
PROBLEM 8-1

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Partition(A,p,r)
  // Assert p<r
  x := A[p]
  i := p-1
  j := r+1
  while TRUE
    do
      repeat j := j-1
        until A[j] <= x
      repeat i := i+1
        until A[i] >= x
      if i<j
        then exchange A[i] and A[j]
      else return j
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Loop Invariant

$$\begin{aligned}i < j, \\ \forall k, p \leq k \leq i, A_k \leq x \\ \forall k, j \leq k \leq r, A_k \geq x\end{aligned}$$

The loop invariant is vacuously true before the while loop is run, since $i < p$ and $r < j$. We take as a special case when the while loop is run but once. Thereafter we have additionally, $p \leq i$ and $j \leq r$, that is, we have non-empty partitions.

Since x is in the array, the first time through the indices i, j do not exceed the array. Thereafter, for so long as $i < j$, the fact that $A_i \leq x$ prevents j from decrementing too far. Likewise for i . Hence, except the special case where the loop is run but once, $p \leq i, j \leq r$, and the array references are safe.

If the while loop is not run only once, then j is decremented at least twice, which proves $j < r$ on exit in this case. If the loop is run once, since $p < r$ on assumption, and $i == p$ due to choice of x , then $j == p$. Therefore $j < r$ in all cases.

Finally, we look at the re-establishment of the loop invariant. If $i < j$ at the if, we have $A_i \geq x$ and $A_j \leq x$. Exchanging, we have $A_i \leq x$ and $A_j \geq x$. Since for all $i' < i$, $A_{i'} \leq x$, and likewise for $j < j'$, the invariant is re-established.

If $i \leq j$ the loop is completed. By the L.I. previously,

$$\forall k < i, A_k \leq x$$

$$\forall k > j, A_k \geq x$$

Since the loop is run at least twice, for both statements there are such k .

Since $A_j \leq x$ and $j \leq i$ then $A_k \leq x$ for all $k \leq j$. A similar argument shows that $A_k \geq x$ for all $k \geq i$.