

# A Formal Proof of Deadlock Freedom

**Lemma**  $Spec \Rightarrow \Box LInv$

**Theorem**  $Spec \Rightarrow DeadlockFree$

DEFINE  $T0 \triangleq Trying(0)$

$T1 \triangleq Trying(1)$

$Success \triangleq InCS(0) \vee InCS(1)$

$Fairness \triangleq \forall i \in \{0, 1\} : WF_{vars}((pc[i] \neq \text{"ncs"}) \wedge P(i))$

1  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . SUFFICES ASSUME:  $\Box LInv \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars} \wedge Fairness \wedge \Box \neg Success$   
 PROVE:  $T0 \vee T1 \leadsto FALSE$

1.1  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . SUFFICES:  $\Box LInv \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars} \wedge Fairness \Rightarrow DeadlockFree$   
 PROOF: By the lemma and the definition of  $Spec$ .

1.2  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $DeadlockFree \equiv ((\Box \neg Success) \wedge (T0 \vee T1) \leadsto FALSE)$

PROOF: By definition of  $DeadlockFree$  and the tautology  $(F \leadsto G) \equiv ((\Box \neg G) \wedge F \leadsto FALSE)$ .

1.3  $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: By  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ ,  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ , and the proof rule

$(\Box F \wedge \Box G \vdash H \leadsto K) \vdash (\Box F \Rightarrow (\Box G \wedge H \leadsto K))$

since  $Fairness \equiv \Box Fairness$ .

2  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . CASE:  $T0 \leadsto FALSE$ .

2.1  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ .  $T0 \leadsto \Box (pc[0] = \text{"e2"})$

PROOF:  $LInv$  implies that process 0 is never at  $e3$  or  $e4$ , and  $\Box \neg Success$  (from the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  assumption) implies  $\Box \neg InCS(0)$ . Therefore,  $Fairness$  implies  $T0 \leadsto (pc[0] = \text{"e2"})$ , and  $\Box LInv \wedge \Box [Next]_{vars}$  implies  $(pc[0] = \text{"e2"}) \Rightarrow \Box (pc[0] = \text{"e2"})$ .

2.2  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $\Box (pc[0] = \text{"e2"}) \leadsto \Box ((pc[0] = \text{"e2"}) \wedge \neg x[1])$

2.2.1  $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . SUFFICES ASSUME:  $\Box (pc[0] = \text{"e2"})$

PROVE:  $TRUE \leadsto \Box \neg x[1]$

PROOF: By proof rule  $(\Box F \vdash G \leadsto H) \vdash (\Box F \wedge G \leadsto \Box F \wedge H)$ .

2.2.2  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ .  $TRUE \leadsto (\Box (pc[1] = \text{"ncs"}) \vee \Box T1)$

PROOF: By  $\Box \neg Success$  (from the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  assumption), process 1 never reaches  $cs$ . The code and fairness therefore imply that process 1 must eventually either reach and remain forever at  $ncs$ , or  $T1$  must become true and remain true forever.

2.2.3  $\langle 3 \rangle 3$ .  $(\Box (pc[1] = \text{"ncs"}) \Rightarrow \Box \neg x[1])$

PROOF:  $LInv$  implies that  $x[1]$  equals FALSE when process 1 is at  $ncs$ .

- 2.2.4  $\langle 3 \rangle 4$ .  $\Box T1 \leadsto \Box \neg x[1]$   
 PROOF:  $\Box LInv \wedge \Box(pc[0] = \text{"e2"})$  imply  $\Box x[0]$ . Thus,  $\Box T1$  (the case assumption),  $\Box \neg InCS(1)$  (by the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  assumption  $\Box \neg Success$ ), the code, and fairness imply that process 1 must eventually reach and remain forever at  $e4$  with  $x[1]$  equal to FALSE.
- 2.2.5  $\langle 3 \rangle 5$ . Q.E.D.  
 PROOF: By  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ – $\langle 3 \rangle 4$  and Leads-To Induction.
- 2.3  $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Q.E.D.
- 2.3.1  $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ .  $\Box((pc[0] = \text{"e2"}) \wedge \neg x[1]) \leadsto InCS(0)$
- 2.3.2  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Q.E.D.  
 PROOF:  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ ,  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ , and  $\langle 3 \rangle 1$  imply  $T0 \leadsto InCS(0)$ , and  $InCS(0) \wedge \Box \neg Success$  implies FALSE.
- 3  $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . CASE:  $T1 \leadsto \text{FALSE}$ .
- 3.1  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ .  $\Box T1$  is true time  $t_1$ .  
 PROOF: By the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  assumption,  $\Box \neg InCS(1)$  (which is implied by  $\Box \neg Success$ ) is true at time  $t_1$ . From the code and the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 3$  case assumption, this implies that  $\Box T1$  is true at time  $t_1$ .
- 3.2  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Either  $\Box \neg T0$  is true a time  $t_1$ , or  $T0$  is true at some time  $t_2 \geq t_1$ .  
 PROOF: Obviously,  $\Box \neg T0$  is false at time  $t_1$  iff  $T0$  is true at some time  $t_2 \geq t_1$ .
- 3.3  $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . CASE:  $\Box \neg T0$  is true at time  $t_1$
- 3.3.1  $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . There is some  $t_3 \geq t_1$  such that  $\Box \neg x[0]$  is true at time  $t_3$ .  
 PROOF: By the code and fairness,  $\neg T0$  true at time  $t_1$  implies that process 0 is at  $ncs$  at some time  $t_3 \geq t_1$ . The code and  $\neg T0$  true at all times  $t \geq t_1$  and the code imply that process 0 is at  $ncs$  with  $\neg x[0]$  true for all  $t \geq t_3$ .
- 3.3.2  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ .  $\Box(T1 \wedge \neg x[0])$  is true at time  $t_3$   
 PROOF: By  $\langle 3 \rangle 1$  and  $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ .
- 3.3.3  $\langle 3 \rangle 3$ . Q.E.D.  
 PROOF: Step  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ , the code, and fairness imply that process 1 reaches  $e2$  at some time  $t_4 \geq t_3$ . Step  $\langle 3 \rangle 2$  implies  $\Box \neg x[0]$  is true at time  $t_4$ , which by fairness implies that process 1 reaches its critical section at some time  $t_5 > t_4$ . Since  $t_5 \geq t_1$ , this contradicts the assumption from step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  that  $\Box \neg Success$  is true at time  $t_1$ .
- 3.4  $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . CASE:  $T0$  is true at time  $t_2 \geq t_1$   
 PROOF: By  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .
- 3.5  $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: By  $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ ,  $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ , and  $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .

4  $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: By the step  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$  assumption,  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$  (letting  $t_2$  equal  $t_1$ ), and  $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .

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