

This homework is concerned with the basics of assertional reasoning.

There are 3 simple problems, preceded by a sample problem and its solution.

Keep your answers brief, as in the example problem's solution.

You will get full marks: if an answer is not adequate or too long, I'll ask you to do it again.

The construct $\text{sum}(f(j): j \text{ in } \alpha)$, where α is a set, sequence or bag, equals the sum of $f(j)$ where j ranges over α

- e.g.: $\text{sum}(f(j): j \text{ in } 1..7)$ equals $f(1)+f(2)+\dots+f(7)$
 - e.g.: $\text{sum}(f(j): j \text{ in } 1..0)$ equals 0
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When answering a question of the form “Does program Z satisfy *Inv P*”, do the following:

- If you answer yes, give a predicate, say B , such that
 - B satisfies the invariance induction rule (see [proofrules.pdf](#)), and
 - $B \Rightarrow P$ holds.
 - If you answer no, give a finite allowed evolution ending in a state where P does not hold.
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When answering a question of the form “Does program Z satisfy *P leads-to Q*”, do the following:

- If you answer yes, give one or more leads-to assertions (each of the form $X \text{ leads-to } Y$) such that
 - each leads-to assertion holds via the weak-fair or strong-fair rule (see [proofrules.pdf](#)), and
 - $P \text{ leads-to } Q$ follows from the closure (see [proofrules.pdf](#)) of the leads-to assertions
 - If you answer no, give an allowed evolution of Z that satisfies Z 's progress assumption and does not satisfy $P \text{ leads-to } Q$.
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Sample Problem

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program Z(int N) {
  int x ← 0;
  int y ← 0;
  while (y < N)
  a1: •x ← x + y + 1;
      y ← y + 1;
  return;

  atomicity assumption {as given by the '•'}
  progress assumption {weak fairness}
}
```

From the atomicity assumption, the following are atomic

- start-to-a1
- a1-to-a1
- a1-to-exit

Part a Does Z satisfy *Inv* A_0 , where

$$A_0 : y = N \Rightarrow x = \text{sum}(j: j \text{ in } 1..N)$$

Part b Does Z satisfy L_0 , where

$$L_0 : y = 0 \text{ leads-to } y = N$$

Sample Problem Solution

Part a

$$B_0 : x = \text{sum}(j: j \text{ in } 1..y)$$

B_0 satisfies the invariance induction rule and implies A_0

This part is not required for the answer.

Details on how B_0 satisfies the invariance induction rule

- start-to-a1:
zeros x and y , which establishes B_0
- a1-to-a1, starting with y equal to, say, p :
 B_0 .lhs increases by $p+1$; y increases from p to $p+1$, adding $p+1$ to the sum in B_0 .rhs. So B_0 is preserved.
- a1-to-exit, starting with y equal to $N-1$:
same as in a1-to-a1.

Details on how $B_0 \Rightarrow A_0$ holds

- B_0 with $y=N$ yields $x = \text{sum}(j: j \text{ in } 1..N)$.

Part b

$$L_1 : (\text{thread at a1}) \text{ and } (y = j < N) \text{ leads-to } (\text{thread at a1}) \text{ and } (y = j+1)$$

L_1 holds via weak-fair rule. L_0 follows from closure of L_1 .

This part is not required for the answer.

Details on how L_1 satisfies the weak-fair rule

- L_1 .lhs (conjunct 1) implies that step start-to-a1 is enabled.
- Step a1-to-a1 establishes B_0 .rhs from B_0 .lhs
- Step a1-to-exit establishes B_0 .rhs from B_0 .lhs

Problem 1

```
program Z(int N) {
  // note: N can be 0 or negative
  int x ← 0;
  Tid[N] t;
  for (j in 0..N-1)
    t[j] ← startThread(up(j));
  return;

  function up(j)
  a1: • x ← x + j + 1;
  return;

  atomicity assumption {as given by the '•'s}
  progress assumption {weak fairness}
}
```

Part a Does Z satisfy $Inv A_0$, where

$$A_0 : x \leq \text{sum}(j: j \text{ in } 1..N)$$

Part b Does Z satisfy L_0 , where

$$L_0 : \text{true} \text{ leads-to } x = \text{sum}(j: j \text{ in } 1..N)$$

By convention, $\text{sum}(\text{empty set})$ is 0.

Problem 2

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program Z(int N) {
  int x ← 4;
  t1 ← startThread(fn1());
  t2 ← startThread(fn2());
  t3 ← startThread(fn3());
  return;

  function fn1()
    repeat
a1: • x ← 1;
b1: until • (x = 3);
    return;

  function fn2()
    repeat
a2: • if (x = 1) x ← 2;
    else x ← 4;
b2: until • (x = 3);
    return;

  function fn3()
    repeat
a3: • if (x = 2) x ← 3;
    else x ← 4;
b3: until • (x = 3);
    return;

  atomicity assumption {as given by the ‘•’s}
  progress assumption {weak fairness}
}

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Part a Does Z satisfy $Inv A_0$, where

$$A_0 : (\text{not } (t1.\text{alive} \text{ or } t2.\text{alive} \text{ or } t3.\text{alive})) \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Part b Does Z satisfy $Inv A_1$, where

$$A_1 : (\text{not } t1.\text{alive} \text{ or } \text{not } t2.\text{alive} \text{ or } \text{not } t3.\text{alive}) \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Part c Does Z satisfy L_0 , where

$$L_0 : ((t1 \text{ at } a1) \text{ and } (t2 \text{ at } a2) \text{ and } (t3 \text{ at } a3)) \text{ leads-to } \text{not } (t1.\text{alive} \text{ or } t2.\text{alive} \text{ or } t3.\text{alive})$$

Problem 3

Consider the following distributed shortest-distance algorithm for a network of nodes and node-to-node fifo channels. There are N nodes, with ids $1, \dots, N$. There are channels for a given subset E of node pairs, i.e., there is a channel from i to j iff $[i, j]$ is in E . The channel from i to j has a nonnegative cost $D[i, j]$. The graph of the nodes and channels may not be fully connected. For every node i that is reachable from node 1, let $D[i]$ denote the shortest distance from 1 to i

Every node i has a variable $\text{dist}[i]$, indicating the current estimate of the shortest distance from node 1 to node i . Node 1 starts the computation by sending on every outgoing channel $[1, j]$ the message $[D[1, j]]$. When node i receives a message $[d]$, if d is less than $\text{dist}[i]$ then node i sets $\text{dist}[i]$ to d and sends on every outgoing channel $[i, j]$ the message $[d + D[i, j]]$.

The program below models the above within a single system. Variable $\alpha[i, j]$ has the sequence of messages in transit. Also, the activity is defined by rules, rather than explicit threads. Also, ∞ denotes “max int”.

```

program Z(int N, E, D) {
  ic {N > 0 and
    (E subsetOf set([i,j]: i,j in [1..N], i ≠ j))
  }

  init:
    for ([i,j] in E)
      α[i,j] ← [];
    dist[1..N] ← ∞;
    dist[1] ← 0;
    for ([1,j] in E)
      append [D[1,j]] to α[1,j];

  rule rcv(i,j), for [i,j] in E:
    await (α[i,j] ≠ [])
    remove [d] from α[i,j].head;
    if (d < dist[j])
      dist[j] ← d;
      for ([j,k] in E)
        append [d+D[j,k]] to α[j,k].tail;
    return;

  atomicity assumption {init, each rule}
  progress assumption {weak fairness}
}

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Part a Does Z satisfy $\text{Inv } A_0$, where

$A_0 : ((i \text{ in } 2..N) \text{ and } \text{dist}[i] \neq \infty) \Rightarrow (\text{there is a path from 1 to } i \text{ of length } \text{dist}[i])$ // added i in $2..N$

Part b Does Z satisfy L_0 , where

$L_0 : ((i \text{ in } 2..N) \text{ and } (i \text{ reachable from } 1)) \text{ leads-to } \text{dist}[i] = D[i]$ // added i in $2..N$

Part c Does Z satisfy L_1 , where

$L_1 : ((i \text{ in } 2..N) \text{ and } ([i,j] \text{ in } E)) \text{ leads-to } \alpha[i,j] = D[i]$ // added i in $2..N$