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In our case: *"determine which invariant preservation proofs (if any) would have failed"*. A (hard to follow) proof that does not mention what is being attempted and whether the proof is or not successful is difficult to understand and, therefore, evaluate. Formally it could be an F (or zero, in numeric terms), as the question asked has not been answered!

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Strike-through, bent, slanted, uneven lines: simply more difficult to understand.

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Sequents make the scenario (*Hypotheses*) and the objective (*Goal*) clear and non-ambiguous.

Some of you sent proofs not adhering to this standard. Most of them are very unclear as what you are starting with, what you are trying to prove, and what are the steps are very confusing!

At this stage we do **not** work with the code / model. All relevant information is in the sequent.



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You can have an invariant that passes invariant preservation, but which would be false after an "execution" step.

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