

9.4 Case Study : Producer/Consumer Problem

Background

Producer: $a[0 : M-1]$ ($M \geq 1$)



adds values

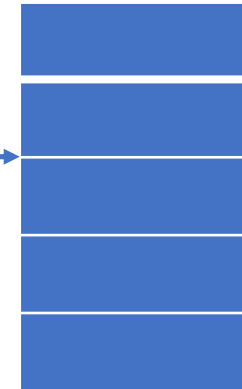
Buffer[0:N-1] ($N \geq 1$)



Shared buffer

removes values

Consumer: $b[0 : M-1]$ ($M \geq 1$)



- Production of a value: **reading an integer value** from a finite section $a[0 : M-1]$.
- Consumption of a value: **writing an integer value** into a corresponding section $b[0 : M-1]$.

Synchronize

- The producer **never** attempts to **add a value into the full buffer**.
- The consumer **never** attempts to **remove a value from the empty buffer**.

Preparations

- **PC** models the **producer/consumer problem**
(a parallel program with **shared variable** and **await** statements)
- **PROD** models the **producer**, **CONS** models the **consumer**
- **Shared variable**: for a correct access of the buffer
 - in** : counting the number of values added to the buffer
 - out** : counting the number of values removed from the buffer
 - Full**: $\text{in} - \text{out} = N$, **Empty**: $\text{in} - \text{out} = 0$
 - in mod N** : the subscript of the buffer element **where the next value is to be added**
 - out mod N**: the subscript of the buffer element **where the next value is to be removed**

Parallel Program

$$PC \equiv in := 0; out := 0; i := 0; j := 0; [PROD || CONS]$$
$$\begin{aligned} PROD \equiv & \textbf{while } i < M \textbf{ do} \\ & x := a[i]; \\ & ADD(x); \\ & i := i + 1 \\ & \textbf{od} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} ADD(x) \equiv & \textbf{wait } in - out < N; \\ & buffer[in \bmod N] := x; \\ & in := in + 1 \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} CONS \equiv & \textbf{while } j < M \textbf{ do} \\ & REM(y); \\ & b[j] := y; \\ & j := j + 1 \\ & \textbf{od.} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} REM(y) \equiv & \textbf{wait } in - out > 0; \\ & y := buffer[out \bmod N]; \\ & out := out + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Property

- We claim the following total correctness property:

$$\models_{tot} \{\mathbf{true}\} \text{ PC } \{\forall k : (0 \leq k < M \rightarrow a[k] = b[k])\}, \quad (9.13)$$

- (1) PC is deadlock free
- (2) PC terminates with all values from $a[0 : M-1]$ copied in that order into $b[0 : M-1]$

Step1: PROD--Find Invariants and Bound Functions

- Loop invariant :

$$p_1 \equiv \quad \forall k : (out \leq k < in \rightarrow a[k] = buffer[k \bmod N]) \quad (9.14)$$

$$\wedge \quad 0 \leq in - out \leq N \quad (9.15)$$

$$\wedge \quad 0 \leq i \leq M \quad (9.16)$$

$$\wedge \quad i = in \quad (9.17)$$

- Bound function:

$$t_1 \equiv M - i.$$

- Abbreviation:

$$I \equiv (9.14) \wedge (9.15)$$

$$I_1 \equiv (9.14) \wedge (9.15) \wedge (9.16)$$

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PROD  $\equiv$  while  $i < M$  do  
            $x := a[i];$   
            $ADD(x);$   
            $i := i + 1$   
       od
```

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ADD( $x$ )  $\equiv$  wait  $in - out < N;$   
            $buffer[in \bmod N] := x;$   
            $in := in + 1$ 
```

Step1: PROD--Proof Outline

- A proof outline for weak total correctness of **PROD**

```
{inv :  $p_1$ } {bd :  $t_1$ }
while  $i < M$  do
  { $p_1 \wedge i < M$ }
   $x := a[i]$ ;
  { $p_1 \wedge i < M \wedge x = a[i]$ }
  wait  $in - out < N$ ;
  { $p_1 \wedge i < M \wedge x = a[i] \wedge in - out < N$ }
   $buffer[in \bmod N] := x$ ;
  { $p_1 \wedge i < M \wedge a[i] = buffer[in \bmod N] \wedge in - out < N$ }
   $in := in + 1$ ;
  { $I_1 \wedge i + 1 = in \wedge i < M$ }
   $i := i + 1$ 
od
{ $p_1 \wedge i = M$ }.
```

$$\forall k : (out \leq k < in \rightarrow a[k] = buffer[k \bmod N]) \quad (9.14)$$

$$\wedge 0 \leq in - out \leq N \quad (9.15)$$

Step1: CONS--Find Invariants and Bound Functions

- Loop invariant : $I \equiv (9.14) \wedge (9.15)$

$$p_2 \equiv I \quad (9.20)$$

$$\wedge \forall k : (0 \leq k < j \rightarrow a[k] = b[k]) \quad (9.21)$$

$$\wedge 0 \leq j \leq M \quad (9.22)$$

$$\wedge j = out, \quad (9.23)$$

- Bound function:

$$t_2 \equiv M - j.$$

- Abbreviation:

$$I_2 \equiv (9.20) \wedge (9.21) \wedge (9.22).$$

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CONS ≡ while j < M do
    REM(y);
    b[j] := y;
    j := j + 1
od.

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REM(y) ≡ wait in - out > 0;
          y := buffer[out mod N];
          out := out + 1.

```


Step1: CONS--Proof Outline

- A proof outline for weak total correctness of CONS

```
{inv :  $p_2$ }{bd :  $t_2$ }  
while  $j < M$  do  
  { $p_2 \wedge j < M$ }  
  wait  $in - out > 0$ ;  
  { $p_2 \wedge j < M \wedge in - out > 0$ }  
   $y := buffer[out \bmod N]$ ;  
  { $p_2 \wedge j < M \wedge in - out > 0 \wedge y = a[j]$ }  
   $out := out + 1$ ;  
  { $I_2 \wedge j + 1 = out \wedge j < M \wedge y = a[j]$ }  
   $b[j] := y$ ;  
  { $I_2 \wedge j + 1 = out \wedge j < M \wedge a[j] = b[j]$ }  
   $j := j + 1$   
od  
{ $p_2 \wedge j = M$ }.
```

Step2: Interference Freedom

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{inv : p1} {bd : t1}
while i < M do
  {p1 ∧ i < M}
  1 x := a[i];
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ x = a[i]}
  2 wait in - out < N;
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ x = a[i] ∧ in - out < N}
  3 buffer[in mod N] := x;
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ a[i] = buffer[in mod N] ∧ in - out < N}
  4 in := in + 1;
  {I1 ∧ i + 1 = in ∧ i < M}
  5 i := i + 1;
od
{p1 ∧ i = M}.
  
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2 → {inv : p2} {bd : t2}
   while j < M do
     3 {p2 ∧ j < M}
     wait in - out > 0;
     4 {p2 ∧ j < M ∧ in - out > 0}
     y := buffer[out mod N];
     5 {p2 ∧ j < M ∧ in - out > 0 ∧ y = a[j]}
     out := out + 1;
     6 {I2 ∧ j + 1 = out ∧ j < M ∧ y = a[j]}
     b[j] := y;
     7 {I2 ∧ j + 1 = out ∧ j < M ∧ a[j] = b[j]}
     j := j + 1;
     8
   od
   {p2 ∧ j = M}.
  
```

CHECK: 5*8*2=80!!!

Step2: Interference Freedom

$$I \equiv \quad \forall k : (out \leq k < in \rightarrow a[k] = buffer[k \bmod N]) \\ \wedge \quad 0 \leq in - out \leq N$$

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{inv : p1} {bd : t1}
while i < M do
  {p1 ∧ i < M}
  x := a[i];
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ x = a[i]}
  wait in - out < N;
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ x = a[i] ∧ in - out < N}
  buffer[in mod N] := x;
  {p1 ∧ i < M ∧ a[i] = buffer[in mod N] ∧ in - out < N}
  in := in + 1;
  {I1 ∧ i + 1 = in ∧ i < M}
  i := i + 1
od
{p1 ∧ i = M}.
  
```

Only this assignment changes the shared variable **in**

Only this conjunct contains a variable **out** changed in **CONS**

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{inv : p2} {bd : t2}
while j < M do
  {p2 ∧ j < M}
  wait in - out > 0;
  {p2 ∧ j < M ∧ in - out > 0}
  y := buffer[out mod N];
  {p2 ∧ j < M ∧ in - out > 0 ∧ y = a[j]}
  out := out + 1;
  {I2 ∧ j + 1 = out ∧ j < M ∧ y = a[j]}
  b[j] := y;
  {I2 ∧ j + 1 = out ∧ j < M ∧ a[j] = b[j]}
  j := j + 1
od
{p2 ∧ j = M}.
  
```

Only this assignment changes the shared variable **out**

Only this conjunct contains a variable **in** changed in **PROD**

Step2: Interference Freedom

- I —part of p_1 and p_2 is kept invariant in both proof outlines.

All assignments T in the proof outlines for PROD and CONS satisfy

$$\{I \wedge pre(T)\} T \{I\}.$$

- Test the conjunction $in - out < N$ in PROD

$$\{in - out < N\} out := out + 1 \{in - out < N\}.$$

- Test the conjunction $in - out > 0$ in CONS

$$\{in - out > 0\} in := in + 1 \{in - out > 0\}.$$

Step3: Deadlock Freedom

Potential deadlocks

$(\text{wait } in - out < N, \text{wait } in - out > 0),$
 $(\text{wait } in - out < N, E),$
 $(E, \text{wait } in - out > 0),$

Logical consequences

$(in - out \geq N, in - out \leq 0),$
 $(in < M \wedge in - out \geq N, out = M),$
 $(in = M, out < M \wedge in - out \leq 0).$

Conjunction

False
False
False

**Deadlock
Freedom**

$r_i \equiv pre(R_i) \wedge \neg B$ if $R_i \equiv \text{await } B \text{ then } S \text{ end},$
 $r_i \equiv q_i$ if $R_i \equiv E.$

(R_1, \dots, R_n)
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The Whole Proof: Applying Rules

- Apply rule 29 for the parallel composition of PROD and CONS

RULE 29: PARALLELISM WITH DEADLOCK FREEDOM

- (1) The standard proof outlines $\{p_i\} S_i^* \{q_i\}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ for weak total correctness are interference free,
 (2) For every potential deadlock (R_1, \dots, R_n) of $[S_1 \parallel \dots \parallel S_n]$ the corresponding tuple of assertions (r_1, \dots, r_n) satisfies $\neg \bigwedge_{i=1}^n r_i$.

$\{\bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i\} [S_1 \parallel \dots \parallel S_n] \{\bigwedge_{i=1}^n q_i\}$



$\{p_1 \wedge p_2\} [PROD \parallel CONS] \{p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge in = M \wedge j = M\}.$

- Apply rule 6

RULE 6: CONSEQUENCE

$$\frac{p \rightarrow p_1, \{p_1\} S \{q_1\}, q_1 \rightarrow q}{\{p\} S \{q\}}$$


$\{\mathbf{true}\} in := 0; out := 0; i := 0; j := 0 \{p_1 \wedge p_2\}$

$p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge i = M \wedge j = M \rightarrow \forall k : (0 \leq k < M \rightarrow a[k] = b[k])$

$\models_{tot} \{\mathbf{true}\} PC \{\forall k : (0 \leq k < M \rightarrow a[k] = b[k])\}.$

Thank You