

309 Here are two different definitions of variable declaration with initialization.

$$\mathbf{new } x: T := e \cdot P = \exists x, x': T \cdot x=e \wedge P$$

$$\mathbf{new } x: T := e \cdot P = \exists x': T \cdot (\text{substitute } e \text{ for } x \text{ in } P)$$

Show how they differ with an example.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ Let e be x and P be $y'=x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x, x'. x=e \wedge P \\ = & \exists x, x'. x=x \wedge y'=x \\ = & \exists x, x'. y'=x \\ = & \top \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists x'. (\text{substitute } e \text{ for } x \text{ in } P) \\ = & \exists x'. (\text{substitute } x \text{ for } x \text{ in } y'=x) \\ = & \exists x'. y'=x \\ = & y'=x \end{aligned}$$

The one-point law

$\exists x. x=e \wedge P = (\text{substitute } e \text{ for } x \text{ in } P)$
applies only when e does not mention x . So it does not apply in my example.