

Problem 01: Bounds

Given an integer function f and a non-empty interval $[m, n]$, compute the minimal and maximal values and positions of f in the interval.

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \quad | \times \mathbb{Z} \\
 &\quad m \quad n \quad u \quad min \quad v \quad max \quad i \\
 B &= \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \\
 &\quad m' \quad n' \\
 Q &= (m' = m) \wedge (n' = n) \wedge (m \leq n) \\
 R &= Q \wedge u, v \in [m, n] \wedge \forall k \in [m, n] : min \leq f(k) \leq max \wedge f(u) = min \wedge f(v) = max
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution

We can easily solve this with the following loop:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= Q \wedge i \in [m, n] \wedge u, v \in [m, i] \wedge \forall k \in [m, i] : min \leq f(k) \leq max \wedge f(u) = min \wedge f(v) = max \\
 \neg\pi &= (i = n), \pi = (i \neq n), t = (n - i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Of course, since $Q \not\Rightarrow P$, we'll need an intermediate condition $Q' = Q \wedge (i, u, v = m) \wedge (min, max = f(m))$, which can be easily reached by an appropriate assignment of i, u , and v .

Solving P for $i \leftarrow i + 1$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^{i \leftarrow i+1} &= Q \wedge (i + 1) \in [m, n] \wedge u, v \in [m, i + 1] \wedge \forall k \in [m, i + 1] : min \leq f(k) \leq max \\
 P^{i \leftarrow i+1} &\simeq P \wedge min \leq f(i + 1) \leq max
 \end{aligned}$$

Which leads to the following program:

$i, u, v, min, max := m, m, m, f(m), f(m)$		
$i \neq n$		
$f(i + 1) \leq min$	$min \leq f(i + 1) \leq max$	$f(i + 1) \geq max$
$u, min :=$ $i + 1, f(i + 1)$	<i>SKIP</i>	$v, max :=$ $i + 1, f(i + 1)$
$i := i + 1$		