

“Model checking”

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Exercise 16 (3 Points) Consider the LTL following transition system over the action $A = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ (without atomic propositions).

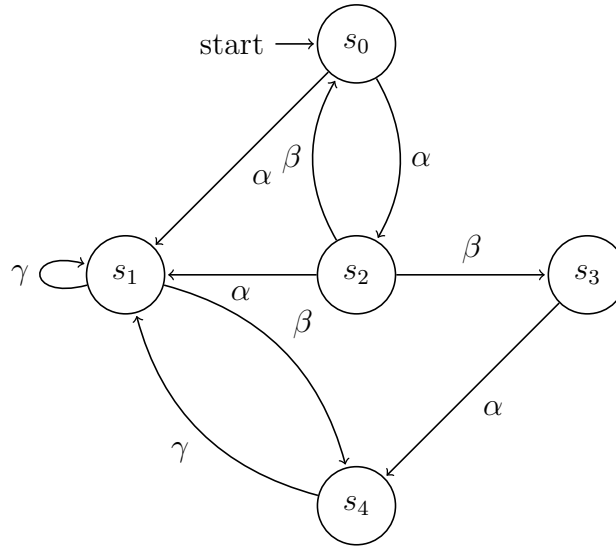


Figure 1: Transition system T

Definition 1. Let T be a transition system.

A fairness property \mathcal{F} below is a triple $(\mathcal{F}_{uncond}, \mathcal{F}_{strong}, \mathcal{F}_{weak})$, where:

unconditional fairness $\mathcal{F}_{uncond} \subseteq 2^A$ is a set of actions that are unconditionally A -fair: For every infinite execution fragment $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} s_2 \cdots : \exists^\infty j : \alpha_j \in A$

strong fairness $\mathcal{F}_{strong} \subseteq 2^A$ is a set of actions that are strongly A -fair: For every infinite execution fragment $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} s_2 \cdots : \exists^\infty j : \{s_j \xrightarrow{\alpha_j} s_{j+1} \mid \alpha_j \in A\} \neq \emptyset$, then $\exists^\infty k : \alpha_k \in A$

weak fairness $\mathcal{F}_{strong} \subseteq 2^A$ is a set of actions that are weakly A -fair: For every infinite execution fragment $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} s_2 \cdots : \exists j : \forall k > j : \{s_k \xrightarrow{\alpha_k} s_{k+1} \mid \alpha_k \in A\} \neq \emptyset$, then $\exists^\infty j : \alpha_j \in A$

Definition 2. Let T be a transition system with the set of actions A and \mathcal{F} a fairness assumption for A . \mathcal{F} is called realisable for T if for every reachable state s there exists an infinite execution fragment starting in s and satisfying \mathcal{F} .

Decide, which one of the following fairness assumptions \mathcal{F}_i is realisable for T .

- (1) $\mathcal{F}_1 = (\{\{\alpha\}\}, \{\{\gamma\}\}, \{\{\alpha, \beta\}\})$
- (2) $\mathcal{F}_2 = (\{\{\alpha, \gamma\}\}, \{\{\alpha, \beta\}\}, \{\{\gamma\}\})$
- (3) $\mathcal{F}_3 = (\{\{\alpha, \gamma\}, \{\beta\}\}, \{\{\alpha, \beta\}\}, \{\{\gamma\}\})$

Exercise 17 (4 Points) Prove the following theorem:

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\} \subseteq 2^A$ be fairness assumption. Define $\mathcal{F}_{uncond} = (\mathcal{F}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$, $\mathcal{F}_{strong} = (\emptyset, \mathcal{F}, \emptyset)$, and $\mathcal{F}_{weak} = (\emptyset, \emptyset, \mathcal{F})$. Prove for every linear-time property and any transition system T :

1. $T \models_{\mathcal{F}_{weak}} P \implies T \models_{\mathcal{F}_{strong}} P$
2. $T \models_{\mathcal{F}_{strong}} P \implies T \models_{\mathcal{F}_{uncond}} P$

Hint: Is a path that is strongly fair also a path that is weakly fair? What does that mean for the implication?

Find for each reverse implication above a counter example, thus showing that unconditional fairness does not imply strong fairness and strong fairness does not imply weak fairness.

Exercise 18 (8 Points) Consider the LTL formula $\varphi \triangleq \Box(a \rightarrow (\neg b \mathcal{U}(a \wedge b)))$ over the set of propositions $P = \{a, b\}$ and check $T \models \varphi$ for the transition system T displayed below.

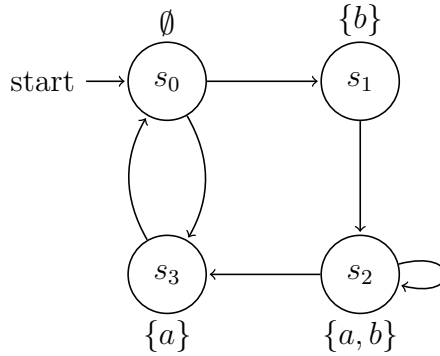


Figure 2: Transition system T

1. Transform the formula into an equivalent basic LTL formula ψ , i.e. one that is accepted by the grammar:

$$\psi ::= true \mid a \mid b \mid \psi \wedge \psi \mid \neg\psi \mid \bigcirc\psi \mid \psi \mathcal{U} \psi$$

2. Give the elementary sets with respect to $closure(\psi)$.
3. Construct the GNBA \mathcal{G}_ψ
4. Construct the NBA $\mathcal{A}_{\neg\varphi}$. You may build the NBA *directly* from $\neg\varphi$, without relying on \mathcal{G}_ψ . Hint: Four states suffice.
5. Construct $T \otimes \mathcal{A}_{\neg\varphi}$
6. Check whether $T \models \varphi$. Sketch the algorithm's main steps and interpret its outcome!

Exercise 19 (8 Points) We assume N processes in a ring topology, connected by unbounded queues. A process can only send messages to its clockwise neighbour. Initially, each process has a unique identifier *ident* (which is assumed to be a natural number). A process can either be active or relaying. Initially all processes are active. In Peterson's leader election algorithm (1982) in the ring carries out the following task:

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d = ident;
for (;) {
  send(d);
  receive(e);
  if (e == ident) announce elected;
  if (d > e) then send(d) else send(e);
  receive(f);
  if (f == ident) announce elected;
  if (e >= max(d, f)) d = e else goto relay;
}
relay:
for (;) {
  receive(d);
  if (d == ident) announce elected;
  send(d);
}

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Solve the following problems concerning this leader election problem using SPIN.

1. Model Peterson's leader election protocol in Promela. Avoid invalid end states.
2. Verify the following properties:
 - (a) There is at most one leader.
 - (b) Eventually always a leader will be elected.
 - (c) The elected leader will be the process with the highest number.
 - (d) The maximum total amount of messages sent in order to elect the leader is at most $2N \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor + N$
3. Which is the largest N for which your verification was successful?

Handing in this Assignment Please submit your hand-written solutions to exercise 16 and 17 on paper no later than November 27, 2009, 12:15 (before the lecture).

The models shall be placed in a directory that carries the last name of one of the group members. Add a **README** file, or better, a **Makefile**, that explains or automates the modelling and checking procedures. Explain, how to interpret the results of model checking in an accompanying PDF or ASCII file.

Put all this into a tape archive that shares the name with the directory and send it by e-mail to marcel.kyas@fu-berlin.de. Use "Model checking 09 Series 5 *your last names*" as the subject line.