(a) Complete the implementation of putvar by supplying the right code to replace the dots in the receive clause in var(X).

1 points

(b) Draw a similar diagram to illustrate the messages passed during a call of getvar(VarPid), which is intended to retrieve the current value of the variable.

1 points

(c) Write the code for getvar(VarPid), and the corresponding code that must be added to the body of var(X) to handle the messages that getvar(VarPid) sends.

2 points

- 4. A lock can be implemented in Erlang as a server process which client processes communicate with to claim and release the lock. Assume we need to implement a single lock, which will be managed by a process registered under the name lock. Clients will call claim() and release() to claim and release the lock; in between these two calls we say that the client is holding the lock. If one client is holding the lock, then no other client may claim it until the first client releases the lock—calls of claim() in other clients should wait until the lock is released. Calls of release() in clients which are not holding the lock should be ignored.
 - (a) Draw a diagram to illustrate the message(s) a client and server should exchange when the client claims the lock.

1 points

(b) Draw a diagram to illustrate the message(s) a client and server should exchange when the client releases the lock.

1 points

(c) Write Erlang definitions of claim() and release().

2 points

(d) At any time, the server is in one of two states: either it is unlocked, or it is locked by a particular client pid. Define Erlang functions unlocked() and locked(Pid) that implement the behaviour of the server in the unlocked state, and locked-by-Pid state respectively.

2 points