

Question 1 *No skip [4 marks]*

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1  byte x = 0;
2
3  active proctype P() {
4      x = 1;
5      x = 2;
6      x = 3;
7  }
8
9  ltl skip_2 { <>(x == 1 until x == 3) }
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Here we would be surprised if the value of x becomes 3 immediately after being 1. Yet Spin verifies that the property *skip_2* holds.

Explain why this model nonetheless satisfies *skip_2*. Also, give an LTL formula that better captures the intent stated above.

Answer:

When several processes are executed at the same time, it is possible.

First, When a process has completed the assignment of $x = 2$, it has not started the assignment of $x = 3$.

Second, some other processes which are just getting started assign $x = 1$ and do not start the assignment of $x = 2$.

Third, The processes which are in the same places with first step assign $x = 3$.

The change in x is as follows:

$$x = \dots 2 \ 1 \ \dots 1 \ 3 \ \dots$$

LTL formula:

$$\diamond (x = 2 \ \mathcal{U} \ (x = 1 \ \mathcal{U} \ x = 3)) \\ \{ \langle \rangle (x == 2) \text{ until } (x == 1 \text{ until } x == 3) \}$$