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; An NQTHM Formalization of a Small Machine

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; This file serves as a good introduction to the Nqthm approach to
; language semantics. We have carried out this approach on much larger
; examples than presented here. It is, for example, that used at all
; levels of the CLI short stack (hardware description language, machine
; language, assembly language, high-level language). The semantics of those
; levels are so large and complicated that it is difficult to see the
; basic ideas. Those ideas are highlighted here simply by dealing with
; a trivial language.

; This is a list of events to be processed by NQTHM starting from the
; GROUND-ZERO state. In it I develop

; (a) an operational semantics for a simple programming language

; (b) a program that implements multiplication by repeated addition

; (c) a proof of the correctness of the multiplication program

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; directly from the "operational" semantics
; (d) a program that does exponentiation and uses the multiplier
; (e) a proof of the correctness of the exponentiation program
; (f) the most general correctness theorem about the multiplier
; (g) the definition and correctness of the "McCarthy" functional
; semantics of the multiplier
; (h) a proof of the correctness of the multiplier by the inductive
; assertion method.
; (i) May 13, 1992. a proof of the general theorem that our
; standard form of a correctness result for a subroutine
; implies our standard form of a termination result. This
; part of the file is not part of the tutorial because the
; proof is pretty messy.

; The programming language is not particularly elegant. Its only
; redeeming features are that its semantics is easily written down and
; it lets me illustrate the points I'm trying to make. This is by no
; means a complete or exemplary "library" for dealing with programs in
; this language; I have in fact kept the facts to a bare minimum.

; We start by defining our "small machine."

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EVENT: Start with the initial **nqthm** theory.

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; States are represented by the following shell objects:

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EVENT: Add the shell *st*, with recognizer function symbol *stp* and 5 accessors: *pc*, with type restriction (none-of) and default value zero; *stk*, with type restriction (none-of) and default value zero; *mem*, with type restriction (none-of) and default value zero; *haltedp*, with type restriction (none-of) and default value zero; *defs*, with type restriction (none-of) and default value zero.

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; Utility Functions

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DEFINITION: $\text{add1-pc}(pc) = \text{cons}(\text{car}(pc), 1 + \text{cdr}(pc))$

DEFINITION:

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get(n, lst)
= if n  $\simeq$  0 then car(lst)
  else get(n - 1, cdr(lst)) endif

```

DEFINITION:

```
put(n, v, lst)
= if n  $\simeq$  0 then cons(v, cdr(lst))
  else cons(car(lst), put(n - 1, v, cdr(lst))) endif
```

DEFINITION:

```
fetch(pc, defs) = get(cdr(pc), cdr(assoc(car(pc), defs)))
```

; The Semantics of Individual Instructions

; Move Instructions

DEFINITION:

```
move(addr1, addr2, s)
= st(add1-pc(pc(s)),
    stk(s),
    put(addr1, get(addr2, mem(s)), mem(s)),
    f,
    defs(s))
```

DEFINITION:

```
movi(addr, val, s)
= st(add1-pc(pc(s)), stk(s), put(addr, val, mem(s)), f, defs(s))
```

; Arithmetic Instructions

DEFINITION:

```
add(addr1, addr2, s)
= st(add1-pc(pc(s)),
    stk(s),
    put(addr1, get(addr1, mem(s)) + get(addr2, mem(s)), mem(s)),
    f,
    defs(s))
```

DEFINITION:

```
subi(addr, val, s)
= st(add1-pc(pc(s)),
    stk(s),
    put(addr, get(addr, mem(s)) - val, mem(s)),
    f,
    defs(s))
```

; Jump Instructions

DEFINITION:

```
jumpz(addr, pc, s)
= st (if get(addr, mem(s))  $\simeq$  0 then cons(car(pc(s)), pc)
      else add1-pc(pc(s)) endif,
      stk(s),
      mem(s),
      f,
      defs(s))
```

DEFINITION:

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jump(pc, s) = st(cons(car(pc(s)), pc), stk(s), mem(s), f, defs(s))
```

; Subroutine Call and Return

DEFINITION:

```
call(subr, s)
= st(cons(subr, 0), cons(add1-pc(pc(s)), stk(s)), mem(s), f, defs(s))
```

DEFINITION:

```
ret(s)
= if stk(s)  $\simeq$  nil then st(pc(s), stk(s), mem(s), t, defs(s))
  else st(car(stk(s)), cdr(stk(s)), mem(s), f, defs(s)) endif
```

; One can imagine adding new instructions.

; The Interpreter

DEFINITION:

```
execute(ins, s)
= if car(ins) = 'move then move(cadr(ins), caddr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'movi then movi(cadr(ins), caddr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'add then add(cadr(ins), caddr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'subi then subi(cadr(ins), caddr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'jumpz then jumpz(cadr(ins), caddr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'jump then jump(cadr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'call then call(cadr(ins), s)
  elseif car(ins) = 'ret then ret(s)
  else s endif
```

DEFINITION:

```
step(s)
= if haltedp(s) then s
  else execute(fetch(pc(s), defs(s)), s) endif
```

DEFINITION:

```
sm(s, n)
=  if n ≈ 0 then s
   else sm(step(s), n - 1) endif
```

; This concludes our formal definition of the interpreter.

; We next prove a small collection of lemmas that tightly control the
; expansion of the the interpreter. The idea is that we don't want sm
; or step to expand unless we know what the current instruction is and
; have enough time on the clock to execute it. So we will prove
; certain rewrite rules that manipulate step and sm and then disable
; those functions so that only the rules are available.

THEOREM: step-opener

```
(haltedp(s) → (step(s) = s))
∧ (listp(fetch(pc(s), defs(s)))
   → (step(s)
       =  if haltedp(s) then s
          else execute(fetch(pc(s), defs(s)), s) endif))
```

EVENT: Disable step.

THEOREM: sm-plus

```
sm(s, i + j) = sm(sm(s, i), j)
```

THEOREM: sm-add1

```
sm(s, 1 + i) = sm(step(s), i)
```

THEOREM: sm-0

```
sm(s, 0) = s
```

EVENT: Disable sm.

; Now we move to our first example program. We will define a program
; that multiplies two naturals by successive addition. We will then
; prove it correct.

; The program we have in mind is:

```
; (times (movi 2 0)
;        (jumpz 0 5)
;        (add 2 1)
```

```

;      (subi 0 1)
;      (jump 1)
;      (ret))

; Observe that the program multiplies the contents of reg 0 by the
; contents of reg 1 and leaves the result in reg 2. At the end, reg 0
; is 0 and reg 1 is unchanged. If we start at a (call times) this
; program requires  $2+4i+2$  instructions, where  $i$  is the initial
; contents of reg 0. To keep the proof incredibly simple, we will
; prove the program correct only for the 5 register version of our
; machine! (Why 5? Why not 3? Because eventually we will use times
; in another program that uses 5 registers. In general we should
; prove it for an arbitrarily large memory -- and we will -- but that
; just complicates the statement without contributing to the example.)

; We start by defining the constant that is this program:

```

DEFINITION:

TIMES-PROGRAM

```

= '(times
    (movi 2 0)
    (jumpz 0 5)
    (add 2 1)
    (subi 0 1)
    (jump 1)
    (ret))

```

```

; 5 Return

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; and a function that multiplies the "same way."

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DEFINITION:

```

times-fn(i, j, ans)
= if i  $\simeq$  0 then ans
  else times-fn(i - 1, j, ans + j) endif

```

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; In some sense, the following mathematical fact completely captures
; the correctness of the program:

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THEOREM: times-fn-is-times

$$(ans \in \mathbf{N}) \rightarrow (\text{times-fn}(i, j, ans) = ((i * j) + ans))$$

; at least if one also understands

THEOREM: plus-right-id

$$(x + 0) = \text{fix}(x)$$

; The real problem is proving that the program has this semantics.
; First, how much time does the program need? It takes one tick to do
; the CALL, one for the MOVI at pc 0, then 4 ticks for each iteration
; of the loop at pc 1, and then 2 more ticks to get out of the loop
; and do the RET. So:

DEFINITION: $\text{times-clock}(i) = (2 + (i * 4) + 2)$

; We could have written (plus 4 (times i 4)) but by using this
; algebraically odd expression we make sm-plus, above, immediately
; applicable.

; We next address ourselves to the loop from pc 1 through 4. Consider
; an arbitrary arrival at pc 1 and suppose you have (times i 4) ticks.
; The following theorem tells us what you get:

THEOREM: times-correct-lemma

$$\begin{aligned} & ((i \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (\text{assoc}(' \text{times}, \text{defs}) = \text{TIMES-PROGRAM})) \\ \rightarrow & (\text{sm}(\text{st}(' \text{times} . 1), \text{stk1}, \text{list}(i, j, \text{ans}, r3, r4), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}), i * 4) \\ & = \text{st}(' \text{times} . 1), \\ & \quad \text{stk1}, \\ & \quad \text{list}(0, j, \text{times-fn}(i, j, \text{ans}), r3, r4), \\ & \quad \mathbf{f}, \\ & \quad \text{defs})) \end{aligned}$$

; It is then trivial to construct the entire correctness proof:

THEOREM: times-correct

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\text{fetch}(pc, \text{defs}) = '(\text{call times})) \\ & \wedge (\text{assoc}(' \text{times}, \text{defs}) = \text{TIMES-PROGRAM}) \\ & \wedge (i \in \mathbf{N})) \\ \rightarrow & (\text{sm}(\text{st}(pc, \text{stk}, \text{list}(i, j, r2, r3, r4), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}), \text{times-clock}(i)) \\ & = \text{st}(\text{add1-pc}(pc), \text{stk}, \text{list}(0, j, i * j, r3, r4), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs})) \end{aligned}$$

; We disable the clock function so that subsequent programs can
; use it without its expansion messing up their algebraic
; form.

EVENT: Disable times-clock.

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; It is worth noting that this file has been rather carefully crafted
; to make the above proof go through with a minimum of fuss. In
; general, we will have to prove lots of lemmas about the utility
; functions GET and PUT to handle arbitrarily sized memories. And we
; have to prove lots of lemmas about arithmetic to explain the data
; handling in our programs. To some extent those arithmetic facts get
; in the way of our desired treatment of the clock in our proofs,
; e.g., if the theorem prover knows the usual facts about PLUS and
; TIMES then (PLUS 2 (TIMES I 4) 2) would become (PLUS 4 (TIMES 4 I))
; and we'd then have to take special care to force sm to open the way
; we want in this proof. One avenue that has been used to avoid this
; problem is to define the clock functions with special arithmetic
; primitives, e.g., CLK-PLUS and CLK-TIMES (which are in fact just the
; familiar functions) but which we then disable and isolate from the
; free-wheeling arithmetic simplifications.
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; We now consider the role of subroutine call and return in this
; language. To illustrate it we'll implement exponentiation, which
; will CALL our TIMES program. The proof of the correctness of the
; exponentiation program will rely on the correctness of TIMES, not on
; re-analysis of the code for TIMES.
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; The mathematical function we wish to implement is:
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DEFINITION:

```
exp(i, j)
=  if j  $\simeq$  0 then 1
    else exp(i, j - 1) * i endif
```

```
; The program we have in mind is:
```

DEFINITION:

EXP-PROGRAM

```
=  '(exp
    (move 3 0)
    (move 4 1)
    (movi 1 1)
    (jumpz 4 9)
    (move 0 3)
    (call times))
```

```

        (move 1 2)
        (subi 4 1)
        (jump 3)
        (ret))

; 9 return

; A recursive description of the loop (pc 3 through 8) in this
; algorithm is:

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DEFINITION:

$$\text{exp-fn}(r0, r1, r2, r3, r4)$$

$$= \text{if } r4 \simeq 0 \text{ then } r1$$

$$\text{else exp-fn}(0, r3 * r1, r3 * r1, r3, r4 - 1) \text{ endif}$$

; Pretty weird.

; We need a little more arithmetic than we have, namely
; associativity and right identity for times:

THEOREM: associativity-of-times
 $((i * j) * k) = (i * (j * k))$

THEOREM: times-right-id
 $(i * 1) = \text{fix}(i)$

; So now the system can prove that the weird exp-fn is just exp (in a
; generalized sense that accomodates the initial value of r1).

THEOREM: exp-fn-is-exp
 $(r1 \in \mathbf{N}) \rightarrow (\text{exp-fn}(r0, r1, r2, r3, r4) = (\text{exp}(r3, r4) * r1))$

; Here is the clock function for exp. Again we use an algebraically
; odd form simply to gain instant access to the desired sm-plus
; decomposition. The "4" gets us past the CALL and the first 3
; initialization instructions; the times expression takes us around
; the exp loop j times, and the final "2" gets us out through the RET.
; Note that as we go around the loop we make explicit reference to
; TIMES-CLOCK to explain the CALL of TIMES.

DEFINITION:
 $\text{exp-clock}(i, j) = (4 + (j * (2 + \text{times-clock}(i) + 3)) + 2)$

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; Now we prove the "loop invariant" for the EXP program. We simply
; tell the system to induct according to exp-fn. We could "trick" it
; into doing that by using exp-fn in place of the (times (exp r3 r4)
; r1) expressions, but that is devious and doesn't always work.

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THEOREM: exp-correct-lemma

```

((r3 ∈ N)
 ∧ (r4 ∈ N)
 ∧ (assoc ('exp, defs) = EXP-PROGRAM)
 ∧ (assoc ('times, defs) = TIMES-PROGRAM))
→ (sm (st ('(exp . 3), stk, list (r0, r1, r2, r3, r4), f, defs),
      r4 * (2 + times-clock (r3) + 3))
    = st ('(exp . 3),
          stk,
          if r4 ≈ 0 then list (r0, r1, r2, r3, r4)
          else list (0,
                    exp (r3, r4) * r1,
                    exp (r3, r4) * r1,
                    r3,
                    0) endif,
          f,
          defs))

```

```

; The theorem prover is now set up to prove that exp is correct
; without further assistance. (But you must not underestimate how
; clever this assistance has been to make this possible!)

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THEOREM: exp-correct

```

((i ∈ N)
 ∧ (j ∈ N)
 ∧ (fetch (pc, defs) = '(call exp))
 ∧ (assoc ('exp, defs) = EXP-PROGRAM)
 ∧ (assoc ('times, defs) = TIMES-PROGRAM))
→ (sm (st (pc, stk, list (i, j, r2, r3, r4), f, defs), exp-clock (i, j))
    = st (add1-pc (pc),
          stk,
          if j ≈ 0 then list (i, exp (i, j), r2, i, 0)
          else list (0, exp (i, j), exp (i, j), i, 0) endif,
          f,
          defs))

```

```

; Ok, enough of this. Presumably the point has been made: correctness
; proofs can be "stacked."

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; Recall that we have been dealing with an unnecessarily restricted
; view of the machine, namely that it only have 5 memory locations.
; Before leaving this approach and pursuing some others, let us
; quickly prove the most general form of the correctness result for
; TIMES.

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; We start with the basic normalization rules for get and put.

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DEFINITION:

```

length(lst)
=  if lst  $\simeq$  nil then 0
   else 1 + length(cdr(lst)) endif

```

THEOREM: put-put-0

```

((addr < length(mem))  $\wedge$  (get(addr, mem) = val))
 $\rightarrow$  (put(addr, val, mem) = mem)

```

THEOREM: put-put-1

```

put(addr, v2, put(addr, v1, mem)) = put(addr, v2, mem)

```

THEOREM: put-put-2

```

((addr1  $\in$   $\mathbf{N}$ )  $\wedge$  (addr2  $\in$   $\mathbf{N}$ )  $\wedge$  (addr1  $\neq$  addr2))
 $\rightarrow$  (put(addr2, v2, put(addr1, v1, mem)) = put(addr1, v1, put(addr2, v2, mem)))

```

THEOREM: get-put

```

((addr1  $\in$   $\mathbf{N}$ )  $\wedge$  (addr2  $\in$   $\mathbf{N}$ ))
 $\rightarrow$  (get(addr1, put(addr2, val, mem))
     =  if addr1 = addr2 then val
       else get(addr1, mem) endif)

```

THEOREM: length-put

```

(addr < length(mem))  $\rightarrow$  (length(put(addr, val, mem)) = length(mem))

```

EVENT: Disable get.

EVENT: Disable put.

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; And a few basic arithmetic facts.

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THEOREM: difference-1

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(x - 1) = (x - 1)

```

THEOREM: difference-elim
 $((i \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (i \neq j)) \rightarrow ((j + (i - j)) = i)$

THEOREM: associativity-of-plus
 $((i + j) + k) = (i + (j + k))$

THEOREM: commutativity-of-plus
 $(i + j) = (j + i)$

THEOREM: commutativity2-of-plus
 $(i + (k + j)) = (k + (i + j))$

; Ok, now we get specific to the TIMES program. The following function
; "is" loop in the TIMES program vis-a-vis its effect on a completely
; arbitrary memory mem. If a program is run entirely for its effect on
; memory (as opposed to the subroutine stack or the haltedp flag, then
; this program "is" the McCarthy-esque functional analogue of the loop.

DEFINITION:
times-mem-fn-loop(*mem*)
= **if** get(0, *mem*) \simeq 0 **then** *mem*
 else times-mem-fn-loop(put(0,
 get(0, *mem*) - 1,
 put(2, get(2, *mem*) + get(1, *mem*), *mem*))) **endif**

DEFINITION:
times-mem-fn(*mem*) = times-mem-fn-loop(put(2, 0, *mem*))

; In proving this functional analogue correct we essentially carry
; our McCarthy's functional semantics approach. The theorem below
; establishes that times-mem-fn-loop just does two puts into mem: it
; 0's r0 and it puts (r0*r1)+r2 into location r2:

THEOREM: times-mem-fn-loop-is-times
 $((\text{get}(0, \text{mem}) \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (\text{get}(2, \text{mem}) \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (2 < \text{length}(\text{mem})))$
 \rightarrow (times-mem-fn-loop(*mem*)
= put(0,
 0,
 put(2, (get(0, *mem*) * get(1, *mem*)) + get(2, *mem*), *mem*)))

THEOREM: times-mem-fn-is-correct
 $((\text{get}(0, \text{mem}) \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (2 < \text{length}(\text{mem})))$
 \rightarrow (times-mem-fn(*mem*)
= put(0, 0, put(2, get(0, *mem*) * get(1, *mem*), *mem*)))

```

; Our aim, in the revisited times-correct theorem, is to establish that
; executing a CALL of TIMES has the following effect on an almost arbitrary
; state s:

```

DEFINITION:

```

times-step (s)
= st (add1-pc (pc (s)),
      stk (s),
      put (0, 0, put (2, get (0, mem (s)) * get (1, mem (s))), mem (s))),
      f,
      defs (s))

```

```

; The proof proceeds, as we have seen twice before, first by an
; inductive analysis of the loop itself. Note that we induct
; according to times-mem-fn-loop.

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THEOREM: times-correct-lemma-revisited

```

((get (0, mem) ∈ N) ∧ (assoc ('times, defs) = TIMES-PROGRAM))
→ (sm (st ('(times . 1), stk1, mem, f, defs), get (0, mem) * 4)
    = st ('(times . 1), stk1, times-mem-fn-loop (mem), f, defs))

```

```

; Unfortunately, the above lemma is not quite applicable in our use below
; because the mem that occurs in the state in the lhs of the conclusion is
; not going to be syntactically identical to the mem that occurs in the
; (times (get 0 mem) 4) in the clock. The reason is that the clock mem is
; the original mem while the state mem is the one produced by moving a 0
; into r2. Of course, they have the same r0 value. So, having proved
; the inductive fact we need, we now "generalize" it.

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THEOREM: times-correct-lemma-revisited-and-generalized

```

((r0 = get (0, mem))
 ∧ (get (0, mem) ∈ N)
 ∧ (assoc ('times, defs) = TIMES-PROGRAM))
→ (sm (st ('(times . 1), stk1, mem, f, defs), r0 * 4)
    = st ('(times . 1), stk1, times-mem-fn-loop (mem), f, defs))

```

```

; And now we can prove the most general form of the correctness of our
; TIMES program. It tells us that if you are interested in (sm s n),
; where the pc points to a CALL of TIMES, the definition of 'TIMES is
; ours, memory is at least 3 long, r0 is numeric, the halt flag is
; off, and there are at least (times-clock r0) ticks on the clock,
; then you can just take a times-step and decrease the clock by
; (times-clock r0). What more could you want?

```

THEOREM: times-correct-revisited
 $((\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(s), \text{defs}(s)) = \text{'(call times)})$
 $\wedge (\text{assoc}(\text{'times}, \text{defs}(s)) = \text{TIMES-PROGRAM})$
 $\wedge (2 < \text{length}(\text{mem}(s)))$
 $\wedge (r0 = \text{get}(0, \text{mem}(s)))$
 $\wedge (r0 \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge (n \not\leq \text{times-clock}(r0))$
 $\wedge (\neg \text{haltedp}(s))$
 $\rightarrow (\text{sm}(s, n) = \text{sm}(\text{times-step}(s), n - \text{times-clock}(r0)))$

; The Inductive Assertion Approach

; First, we simply prove the hand-generated verification
; conditions from an informal annotation of our TIMES
; program.

THEOREM: verification-conditions-for-times
 $((i0 \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (i1 \in \mathbf{N}))$
 $\rightarrow ((0 \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge ((i0 * i1) = (0 + (i0 * i1))))$
 $\wedge (((r2 \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge ((i0 * i1) = (r2 + (r0 * r1))) \wedge (r0 \neq 0))$
 $\rightarrow (((r2 + r1) \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge ((i0 * i1) = ((r2 + r1) + ((r0 - 1) * r1))))$
 $\wedge (((r2 \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge ((i0 * i1) = (r2 + (r0 * r1))) \wedge (r0 \simeq 0))$
 $\rightarrow (r2 = (i0 * i1)))$

; Now we develop the analogue of the inductive assertion
; method formally.

; Introduce p as an arbitrary invariant under stepping. The
; everywhere true predicate witnesses this constraint.

CONSERVATIVE AXIOM: p-step
 $p(s) \rightarrow p(\text{step}(s))$

Simultaneously, we introduce the new function symbol p .

; Observe that such a p is invariant under arbitrary length runs of the
; machine.

THEOREM: p-invariant
 $p(s0) \rightarrow p(\text{sm}(s0, n))$

; That's it. It is really deep isn't it?

; Now we'll define a p that suits our specification for TIMES. We call
; it timesp.

DEFINITION: $r0(s) = \text{get}(0, \text{mem}(s))$

DEFINITION: $r1(s) = \text{get}(1, \text{mem}(s))$

DEFINITION: $r2(s) = \text{get}(2, \text{mem}(s))$

DEFINITION:

$\text{timesp}(i0, i1, s)$

= $((i0 \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge (i1 \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge \text{stp}(s)$
 $\wedge (\text{stk}(s) \simeq \mathbf{nil})$
 $\wedge (\text{assoc}('times, \text{defs}(s)) = \text{TIMES-PROGRAM})$
 $\wedge (i1 = r1(s))$
 \wedge **if** $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 0)$ **then** $i0 = r0(s)$
 elseif $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 1)$
 then $(r2(s) \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge ((i0 * i1) = (r2(s) + (r0(s) * r1(s))))$
 elseif $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 2)$
 then $(r0(s) \neq 0)$
 $\wedge (r2(s) \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge ((i0 * i1) = (r2(s) + (r0(s) * r1(s))))$
 elseif $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 3)$
 then $(r0(s) \neq 0)$
 $\wedge (r2(s) \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge ((i1 + (i0 * i1))$
 $= (r2(s) + (r0(s) * r1(s))))$
 elseif $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 4)$
 then $(r2(s) \in \mathbf{N})$
 $\wedge ((i0 * i1) = (r2(s) + (r0(s) * r1(s))))$
 elseif $\text{pc}(s) = '(\text{times} . 5)$ **then** $r2(s)$
 $= (i0 * i1)$
 else fendif)

; Since timesp is preserved by step:

THEOREM: timesp-step

$\text{timesp}(i0, i1, s) \rightarrow \text{timesp}(i0, i1, \text{step}(s))$

```
; we can immediately conclude by functional instantiation that
; it is preserved under arbitrary runs of the machine:
```

```
THEOREM: timesp-invariant
timesp(i0, i1, s0) → timesp(i0, i1, sm(s0, n))
```

```
; By additionally assuming that the initial and final pcs
; are at 0 and 5 respectively in TIMES, we derive the
; desired theorem.
```

```
THEOREM: times-correct-revisited-again
(stp(s0)
 ^ (stk(s0) ≈ nil)
 ^ (assoc('times, defs(s0)) = TIMES-PROGRAM)
 ^ (i0 = get(0, mem(s0)))
 ^ (i1 = get(1, mem(s0)))
 ^ (i0 ∈ N)
 ^ (i1 ∈ N)
 ^ (pc(s0) = '(times . 0))
 ^ (pc(sm(s0, n)) = '(times . 5))
 → (get(2, mem(sm(s0, n))) = (i0 * i1))
```

```
; The following events are not at all easy to follow and should not be
; considered part of the tutorial. They are included in this file to
; justify the sentence, in the second edition of the Handbook, that
; our standard form of correctness theorem for a subroutine implies
; the standard form of the termination theorem for that subroutine.
; In particular, we lead the system the proof of the following
; theorem. Suppose s is a state poised to execute a CALL of some
; subroutine fn (and the halt flag of s is F). Suppose that some
; non-zero number of steps, n, later the stack is the same as it is in
; s. Intuitively, this means that the subroutine was called and
; eventually returned. Then if the subroutine is called as the
; top-level program the halt flag is eventually set. That is to say,
; let s' be obtained from s by setting the pc to (fn . 0), the first
; instruction in fn, and let the stack be nil, i.e., this is the
; top-level, main program. Then by running s' n steps we obtain a
; state with the halt flag set. That is the theorem
; standard-correctness-implies-termination, below.
```

```
; It is a fairly difficult theorem for two reasons. First, it
; considers running fn in two different states: as part of a
; continuing computation and as the top-level main program. We
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; therefore have to develop lemmas that let us modify the state, e.g.,
; change the stack, without damaging some aspects of the computation.
; Second, the hypothesis that the stack eventually (at tick n) is the
; same as before the CALL means that a balanced RET was executed. But
; it does not mean the balancing RET was executed at tick n. For all
; we know, the CALL returned immediately and during the remaining
; ticks we possibly called other routines or even returned from the
; caller and eventually re-entered! But we can convert that
; hypothesis into one that says for some  $k < n$  the balancing RET was
; executed on the  $k$ th tick and if we considered the top-level
; computation at that tick, we'll see that it sets the halt flag. The
; remaining ticks at the top-level computation just leave the halt
; flag on.

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; This proof took several days to construct and I found it frustrating
; in its complexity. Perhaps someone can simplify it. That said,
; here are the events with which I proved it.

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; Because the tutorial has left the data base in a state designed to
; prove things of individual programs, there is a fair amount of
; enabling and disabling to get access to the guts of the machine.

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; First we prove that once the machine halts, it stays halted.

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THEOREM: step-preserves-haltedp
 $(\neg \text{haltedp}(\text{step}(s))) \rightarrow (\neg \text{haltedp}(s))$ 

```

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THEOREM: sm-preserves-haltedp
 $(\neg \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(s, n))) \rightarrow (\neg \text{haltedp}(s))$ 

```

```

; And that only RET sets the halt flag, i.e., if it becomes halted,
; then the current pc points to a RET.

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```

THEOREM: only-ret-sets-haltedp
 $((\neg \text{haltedp}(s)) \wedge (\text{haltedp}(\text{step}(s)) \wedge (\text{defs} = \text{defs}(s))))$ 
 $\rightarrow (\text{car}(\text{get}(\text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s)), \text{cdr}(\text{assoc}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), \text{defs})))) = \text{'ret'})$ 

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```

; This function finds the  $k < n$  at which the balancing RET is
; executed. Imagine that  $s$  is the state immediately after the
; CALL and that  $d$  is the depth of the stack in that state.
; Then we count ticks until we are poised to execute a RET from
; a state with stack depth  $d$ .

```

DEFINITION:

```
k(s, d, n)
=  if n ≈ 0 then 0
   elseif (length(stk(s)) = d)
       ∧ (car(fetch(pc(s), defs(s))) = 'ret) then 0
   else 1 + k(step(s), d, n - 1) endif
```

; Because we'll keep step disabled, we'll need the following to
; analyze what it does to the stack depth.

THEOREM: length-stk-step

```
length(stk(step(s)))
=  if haltedp(s) then length(stk(s))
   elseif car(fetch(pc(s), defs(s))) = 'ret then length(stk(s)) - 1
   elseif car(fetch(pc(s), defs(s))) = 'call then 1 + length(stk(s))
   else length(stk(s)) endif
```

; The following theorem establishes that if, within n, the
; stack depth falls below d then the computed k is less than n.

THEOREM: exists-terminating-ret

```
((d ∈ ℕ) ∧ (length(stk(s0)) < d) ∧ (length(stk(sm(s0, n))) < d))
→ (k(s0, d, n) < n)
```

; We now want to prove that if the computed k is less than n, then
; various things are true of the state at tick k. We need the
; obvious fact that the defs field never changes.

THEOREM: defs-step

```
defs(step(s)) = defs(s)
```

; So here are some important properties of our k (when it is less than
; n), namely, that the stack depth of the kth state is d and that it
; is poised to execute a RET.

THEOREM: properties-of-k

```
(k(s0, d, n) < n)
→ ((length(stk(sm(s0, k(s0, d, n)))) = d)
   ∧ (car(fetch(pc(sm(s0, k(s0, d, n))), defs(s0))) = 'ret))
```

; We also need that the kth state is still running, i.e., not itself halted.
; This takes a bit of work.

THEOREM: haltedp-persists
haltedp(*s*) → haltedp(sm(*s*, *n*))

THEOREM: haltedp-k
haltedp(*s*)
→ (k(*s*, *d*, *n*)
= if (length(stk(*s*)) = *d*)
 ∧ (car(fetch(pc(*s*), defs(*s*))) = 'ret) then 0
 else fix(*n*) endif)

THEOREM: halting-preserves-stk
haltedp(step(*sθ*)) → (length(stk(step(*sθ*))) = length(stk(*sθ*)))

; With that preamble, we can get that the *k*th state is still running.

THEOREM: another-property-of-k
((¬ haltedp(*sθ*)) ∧ (k(*sθ*, *d*, *n*) < *n*))
→ (¬ haltedp(sm(*sθ*, k(*sθ*, *d*, *n*))))

; We assemble the two lemmas establishing properties of *k* into one: if
; *sθ* is not halted and within *n* ticks the stack is less than its
; current size then (a) *k* exists, i.e., is less than *n*, (b) the *k*th
; state has the same stack size as *sθ*, (c) the *k*th state is poised to
; execute a RET and (d) it is not halted.

THEOREM: decreasing-stk-means-ret-exists
((¬ haltedp(*sθ*)) ∧ (length(stk(sm(*sθ*, *n*))) < length(stk(*sθ*))))
→ ((k(*sθ*, length(stk(*sθ*)), *n*) < *n*)
 ∧ (length(stk(sm(*sθ*, k(*sθ*, length(stk(*sθ*)), *n*))))
 = length(stk(*sθ*)))
 ∧ (car(fetch(pc(sm(*sθ*, k(*sθ*, length(stk(*sθ*)), *n*))), defs(*sθ*)))
 = 'ret)
 ∧ (¬ haltedp(sm(*sθ*, k(*sθ*, length(stk(*sθ*)), *n*))))

; Now we'll disable the two independently proved lemmas about *k*.

EVENT: Disable properties-of-k.

EVENT: Disable another-property-of-k.

; Next, we develop the idea that under some conditions we can mess around with

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; the stack of a computation without changing the outcome in some sense. The only
; way we'll mess around is by growing the stack at the deep end by adding some
; arbitrary additional cells.

```

DEFINITION:

```

grow-stk(s, stk) = st(pc(s), append(stk(s), stk), mem(s), haltedp(s), defs(s))

```

```

; The lemma sm-grow-stk, just below, is the key result. The intervening
; lemmas are just helpers.

```

THEOREM: listp-append

```

listp(append(a, b)) = (listp(a) ∨ listp(b))

```

THEOREM: step-grow-stk

```

(¬ haltedp(step(s)))
→ (step(grow-stk(s, stk)) = grow-stk(step(s), stk))

```

THEOREM: sm-grow-stk

```

(¬ haltedp(sm(s, n)))
→ (sm(grow-stk(s, stk), n) = grow-stk(sm(s, n), stk))

```

```

; The above lemma is really nice. It says that if a computation
; doesn't halt within n then growing the stack commutes with the
; computation, i.e., you can grow the stack before you start or after
; you finish. This lets us consider a computation in either of two
; states, one with a shallow stack or one with a deep stack. If s has
; a stack of nil then it is in top-level execution and thus (grow-stk
; s stk) is some continuing execution of the same program.

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; A key fact we'll need is that if k is less than or equal to n and the
; computation halts in k then it halts in n. This explains why the
; halt flag is set at the end of the long top-level computation, even if
; it became set fairly early.

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THEOREM: lessp-haltedp

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((n <= k) ∧ haltedp(sm(s, k))) → haltedp(sm(s, n))

```

THEOREM: equal-length-0

```

(length(x) = 0) = (x ≈ nil)

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; Again, because step will be disabled later, we need to expose the
; behavior of a halting RET.

```

THEOREM: step-is-ret

$((\neg \text{haltedp}(s))$
 $\wedge (\text{car}(\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(s), \text{defs}(s))) = \text{'ret'})$
 $\wedge (\text{stk}(s) \simeq \text{nil}))$
 $\rightarrow \text{haltedp}(\text{step}(s))$

; Oddly enough, though we proved that defs is preserved by step, above,
; we only now need that it is preserved by sm.

THEOREM: defs-sm

$\text{defs}(\text{sm}(s, n)) = \text{defs}(s)$

; In a sense, the following theorem is the real key to our proof. It
; gives us a way to show that the halted flag is on in the nth step of
; s, namely find some k less than n-1 such that the kth state is not
; yet halted but has a stack of length 0 and is poised to execute a
; RET. If you imagine that s is the top-level run of our subroutine,
; then this focusses our attention on the k at which the halt flag first
; becomes set.

THEOREM: expand-sm-n

$((k < (n - 1))$
 $\wedge (\neg \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(s, k)))$
 $\wedge (\text{car}(\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(\text{sm}(s, k)), \text{defs}(s))) = \text{'ret'})$
 $\wedge (\text{length}(\text{stk}(\text{sm}(s, k))) = 0)$
 $\rightarrow \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(s, n))$

; Now there are various details to be worked out, and I never found a
; really nice way to handle them except by brute force. The basic
; theme of these details is that from the hypothesis that the
; ‘‘continuing computation’’ eventually returns to the same stack
; depth we can get some information about the pc and stack depth in
; the continuing computation. But we have to convert that to
; information about the pc and stack depth in the top-level
; computation. We can get these results from our sm-grow-stk lemma,
; namely, we know that if a short stacked computation doesn’t halt we
; can grow its stack either before or after. If the short stacked
; computation is the top-level one, where the stack is nil, then we
; can grow the stack to whatever stack we have in the continuing
; computation. From the equality of the two final states we can learn
; that the pc of the top-level computation is the same as that of the
; continuing one. While I find this proof very neat, what with its
; use of sm-grow-stk, I find the event below ugly because of the

; explicit hint and the explicit states involved. But it just wasn't
; worth my time to figure out an elegant rewrite rule that would
; normalize the pc.

THEOREM: pc-equiv

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \mathbf{nil}, \text{mem}(s), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}(s)), k))) \\ \rightarrow & (\text{pc}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \mathbf{nil}, \text{mem}(s), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}(s)), k)) \\ & = \text{pc}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \\ & \quad \text{cons}(\text{cons}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), 1 + \text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s))), \text{stk}(s)), \\ & \quad \text{mem}(s), \\ & \quad \mathbf{f}, \\ & \quad \text{defs}(s), \\ & \quad k))) \end{aligned}$$

; We need to know a similar fact about the stacks after k steps. In particular,
; we know from the continuing computation that at step k it is poised to RET on
; a stack of a certain depth. We need to convert that to a fact about the top-level
; state at step k, namely that the stack there is nil -- so the RET will set the halt
; flag. At first sight, this is a problem very similar to that above and one is
; tempted to try to solve it the same way. But the problem above is insensitive to
; the value of k, as long as the computation is still running, while the one we
; are talking about now is our special k, the tick at which we execute the RET that
; balances the initial CALL. But that raises a problem. That existential k
; is computed with a given state. Is that state from the continuing computation
; or from the top-level one? What we prove below is that it doesn't matter, they
; are the same! This is pretty subtle. We need a few lemmas...

THEOREM: length-append

$$\text{length}(\text{append}(a, b)) = (\text{length}(a) + \text{length}(b))$$

THEOREM: grow-stk-props

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{pc}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{pc}(s)) \\ \wedge & (\text{stk}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{append}(\text{stk}(s), \text{stk})) \\ \wedge & (\text{mem}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{mem}(s)) \\ \wedge & (\text{haltedp}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{haltedp}(s)) \\ \wedge & (\text{defs}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{defs}(s)) \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM: step-grow-stk-revisited-1

$$\begin{aligned} & (0 < \text{length}(\text{stk}(s))) \\ \rightarrow & (\text{step}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{grow-stk}(\text{step}(s), \text{stk})) \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM: step-grow-stk-revisited-2

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{car}(\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(s), \text{defs}(s))) \neq \text{'ret}) \\ \rightarrow & (\text{step}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk})) = \text{grow-stk}(\text{step}(s), \text{stk})) \end{aligned}$$

; So here is the key fact: `k` produces the same answer on the top-level
 ; state (here, `s`) and the continuing state, provided you bump the `d`
 ; appropriately.

THEOREM: `k-grow-stk`

$$((d \in \mathbf{N}) \wedge (\text{length}(\text{stk}(s)) \neq d)) \\ \rightarrow (\text{k}(\text{grow-stk}(s, \text{stk}), d + \text{length}(\text{stk}), n) = \text{k}(s, d, n))$$

; Once again, I couldn't find a useful rewrite rule, since `grow-stk` isn't
 ; really in our problem, and so I make this lemma of class `nil` and instantiate
 ; it when I need to show that the two states produce the same `k`. Given that,
 ; we can now infer that the final, top-level stack is `nil` at step `k`,
 ; just by using properties of `k` on the top-level state, but appealing to
 ; the existence of `k` from the continuing state. We then repeat the exercise
 ; to extract the information that the halt flag is still off at step `k` in
 ; the top-level state.

THEOREM: `stk-is-nil`

$$(\text{k}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \\ \text{cons}(\text{cons}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), 1 + \text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s))), \text{stk}(s)), \\ \text{mem}(s), \\ \mathbf{f}, \\ \text{defs}(s)), \\ 1 + \text{length}(\text{stk}(s)), \\ n - 1) \\ < (n - 1)) \\ \rightarrow (\text{listp}(\text{stk}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \mathbf{nil}, \text{mem}(s), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}(s)), \\ \text{k}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \\ \text{cons}(\text{cons}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), 1 + \text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s))), \text{stk}(s)), \\ \text{mem}(s), \\ \mathbf{f}, \\ \text{defs}(s)), \\ 1 + \text{length}(\text{stk}(s)), \\ n - 1)))) \\ = \mathbf{f})$$

THEOREM: `haltedp-is-off`

$$(\text{k}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \\ \text{cons}(\text{cons}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), 1 + \text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s))), \text{stk}(s)), \\ \text{mem}(s), \\ \mathbf{f}, \\ \text{defs}(s)), \\ 1 + \text{length}(\text{stk}(s)),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& n - 1) \\
& < (n - 1)) \\
\rightarrow & (\text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \mathbf{nil}, \text{mem}(s), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}(s)), \\
& \quad \text{k}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \\
& \quad \quad \text{cons}(\text{cons}(\text{car}(\text{pc}(s)), 1 + \text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s))), \text{stk}(s)), \\
& \quad \quad \text{mem}(s), \\
& \quad \quad \mathbf{f}, \\
& \quad \quad \text{defs}(s)), \\
& \quad 1 + \text{length}(\text{stk}(s)), \\
& \quad n - 1))) \\
& = \mathbf{f})
\end{aligned}$$

; So, if you've followed all that, you are ready to get the main theorem:

THEOREM: standard-correctness-implies-termination

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\neg \text{haltedp}(s)) \\
& \wedge (\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(s), \text{defs}(s)) = \text{list}(' \text{call}, \text{prog})) \\
& \wedge (n \neq 0) \\
& \wedge (\text{stk}(\text{sm}(s, n)) = \text{stk}(s))) \\
\rightarrow & \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(\text{st}(\text{cons}(\text{prog}, 0), \mathbf{nil}, \text{mem}(s), \mathbf{f}, \text{defs}(s)), n))
\end{aligned}$$

; As I said, the proof is not at all easy to follow. I invite
; readers to find a better one!

; The next theorem establishes the effect of a one-instruction infinite loop.
; It says that if you have a running state and when you fetch the current
; instruction you get (JUMP *i*) where *i* is the location of the current program
; counter, then the halt flag is never set.

THEOREM: infinite-loop

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\neg \text{haltedp}(s)) \\
& \wedge (\text{fetch}(\text{pc}(s), \text{defs}(s)) = \text{list}(' \text{jump}, i)) \\
& \wedge (i \in \mathbf{N}) \\
& \wedge (\text{cdr}(\text{pc}(s)) = i)) \\
\rightarrow & (\neg \text{haltedp}(\text{sm}(s, n)))
\end{aligned}$$

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