

**Concurrency:  
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# The Scheduler Problem

informal specification

*specification* as *sequential* process expression

*implementation* as *concurrent* process expression

comparison between specification and implementation

proofs using ABC

proofs “by hand” (very close to [§ 7.3])

# Scheduler, Informally [Mil99, § 3.6]

a set of processes is to be scheduled  
starts by sync'ing on with the scheduler  
completes by sync'ing on with the scheduler

(1) each *must not* run two tasks at a time

(2) tasks of different *may* run at the same time

are required to occur cyclically (initially, starts)  
for each , and must occur cyclically

(3) maximal “progress”:

the scheduling must permit  
any of the “buttons” to be pressed  
at any time provided (1) and (2) are not violated.

# Formal Specification [Mil99, § 3.6]

S scheduler, where  $\sigma$  is next and every  $\sigma$  is running  
 (\* we omit the parameters in the following \*)

S	{	$\Sigma$	S		
	{	$\Sigma$	S	S	
Scheduler		S			

draw the transition graph for

show that the scheduler is never deadlocked

what is the difference when dropping the case for  $\sigma$  ?

# Formal “Implementation” [§ 7.3]

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# Formal “Implementation” (II) [§ 7.3]

Scheduler

# Proofs Using ABC

model the specification for

model the wrong (!) implementation for

run the ABC

analyze the transitions systems (using `step`)

understand the problem

w.r.t. the formal & informal specification

model now the correct implementation for

run the ABC

understand the bisimulation relation that ABC has generated

if time left, try out for . . .

# Proofs “by Hand” (I)

means: “guessing” a bisimulation relation !

draw the transition graph of    for  
generalize for greater    ...

Observe: every reachable state is of the form

where    is one of    .

Observe that in any state reachable from  
**only one** of the    is one of    ,  
while **all other**    are either of    .

analyze the “meaning” of the those states

# Proofs “by Hand” (II)

analyze the “meaning” of the following states for

# Proofs “by Hand” (III)

Let  $\Pi$  be any partition of  $\Sigma^*$ .

$\Pi$        $\Pi$

$\Pi$        $\Pi$

$\Pi$        $\Pi$

Note that  $\Pi$  is a partition of  $\Sigma^*$ .

# Proofs “by Hand” (IV)

Using the Expansion Law, we show that:

$$\Sigma$$
$$\Sigma$$
$$\Sigma$$
$$\left\{ \right.$$

if

if

# Proofs “by Hand” (V)

Let  $\sim$  be the relation containing the following pairs:

$S$

$S$

$S$

is a weak bisimulation (up to  $\sim$ ).

contains the pair  $(\text{Scheduler}, \text{Scheduler})$ .

**Q.E.D.**