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MODULE *EWD998*

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TLA+ specification of an algorithm for distributed termination detection on a ring, due to *Shmuel Safra*, published as *EWD 998: Shmuel Safra's version of termination detection*.  
<https://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/EWD/ewd09xx/EWD998.PDF>

EXTENDS *Integers, FiniteSets, Functions, SequencesExt, Randomization*

CONSTANT

@type: *Int*;

$N$

ASSUME  $NAssumption \triangleq N \in Nat \setminus \{0\}$  At least one node.

$Node \triangleq 0 \dots N - 1$

$Color \triangleq \{\text{"white"}, \text{"black"}\}$

$Token \triangleq [pos : Node, q : Int, color : Color]$

VARIABLES

@type:  $Int \rightarrow Bool$ ;

*active*,            activation status of nodes

@type:  $Int \rightarrow Str$ ;

*color*,            color of nodes

@type:  $Int \rightarrow Int$ ;

*counter*,        *nb* of sent messages – *nb* of rcvd messages per node

@type:  $Int \rightarrow Int$ ;

*pending*,        *nb* of messages in transit to node

@type: [ *pos*:  $Int$ , *q*:  $Int$ , *color*:  $Str$  ];

*token*            token structure

$vars \triangleq \langle active, color, counter, pending, token \rangle$

$TypeOK \triangleq$

$\wedge active \in [Node \rightarrow BOOLEAN]$

$\wedge color \in [Node \rightarrow Color]$

$\wedge counter \in [Node \rightarrow Int]$

$\wedge pending \in [Node \rightarrow Nat]$

$\wedge token \in Token$

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$Init \triangleq$

*EWD840* but nodes

$\wedge active \in [Node \rightarrow BOOLEAN]$

$\wedge color \in [Node \rightarrow Color]$

Rule 0

$\wedge counter = [i \in Node \mapsto 0]$  *c* properly initialized

$\wedge pending = [i \in Node \mapsto 0]$

$\wedge token \in [pos : \{0\}, q : \{0\}, color : \{\text{"black"}\}]$

$InitiateProbe \triangleq$

Rules 1 + 5 + 6  
 $\wedge token.pos = 0$   
 $\wedge$  previous round not conclusive if:  
 $\vee token.color = \text{"black"}$   
 $\vee color[0] = \text{"black"}$   
 $\vee counter[0] + token.q > 0$   
 $\wedge token' = [pos \mapsto N - 1, q \mapsto 0, color \mapsto \text{"white"}]$   
 $\wedge color' = [color \text{ EXCEPT } ![0] = \text{"white"}]$   
 The state of the nodes remains unchanged by token-related actions.  
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle active, counter, pending \rangle$

$PassToken(i) \triangleq$   
 Rules 2 + 4 + 7  
 $\wedge \neg active[i]$  If machine  $i$  is active, keep the token.  
 $\wedge token.pos = i$   
 $\wedge token' = [pos \mapsto token.pos - 1,$   
 $\quad q \mapsto token.q + counter[i],$   
 $\quad color \mapsto \text{IF } color[i] = \text{"black"} \text{ THEN "black" ELSE } token.color]$   
 $\quad color \mapsto color[i]]$   
 $\wedge color' = [color \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = \text{"white"}]$   
 The state of the nodes remains unchanged by token-related actions.  
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle active, counter, pending \rangle$

$System \triangleq \vee InitiateProbe$   
 $\vee \exists i \in Node \setminus \{0\} : PassToken(i)$

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$SendMsg(i) \triangleq$   
 Only allowed to send msgs if node  $i$  is active.  
 $\wedge active[i]$   
 Rule 0  
 $\wedge counter' = [counter \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = @ + 1]$   
 Non-deterministically choose a receiver node.  
 $\wedge \exists j \in Node \setminus \{i\} : pending' = [pending \text{ EXCEPT } ![j] = @ + 1]$   
 Note that we don't blacken node  $i$  as in *EWD840* if node  $i$   
 sends a message to node  $j$  with  $j > i$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle active, color, token \rangle$

$RecvMsg(i) \triangleq$   
 $\wedge pending[i] > 0$   
 $\wedge pending' = [pending \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = @ - 1]$   
 Rule 0  
 $\wedge counter' = [counter \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = @ - 1]$   
 Rule 3  
 $\wedge color' = [color \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = \text{"black"}]$

Receipt of a message activates  $i$ .  
 $\wedge \text{active}' = [\text{active} \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = \text{TRUE}]$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{token} \rangle$

$\text{Deactivate}(i) \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \text{active}[i]$   
 $\wedge \text{active}' = [\text{active} \text{ EXCEPT } ![i] = \text{FALSE}]$   
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{color}, \text{counter}, \text{pending}, \text{token} \rangle$

$\text{Environment} \triangleq \exists i \in \text{Node} : \text{SendMsg}(i) \vee \text{RecvMsg}(i) \vee \text{Deactivate}(i)$

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$\text{Next} \triangleq$   
 $\text{System} \vee \text{Environment}$

$\text{Spec} \triangleq \text{Init} \wedge \Box[\text{Next}]_{\text{vars}} \wedge \text{WF}_{\text{vars}}(\text{System})$

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Bound the otherwise infinite state space that  $\text{TLC}$  has to check.

$\text{StateConstraint} \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \forall i \in \text{Node} : \text{counter}[i] \leq 3 \wedge \text{pending}[i] \leq 3$   
 $\wedge \text{token}.q \leq 9$

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Main safety property: if there is a white token at node 0 and there are no in-flight messages then every node is inactive.

$\text{terminationDetected} \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \text{token}.pos = 0$   
 $\wedge \text{token}.color = \text{"white"}$   
 $\wedge \text{token}.q + \text{counter}[0] = 0$   
 $\wedge \text{color}[0] = \text{"white"}$   
 $\wedge \neg \text{active}[0]$   
 $\wedge \text{pending}[0] = 0$

Sum of the values  $f[x]$ , for  $x \in S \subseteq \text{DOMAIN } f$ .

$\text{Sum}(f, S) \triangleq \text{FoldFunctionOnSet}(+, 0, f, S)$

The number of messages on their way. "in-flight"

$B \triangleq \text{Sum}(\text{pending}, \text{Node})$

The system has terminated if no node is active and there are no in-flight messages.

$\text{Termination} \triangleq$   
 $\wedge \forall i \in \text{Node} : \neg \text{active}[i]$   
 $\wedge B = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{TerminationDetection} &\triangleq \\ \textit{terminationDetected} &\Rightarrow \textit{Termination} \end{aligned}$$

Interval of nodes between  $a$  and  $b$ : this is just  $a \dots b$ , but the following definition helps *Apache* to construct a bounded set.

$$\textit{Rng}(a, b) \triangleq \{i \in \textit{Node} : a \leq i \wedge i \leq b\}$$

Safra's inductive invariant

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Inv} &\triangleq \\ &\wedge P0:: B = \textit{Sum}(\textit{counter}, \textit{Node}) \\ &\quad (\text{Ai: } t < i < N: \textit{machine } nr.i \text{ is passive}) \wedge \\ &\quad (\text{Si: } t < i < N: \textit{ci}.i = q) \\ &\wedge \vee P1:: \wedge \forall i \in \textit{Rng}(\textit{token.pos} + 1, N - 1) : \textit{active}[i] = \text{FALSE} \text{ machine } nr.i \text{ is passive} \\ &\quad \wedge \text{IF } \textit{token.pos} = N - 1 \\ &\quad \quad \text{THEN } \textit{token.q} = 0 \\ &\quad \quad \text{ELSE } \textit{token.q} = \textit{Sum}(\textit{counter}, \textit{Rng}(\textit{token.pos} + 1, N - 1)) \\ &\quad (\text{Si: } 0 \leq i \leq t: \textit{c}.i) + q > 0. \\ &\vee P2:: \textit{Sum}(\textit{counter}, \textit{Rng}(0, \textit{token.pos})) + \textit{token.q} > 0 \\ &\quad \text{Ei: } 0 \leq i \leq t : \textit{machine } nr.i \text{ is black.} \\ &\vee P3:: \exists i \in \textit{Rng}(0, \textit{token.pos}) : \textit{color}[i] = \text{"black"} \\ &\quad \text{The token is black.} \\ &\vee P4:: \textit{token.color} = \text{"black"} \end{aligned}$$

The inductive invariant combined with the type invariant

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{TypedInv} &\triangleq \\ &\wedge \textit{TypeOK} \\ &\wedge \textit{Inv} \end{aligned}$$

Liveness property: termination is eventually detected.

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Liveness} &\triangleq \\ &\textit{Termination} \leadsto \textit{terminationDetected} \end{aligned}$$

The algorithm implements the specification of termination detection in a ring with asynchronous communication. The parameters of module *AsyncTerminationDetection* are instantiated by the symbols of the same name of the present module.

$$\textit{TD} \triangleq \text{INSTANCE } \textit{AsyncTerminationDetection}$$

$$\textit{TDSpec} \triangleq \textit{TD}! \textit{Spec}$$

$$\text{THEOREM } \textit{Spec} \Rightarrow \textit{TDSpec}$$

Checked with *TLC* in 01/2021 with two cores on a fairly modern desktop and the given state constraint *StateConstraint* above:

$ N $	Diameter	Distinct States	States	Time
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3	60	1.3 <i>m</i>	10.1 <i>m</i>	42 <i>s</i>
4	105	219 <i>m</i>	2.3 <i>b</i>	50 <i>m</i>