m:

- $\text{Pre}_{\text{super}} \Rightarrow \text{Pre}_{\text{sub}}$
- $\text{old}(\text{Pre}_{\text{super}}) \wedge \text{Post}_{\text{sub}} \Rightarrow \text{Post}_{\text{super}}$

We can see that the new rules are satisfied for classes A and B (we assume that p is an in-parameter – this means that old(p) is equal to p):

- $p == p * p \Rightarrow p == 0 \mid \mid p == 1$
- $\text{result} == 2 \ \&\& \ p == p * p \Rightarrow p < \text{result}$

5.

a.

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```
class IncCounter
{
  int key;
  IncCounter () { key = 0; }

  //ensures key == old(key)+1 && result == old(key)
  int generate () { return key++; }
}
```

b. The postcondition for generate is

$\text{key} == \text{old}(\text{key}) - 1 \ \&\& \ \text{result} == \text{old}(\text{key})$

and it is easy to see that it does not refine the postcondition of `IncCounter.generate`.

c. The abstract parent class can be declared using a helper pure method `boolean used(int)`. Informally, the meaning of the helper method is:

$x \text{ has been used as a key before} \Rightarrow \text{used}(x)$

Furthermore, the correctness of the class relies on the property that once a number is used, it never becomes unused again. This can be expressed with a two-state history constraint.

The definitions of the classes follow:

```
abstract class GenerateUniqueKey
{
  abstract boolean used(int);

  //constraint  $\forall x:\text{int} \mid \text{old}(\text{used}(x)) \Rightarrow \text{used}(x)$ 

  //ensures  $\neg \text{old}(\text{used}(\text{result})) \ \&\& \ \text{used}(\text{result})$ 
  abstract int generate ();
}

class IncCounter // ... and similarly for DecCounter
{
  int key;
  IncCounter () { key = 0; }

  boolean used (int x)
  { return x < key; }

  //ensures key == old(key)+1 && result == old(key)
  int generate () { return key++; }
}
```