

Model Checking Op-based Counter Using TLA+

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Various protocols + Various specifications

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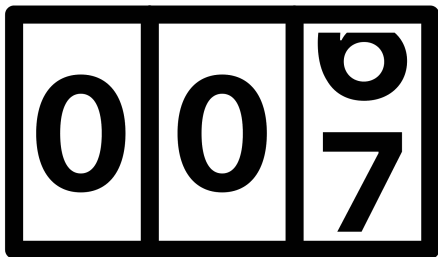
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Communication (FIFO, Causal, ...)

Composition ($\text{Set} \Rightarrow \text{Graph}$)

Specification (Eventual Convergence)



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$$\text{rd}(\langle a, d \rangle) = \langle a, d \rangle$$

$$\text{inc}(\langle a, d \rangle) = \langle a + 1, d + 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{send}(\langle a, d \rangle) = \langle \langle a, 0 \rangle, d \rangle$$

$$\text{rcv}(\langle a, d \rangle, d') = \langle a + d', d \rangle$$



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$$\square \left((\forall r_i \in \mathcal{R} : d@r_i = 0 \wedge incoming@r = \emptyset) \right. \\ \left. \implies (\forall r_i, r_j \in \mathcal{R} : c_i@r_i = c_j@r_j) \right)$$

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Cannot: loss, duplication

Can: reordering ($\{\}$ vs. $\langle\langle\rangle\rangle$)

Thank
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