

Algorithms correct by construction  
à la JRA  
using EB2Algo

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- JRA proposed many examples of algorithms construction in 2001 with his 2 merges events (algo)
- JRA gave lecture "Analysing and Constructing Computer Programs" from 2014 to 2019
- No many other case study
- No tool to apply JRA's rules except an interactive one but not complete in Shanghai (a student of Li Quin)

- JRA asked me to work again on this topics
- more EBRP algorithms: compute the  $n$  first prime numbers (many versions), bubblesort , Dutch Flag, Better decomposition, quick sort, merge sort.
- instantiation plugin was used for prime numbers ( $\neg finite(Prime)$  quicksort (variant), Better decomposition
- After these Rodin developments, I asked Neeraj to develop a tool to produce an algorithm

```
p[0]= 0; p[1]= n; t = 1;
for(i=0;i<n;i=i+1) g[i]=f[i];
while (t!=0){
    if (p[t-1]==p[t]-1){ t=t-1;}
    else {
        a=p[t-1]; b=p[t]-1; c=g[(a+b)/2];
        while (a<b)
            if (g[a]<c) {a=a+1;}
            else if (g[b]>c) {b=b-1;}
            else {v=g[a];g[a]=g[b];g[b]=v;a=a+1;b=b-1;}
        if (b<a) {k=b;}
        else if (g[a]<=c) {k=b;} else {k=a-1;};
        p[t+1]=p[t];
        p[t]=k+1;
        t=t+1;
    }
};
}
```

- It's a sorting program
- at end  $g$  contains all values of  $f$  but in the order
- a permutation on index of  $f$  gives the order
- not easy to see this

It's a sequential version  
of the famous quicksort

```
final
  any
    PI
  where
     $PI \in 0..n - 1 \rightsquigarrow 0..n - 1$ 
     $\forall i, j \cdot$ 
       $i \in 0..n - 1 \wedge j \in i..n - 1$ 
       $\Rightarrow$ 
         $f(PI(i)) \leq f(PI(j))$ 
  then
     $g := PI; f$ 
  end
```

```

final
  when
    topI = 0
  end
    
```

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choicel
  when
    boolchI = 0
    topI ≠ 0
    stack(topI - 1)
    ≠ stack(topI) - 1
  then
    boolchI := 1
    binf := stack(topI - 1)
    bsup := stack(topI) - 1
    pv := g((stack(topI - 1)
    + stack(topI) - 1)/2)
  end
    
```

```

progress_singl
  when
    topI ≠ 0
    stack(topI - 1)
    = stack(topI) - 1
  then
    topI := topI - 1
  end
    
```

```

progress_binf
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    binf < bsup
    g(bin f) < pv
  then
    binf := binf + 1
  end
    
```

```

progress_bsup
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    binf < sup
    g(bin f) ≥ pv
    g(bsup) > pv
  then
    bsup := bsup - 1
  end
    
```

```

swap
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    binf < bsup
    g(bin f) ≥ pv
    g(bsup) ≤ pv
  then
    g := g ⇐ {binf ↦ g(bsup)
    , bsup ↦ g(bin f)}
    binf := binf + 1
    bsup := bsup - 1
  end
    
```



compute\_K1

**when**

$boolchI \neq 0$

$boolk = 0$

$bsup < binf$

**then**

$K := bsup$

$boolk := 1$

**end**

compute\_K2

**when**

$boolchI \neq 0$

$boolk = 0$

$bsup = binf$

$g(bin f) \leq pv$

**then**

$K := bsup$

$boolk := 1$

**end**

compute\_K3

**when**

$boolchI \neq 0$

$boolk = 0$

$bsup = binf$

$g(bin f) > pv$

**then**

$K := binf - 1$

$boolk := 1$

**end**

progress

**when**

$boolk \neq 0$   $boolchI \neq 0$   $bsup \leq binf$

**then**

$stack := stack \triangleleft \{topI \mapsto K + 1, topI + 1 \mapsto stack(topI)\}$

$boolchI := 0$

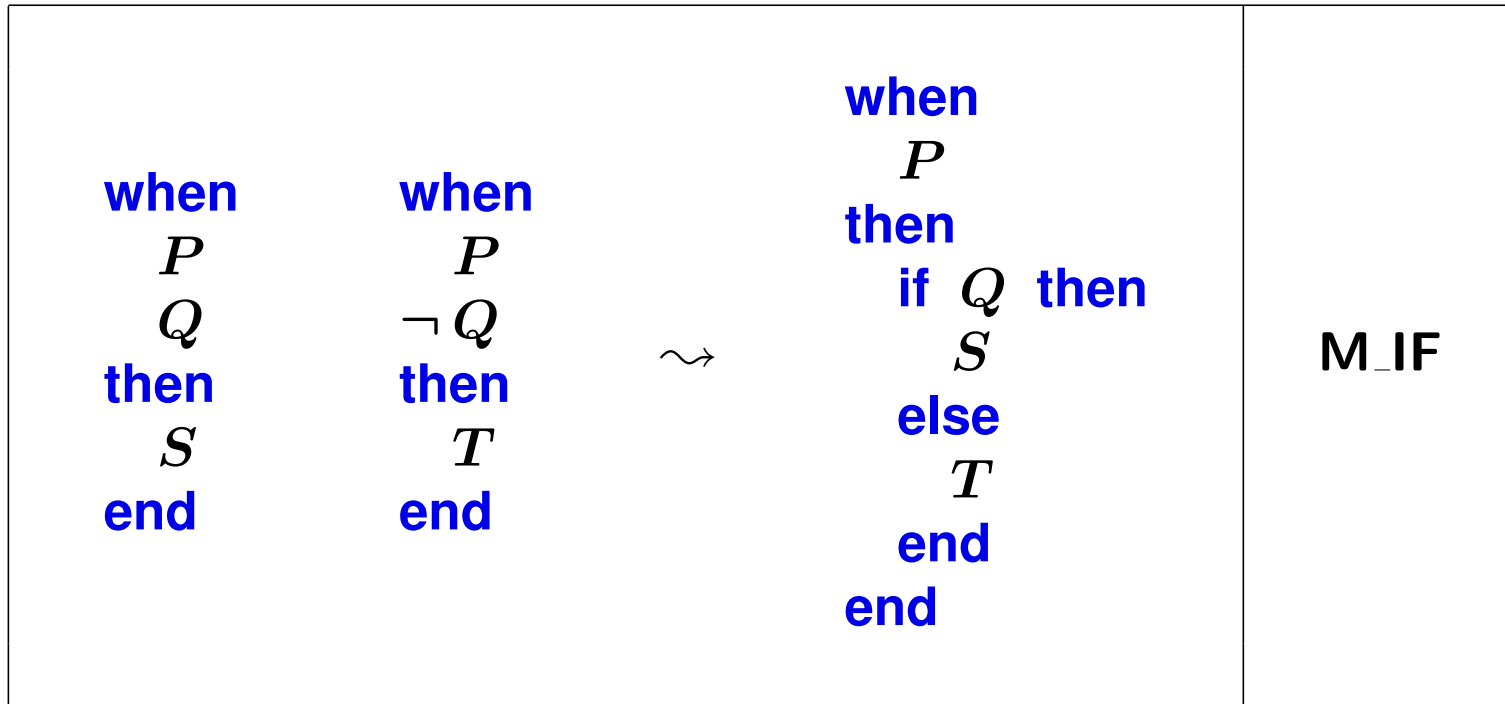
$topI := topI + 1$

$boolk := 0$

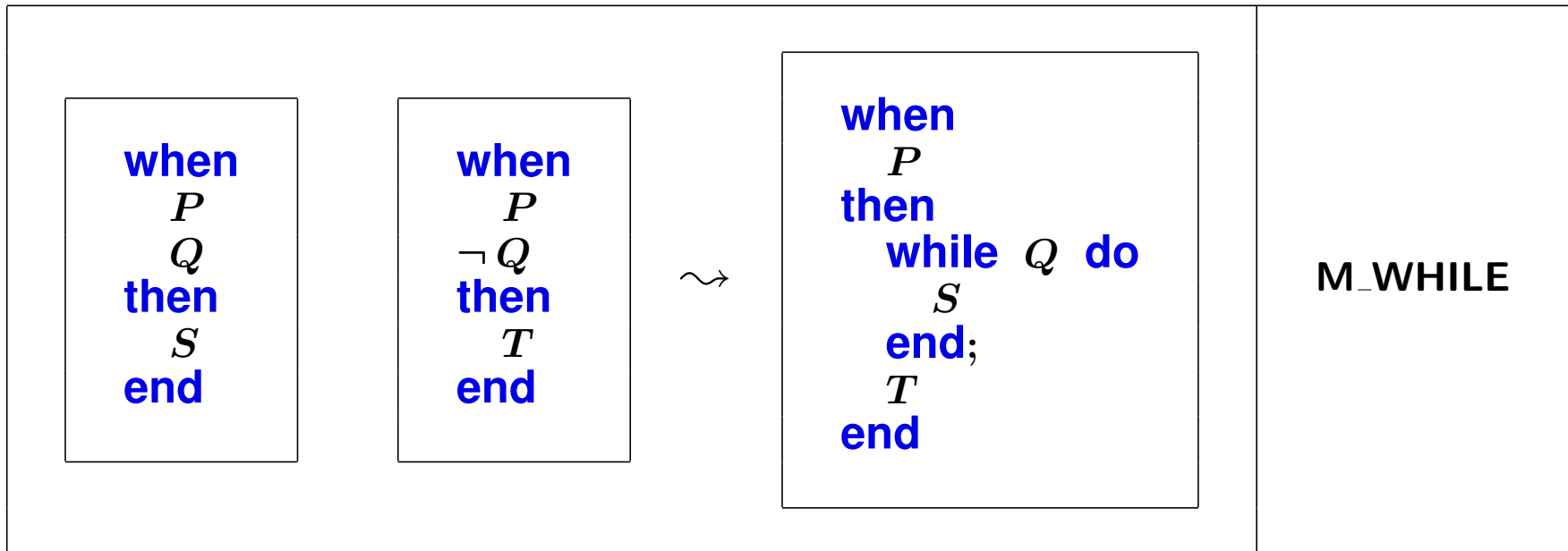
**end**

$boolchI \neq 0 \Rightarrow topI \neq 0 \wedge stack(topI - 1) \neq stack(topI) - 1$

- At the end of the refinement process we have many small guarded events
- JRA proposed to merge two events (or guarded algorithms) using two merging rules and an additional rule for init.
- when we merge two events we get a guarded algorithm
- some side condition are necessary



- Side Conditions:
  - Both **events** must have been introduced at the **same refinement**.
  
- Special Case: If *P* is missing **the resulting "event" has no guard**



- Side Conditions:

-  $P$  must be invariant under  $S$

- The first event must have been introduced at one refinement step below the second one.

- Special Case: If  $P$  is missing the resulting "event" has no guard

- when  $P$  is not invariant under  $S$  (or if you cannot prove  $P$ ) JRA said always use the **M\_IF** rule.
- level of the merge event: it's the less one if the abstract one is the small one
- rules defined in 2001 before anticipated events (2005) then I have corrected a little level definition.

- convergent level = level where the event is convergent  $\text{convlevel}(\text{evt})$
- definition level = level where the event is defined  $\text{defevel}(\text{evt})$
- $\text{level}(\text{evt}) = \text{convlevel}(\text{evt}) \mapsto \text{defevel}(\text{evt})$
- lexicographies order
- progress is defined and convergent at level 1, swap is defined at level 0 ( $g :=$ ) and convergent at level 2

```
compute_K1
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$ 
     $boolk = 0$ 
     $bsup < binf$ 
  then
     $K := bsup$ 
     $boolk := 1$ 
  end
```

```
compute_K2
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$ 
     $boolk = 0$ 
     $bsup = binf$ 
     $g(bin f) \leq pv$ 
  then
     $K := bsup$ 
     $boolk := 1$ 
  end
```

```
compute_K3
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$ 
     $boolk = 0$ 
     $bsup = binf$ 
     $g(bin f) > pv$ 
  then
     $K := bin f - 1$ 
     $boolk := 1$ 
  end
```

```
compute_K1
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    boolk = 0
    bsup < binf
    bsup ≤ binf
  then
    K := bsup
    boolk := 1
  end
```

```
compute_K2
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    boolk = 0
    bsup = binf
    bsup ≤ binf
    g(bin f) ≤ pv
  then
    K := bsup
    boolk := 1
  end
```

```
compute_K3
  when
    boolchI ≠ 0
    boolk = 0
    bsup = binf
    bsup ≤ binf
    g(bin f) > pv
  then
    K := bin f - 1
    boolk := 1
  end
```



```
compute_K2_K3
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$ 
     $boolk = 0$ 
     $bsup \leq binf$ 
     $bsup = binf$ 
  then
    if  $g(bin f) \leq pv$  then
       $K := bsup$ 
       $boolk := 1$ 
    else
       $K := binf - 1$ 
       $boolk := 1$ 
    end
  end
end
```

```
compute_K1_K2_K3
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$   $bsup \leq binf$   $boolk = 0$ 
  then
    if  $bsup < binf$  then
       $K := bsup$ 
       $boolk := 1$ 
    else
      if  $g(bin f) \leq pv$  then
         $K := bsup || boolk := 1$ 
      else
         $K := bin f - 1 || boolk := 1$ 
      end
    end
  end
end
```

```
compute_K1_K2_K3_progress
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$   $bsup \leq binf$ 
  then
    while  $boolk = 0$  do
      if  $bsup < binf$  then  $K := bsup$  ||  $boolk := 1$ 
      else if  $g(bin f) \leq pv$  then  $K := bsup$  ||  $boolk := 1$ 
      else  $K := binf - 1$  ||  $boolk := 1$ 
      end
    end
  end ;
   $stack := stack \leftarrow \{topI \mapsto K + 1, topI + 1 \mapsto stack(topI)\}$ 
   $boolchI := 0$ 
   $topI := topI + 1$ 
end
```

A while with one turn in the loop ! *boolk* can disappear.

```
compute_K1_K2_K3_progress
  when
     $boolchI \neq 0$   $bsup \leq binf$ 
  then
    if  $bsup < binf$  then  $K := bsup$ 
    else if  $g(bin f) \leq pv$  then  $K := bsup$ 
    else  $K := bin f - 1$ 
    end
  end ;
   $stack := stack \Leftarrow \{topI \mapsto K + 1, topI + 1 \mapsto stack(topI)\}$ 
   $boolchI := 0$ 
   $topI := topI + 1$ 
end
```

- Neeraj's constraints: the tool need to be automatic. No interaction. No proof obligations can be generated
- I proposed to compute a guard tree
- guards need to be completed (**RED GUARDS**)

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- the tool try to split a subset of events in two non empty subsets using a guard  $G$ .
  - one subset with all events using  $G$  as guard and the other one using  $\neg G$  as guard. Both subsets are splited using the same algorithm (recursive) without guards  $G$  and  $\neg G$  . All events are in the union of both subset (partition).
  - when there is only one event all guards of this event are consumed.
  - It's a backtracking algorithm but  $G$  is not choiced arbitrary. We take a guard inside an event which has the minimum number of guard (less tentatives). If  $G$  doesn't work we choice the next guard of the event.
  - if the split abord using all guard of the event: A guard misses or there is a deadlock. It's the difficult part for a beginner.

On the guard tree we compute

- the subset of events
- A level: it's the minimum of all events levels of the subset. **then we can decide to apply M\_IF or perhaps M\_WHILE**
- the set of guards (above) which are preserved by all events in the subset (for a while)
- With these three attributes we can apply JRA's rules (down-top)

On the guard tree we compute

- the subset of events
- A level: it's the minimum of all events levels of the subset. **then we can decide to apply M\_IF or perhaps M\_WHILE**
- **We compute the variables which doesn't change by all events in the algorithm (NO substitution on this variable  $x := \dots$ ) then a guard which uses only these variables is preserved.** Other can change, we apply a M\_IF
- With these four attributs we can apply JRA's rules (down-top)



$(topI = 0)[final]$   
 $(topI \neq 0)[progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;$   
 $progress\_singI; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3]$

$(topI = 0)$  [*final*]

$(topI \neq 0)$  [*progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;*  
*progress\_singI; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]

$(stack(topI - 1) \neq stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup;*  
*swap; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]

$(stack(topI - 1) = stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress\_singl*]

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 $(topI \neq 0)$  [*progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;*  
    *progress\_singI; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
     $(stack(topI - 1) \neq stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup;*  
        *swap; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
         $(boolchI \neq 0)$  [*progress; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;*  
            *computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
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 $(boolchI \neq 0)$  [*progress; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;*  
*computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(boolchI = 0)$  [*choiceI*]  
 $\neg(bin f < bsup)$  [*progress; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(boolk \neq 0)$  [*progress*]  
 $(boolk = 0)$  [*computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $\neg(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK1*]  
 $(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK2*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK3*]  
 $(bin f < bsup)$  [*progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_binf*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*progress\_bsup*]  
 $\neg(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*swap*]  
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 $(boolk \neq 0)$  [*progress*]  
 $(boolk = 0)$  [*computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $\neg(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK1*]  
 $(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK2*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK3*]  
 $(bin f < bsup)$  [*progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_binf*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*progress\_bsup*]  
 $\neg(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*swap*]  
 $(stack(topI - 1) = stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress\_singl*]

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$$\begin{aligned}
& (topI = 0) [final] \\
& (topI \neq 0) [progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap; \\
& \quad progress\_singI; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3] \\
& (stack(topI - 1) \neq stack(topI) - 1) [progress; choiceI; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; \\
& \quad swap; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3] \\
& (boolchI \neq 0) [progress; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap; \\
& \quad computeK1; computeK2; computeK3] \\
& (boolchI = 0) [choiceI \\
& \quad \neg(bin f < bsup) [progress; computeK1; computeK2; computeK3] \\
& \quad \quad (boolk \neq 0) [progress] \\
& \quad \quad (boolk = 0) [computeK1; computeK2; computeK3] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \neg(bin f = bsup) [computeK1] \\
& \quad \quad \quad (bin f = bsup) [computeK2; computeK3] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad (g(bin f)pv) [computeK2] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \neg(g(bin f)pv) [computeK3] \\
& \quad \quad (bin f < bsup) [progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap] \\
& \quad \quad \quad (g(bin f) < pv) [progress\_binf] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \neg(g(bin f) < pv) [progress\_bsup; swap] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad (g(bsup) > pv) [progress\_bsup] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \quad \neg(g(bsup) > pv) [swap] \\
& \quad (stack(topI - 1) = stack(topI) - 1) [progress\_singI]
\end{aligned}$$

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 $(boolk \neq 0)$  [*progress*]  
 $(boolk = 0)$  [*computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $\neg(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK1*]  
 $(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK2*]  
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 $(bin f < bsup)$  [*progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_binf*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*progress\_bsup*]  
 $\neg(g(bsup) > pv)$  [*swap*]  
 $(stack(topI - 1) = stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress\_singI*]

*INITIALISATION*

$(topI = 0)$  [*final*]  
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 $(boolchI \neq 0)$  [*progress; progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap;*  
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 $(boolk \neq 0)$  [*progress*]  
 $(boolk = 0)$  [*computeK1; computeK2; computeK3*]  
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 $(bin f = bsup)$  [*computeK2; computeK3*]  
 $(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK2*]  
 $\neg(g(bin f)pv)$  [*computeK3*]  
 $(bin f < bsup)$  [*progress\_binf; progress\_bsup; swap*]  
 $(g(bin f) < pv)$  [*progress\_binf*]  
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 $(stack(topI - 1) = stack(topI) - 1)$  [*progress\_singl*]



- EB2Algo was developed by Neeraj under the umbrella of EB2ALL
- EB2Algo works on all JRA's examples (**RED GUARDS** are added using a refinement)
- EB2Algo works on all my EBRP models
- ask Neeraj for a demo
- <https://www.irit.fr/EBRP/software>