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correct after & before

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Outline

power

notes

integer power

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def power(x, y) :
  z = 1
  m = 0
  while m < y :
    z = z * x
    m = m + 1
  return z
```

- precondition?
- postcondition?
- notation for mutation

partial correctness

precondition+execution+termination imply postcondition

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prove partial correctness

prove termination

associate a decreasing sequence in $\mathbb{N}$ with loop iterations

it helps to add claims to the loop invariant

put it together — correctness

correctness by design

draw pictures of before, during, after

pre: A sorted, comparable with x

post: $0 \leq p \leq n$ and A[0..p-1] $< x \leq$A[p .. n-1]

“derive” conditions from pictures

do we have termination?

notes