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// TITLE: FastPower.java *
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// Another example of a while loop invariant. *
// The program computes  $x^p$ . *
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import java.io.*;

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public class FastPower

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    public static void main ( String [] args )

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        int x, p, r, q, y;

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        // Example values

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        p = 5; x = 2;

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        // Precondition :  $p \geq 0$ 

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        r = 1; q = p; y = x;

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        while /*I*/ ( q != 0) // Invariant :  $r * y^q = x^p$  and  $q \geq 0$ 

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            if ( q % 2 == 1)

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                r = r * y;

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                q = q - 1;

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            else

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                y = y * y;

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                q = q / 2;

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            }

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        }

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// Postcondition : r = x^p  
  
System.out.print(r + "\n");  
  
} // main  
  
} // FastPower
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