

T-79.4301

Spring 2007

Parallel and Distributed Systems

Home Exercise 1 - Deadline: 12th of March 2007 at 12:15 (strict deadline!)

Please return your answer to the exercise before the deadline by email to: `t794301-spring07@tcs.tkk.fi`. Include in your answer: Your name, student number, email address, short answers to the exercise questions (ASCII, PDF, or PostScript accepted). Return also any Promela models you have created as additional email attachments. (We also accept “.tar” and “.tar.gz” archives if that is more convenient for you.)

The home exercises are personal, no group work allowed! There are three rounds of home exercises of 10 points each. To pass the home exercises ≥ 15 points are needed and ≥ 24 points gives a +1 to the exam grade (no effect to exam grades 0 or 5).

1. Consider the design of an elevator (lift) control logic for a building with three floors 1, 2, and 3. We would like to model this logic in Promela and analyze some safety features of it using the Spin model checker.

Each of the floors has just one elevator call button: `call_1`, `call_2`, and `call_3`. Inside the elevator there are also three buttons for selecting to which floor the user wants the elevator to take her/him: `go_1`, `go_2`, and `go_3`.

The elevator doors can be opened by sending a message called `open` to the elevator and closed by sending the message `close`. The elevator can be commanded to move one floor up by sending it the message `up` and one floor down by sending the message `down`.

In the initial state of the system the elevator is at floor 1 and its doors are closed.

You are given a partial Promela model (below) where the button pushes at floors are transmitted to the `controller` through a channel called `floor_buttons`, button pushes in the elevator are transmitted to the `controller` through a channel called `elevator_buttons` and messages to the elevator are sent to a channel called `commands`.

- a) Add the elevator controller to the Promela model in the `controller proctype`. (Please include the full Promela model in your answer.) (5 p.)
- b) Modify the Promela model for the `elevator proctype` to contain an assertion which triggers if your model sends the `up` command

at floor 3 or the down command at floor 1. (Please include the full Promela model in your answer.) (1 p.)

- c) Verify with Spin that the assertion does not trigger with your elevator controller. Hint: Using only the simulation mode of Spin is not sufficient here! (1 p.) (Please include a Spin run log in your answer.)
- d) Modify the Promela model for the `elevator proctype` to contain an assertion which triggers if your model sends the `up` or `down` command while the elevator doors are open. (Please include the full Promela model in your answer.) (1 p.)
- e) Verify with Spin that the assertion does not trigger with your elevator controller. (Please include a Spin run log in your answer.) (1 p.)
- f) Is your controller fair: Is it possible in the Promela model that a repeated sequence of requests `call_i` for an elevator at a floor i is from some time point on ignored without the elevator ever stopping at floor i ? (Answer: Just a short English language analysis of your model, four sentences at maximum.) (1 p.)

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/* Partial Promela model of an elevator. */
/* Available from: http://www.tcs.tkk.fi/Studies/T-79.4301/ */

mtype = { call_1, call_2, call_3,
          go_1, go_2, go_3,
          open, close,
          up, down}

chan floor_buttons = [0] of { mtype };
chan elevator_buttons = [0] of { mtype };
chan commands = [0] of { mtype };

active proctype elevator() {
    do
        :: commands ? open -> printf("Elevator: opened doors.\n");
        :: commands ? close -> printf("Elevator: closed doors.\n");
        :: commands ? up -> printf("Elevator: moved up one floor.\n");
        :: commands ? down -> printf("Elevator: moved down one floor.\n");
    od
}

/* Simulates random pushing of call buttons. */
active proctype floor_button_pusher() {
    do
        :: floor_buttons ! call_1;
        :: floor_buttons ! call_2;
        :: floor_buttons ! call_3;
    od
}

/* Simulates random pushing of elevator buttons. */
active proctype elevator_button_pusher() {
    do
        :: elevator_buttons ! go_1;
        :: elevator_buttons ! go_2;
        :: elevator_buttons ! go_3;
    od
}

active proctype controller() {
    int at = 1;
    bool closed = true;

    /* Implement your own elevator controller here! */
}

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