

MODULE *ABProtocol*  
 EXTENDS *Integers, Sequences, SequencesExercise*

CONSTANT *Data*      The set of all possible data objects.

VARIABLES *AVar*,      The last  $\langle value, bit \rangle$  pair A decided to send.  
               *BVar*,      The last  $\langle value, bit \rangle$  pair B received.  
               *AtoB*,      Sequence of DATA messages in transit from sender to receiver.  
               *BtoA*      Sequence of ACK messages in transit from receiver to sender.

$TypeOK \triangleq \wedge AVar \in Data \times \{0, 1\}$   
 $\wedge BVar \in Data \times \{0, 1\}$   
 $\wedge AtoB \in Seq(Data \times \{0, 1\})$   
 $\wedge BtoA \in Seq(\{0, 1\})$

$vars \triangleq \langle AVar, BVar, AtoB, BtoA \rangle$       All variables.

$Init \triangleq \wedge AVar \in Data \times \{1\}$   
 $\wedge BVar = AVar$   
 $\wedge AtoB = \langle \rangle$   
 $\wedge BtoA = \langle \rangle$

A sending a data message to B by putting the same message in the channel  
 until an ACK is received.

$ASnd \triangleq \wedge AtoB' = Append(AtoB, AVar)$   
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle AVar, BtoA, BVar \rangle$

B receiving a data message from A.

$BRcv \triangleq \wedge AtoB \neq \langle \rangle$       There is at least one message in the channel.  
 $\wedge IF Head(AtoB)[2] \neq BVar[2]$   
       THEN  $BVar' = Head(AtoB)$       Accept the message if ACK bit is the alternate bit.  
       ELSE  $BVar' = BVar$       Ignore the message and keep the same local state.  
 $\wedge AtoB' = Tail(AtoB)$       Remove the received message from the channel.  
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle AVar, BtoA \rangle$

B sending an ACK for the last data value received.

$BSnd \triangleq \wedge BtoA' = Append(BtoA, BVar[2])$   
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle AVar, BVar, AtoB \rangle$

A receiving an ACK from B.

$ARcv \triangleq \wedge BtoA \neq \langle \rangle$       There is at least one message in the channel.  
 $\wedge IF Head(BtoA) = AVar[2]$       Check the ACK bit.  
       THEN  $\exists d \in Data : AVar' = \langle d, 1 - AVar[2] \rangle$       Alternate bit and send another message.  
       ELSE  $AVar' = AVar$       Keep sending AVar if ACK bit doesn't match.  
 $\wedge BtoA' = Tail(BtoA)$       Remove received message from the channel.  
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle AtoB, BVar \rangle$

Lose a message in one of the channels.

$$LoseMsg \triangleq \wedge \vee \text{Lose a data message.}$$

$$\wedge \exists i \in 1 \dots Len(AtoB) : AtoB' = Remove(i, AtoB)$$

$$\wedge BtoA' = BtoA$$

$$\vee \text{Lose an ACK message.}$$

$$\wedge \exists i \in 1 \dots Len(BtoA) : BtoA' = Remove(i, BtoA)$$

$$\wedge AtoB' = AtoB$$

$$\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle AVar, BVar \rangle$$

$$Next \triangleq \vee ASnd$$

$$\vee BRcv$$

$$\vee BSnd$$

$$\vee ARcv$$

$$\vee CorruptMsg$$

$$\vee LoseMsg$$

$$Spec \triangleq Init \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars}$$


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$$ABS \triangleq \text{INSTANCE } ABSpec$$

THEOREM  $Spec \Rightarrow ABS!Spec$

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$$FairSpec \triangleq Spec \wedge SF_{vars}(ARcv) \wedge SF_{vars}(BRcv)$$

$$\wedge WF_{vars}(ASnd) \wedge WF_{vars}(BSnd)$$

THEOREM  $FairSpec \Rightarrow ABS!FairSpec$

In the first eight lectures, you learned about writing the safety part of a TLA+ spec. Now you know how to specify liveness. You simply add weak and strong fairness conditions. Simple, yes. Easy, no. Liveness is inherently subtle. TLA+ is the simplest way I know to express it, and it's still hard. But don't worry if you have trouble with liveness. The safety part is by far the largest part and almost always the most important part of a spec. A major reason to add liveness is to catch errors in the safety part. If your fairness conditions don't imply the eventually or leads-to properties you expect to hold, it could be because the safety part doesn't allow behaviors that it should.

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