

140 Let n and s be natural variables. The program

$R \Leftarrow s:=0. Q$

$Q \Leftarrow \mathbf{if } n=0 \mathbf{ then } ok \mathbf{ else } n:=n-1. s:=s+n. Q \mathbf{ fi}$

adds up the first n natural numbers. Define R and Q appropriately, and prove the two refinements.

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Define

$$R = s' = \sum i: 0..n \cdot i \quad \text{or} \quad R = s' = \Sigma [0;..n]$$

$$Q = s' = s + \sum i: 0..n \cdot i \quad \text{or} \quad Q = s' = s + \Sigma [0;..n]$$

Proof of R refinement:

$$\begin{aligned} & s:=0. Q && \text{expand } Q \\ = & s:=0. s' = s + \Sigma [0;..n] && \text{substitution law and simplify} \\ = & s' = \Sigma [0;..n] \\ = & R \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Q refinement, first case:

$$\begin{aligned} & n=0 \wedge ok && \text{expand } ok \\ = & n=0 \wedge n'=n \wedge s'=s \\ \Rightarrow & s' = s + \Sigma [0;..n] \\ = & Q \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Q refinement, last case:

$$\begin{aligned} & n \neq 0 \wedge (n := n-1. s := s+n. Q) && \text{expand } Q \\ = & n \neq 0 \wedge (n := n-1. s := s+n. s' = s + \Sigma [0;..n]) && \text{substitution law twice} \\ = & n \neq 0 \wedge s' = s + (n-1) + \Sigma [0;..n-1] && \text{simplify and specialize} \\ \Rightarrow & s' = s + \Sigma [0;..n] \\ = & Q \end{aligned}$$