SOEN 331:

Formal Methods for Software Engineering Various problems with solutions

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Part 1: Propositional logic

- You are shown a set of four cards placed on a table, each of which has a **shape** on one side and a **number** on the other side.
- ► The visible faces of the cards show the shapes **rectangle**, and **circle**, and the numbers **4**, and **7**.
- ▶ Which card(s) must you turn over in order to test the truth of the proposition that "If a card has a circle on one side, then it has an odd number on the other side"?

Problem 1: Solution

- ▶ Recall the arrangement: rectangle, circle, 4, 7.
- First, we summarize the proposition as circle → odd.
- By Modus Ponens we must turn circle and expect an odd number.

$$p \rightarrow q, p, \therefore q$$

▶ By Modus Tollens we must turn **4** and expect a non-circle.

$$p \rightarrow q, \neg q, \therefore \neg p$$

- Recall the arrangement: rectangle, circle, 4, 7.
- ▶ Recall the proposition: circle → odd.
- It would be wrong to select square and expect an even number. This is an invalidating pattern called "inverse error."

$$p \rightarrow q, \neg p, \therefore \neg q$$

▶ It would also be wrong to select **7** and expect a circle. This is an invalidating pattern called "converse error."

$$p \rightarrow q, q, \therefore p$$

- "If every prime number is a multiple of 4, and every multiple of 4 is an even number, then every prime number is even."
- ▶ Is this an argument? Is it valid? Is it sound?

Problem 2: Solution

- "If every prime number is a multiple of 4, and every multiple of 4 is an even number, then every prime number is even."
- ► This is a valid argument form called "hypothetical syllogism" (or "transitivity").
- ▶ Formally this is expressed as $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r$ ∴ $p \rightarrow r$.
- ▶ It is not sound since not all premises are true.

▶ In a paper titled "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" published in 1950, **Alan Turing** wrote:

"If each man had a definite set of rules of conduct by which he regulated his life he would be no better than a machine. But there are no such rules, so men cannot be machines."

Is this a valid argument?

Problem 3: Solution

- ▶ Premise If each man had a definite set of rules of conduct by which he regulated his life, [Then] he would be no better than a machine. $(p \rightarrow q)$
- ▶ Premise There is no set of rules of conduct. $(\neg p)$
- ▶ Conclusion Therefore, men cannot be machines. $(\neg q)$
- This is a non-validating pattern called "Denying the antecedent" (or "inverse error").
- ► In the article, Turing actually states that this is an example of an invalid argument.

Part 2: Predicate logic

- Let p(x) denote the statement "x is a politician", and q(x) denote the statement "x is crooked." Formalize the following sentences:
- There is an honest politician.
- No politician is honest.
- All politicians are honest.
- No politician is crooked.
- Some politicians are crooked.

Problem 1: Solution

- Let p(x) denote the statement "x is a politician", and q(x) denote the statement "x is crooked." Formalize the following sentences:
- ▶ There is an honest politician: $\exists x (p(x) \land \neg q(x))$.
- ▶ No politician is honest: $\forall x(p(x) \rightarrow q(x))$.
- ▶ All politicians are honest: $\forall x(p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x))$.
- ▶ No politician is crooked: $\forall x(p(x) \rightarrow \neg q(x))$.
- ▶ Some politicians are crooked: $\exists x(p(x) \land q(x))$.

- ► Consider the sentence "All that glitters is gold."
- ► Translate the predicate in formal logic for predicates glitters(x) meaning "x glitters" and gold(x) meaning "x is gold."

Problem 2: Solution

Translate the predicate in formal logic for predicates glitters(x) meaning "x glitters" and gold(x) meaning "x is gold."

$$\forall x(glitters(x) \rightarrow gold(x))$$

Use the two predicates glitters(x) and gold(x) to build the 4 types of categorical propositions in formal logic, clearly indicating each form.

Problem 3: Solution

Use the two predicates glitters(x) and gold(x) to build the 4 types of categorical propositions in formal logic, clearly indicating each form.

- A $\forall x (glitters(x) \rightarrow gold(x))$
- $\mathsf{E} \ \forall \, x \, (\mathit{glitters}(x) \to \neg \mathit{gold}(x))$
- $\exists x (glitters(x) \land gold(x))$
- $\bigcirc \exists x (glitters(x) \land \neg gold(x))$

- Given the sentence: The city is now empty / No human soul remains.
- ▶ We can identify two predicates soul(x) that reads "x is human soul" and remains(x) which reads "x remains."
- Build categorical propositions in English, identify their forms, and translate them into formal logic.

Problem 4: Solution

A All human souls remain. $\forall x (soul(x) \rightarrow remains(x)).$

E No human souls remain. $\forall x (soul(x) \rightarrow \neg remains(x))$

- I Some human souls remain. $\exists x (soul(x) \land remains(x))$
- O Some human souls do not remain. $\exists x (soul(x) \land \neg remains(x))$

From the previous problem, identify pairs that are

- contradictories,
- contraries,
- subcontraries, and
- pairs that support subalteration.

Problem 5: Solution

Contradictories:

- "All human souls remain" and "Some human souls do not remain."
- "No human souls remain" and "Some human souls remain."

Contraries:

"All human souls remain" and "No human souls remain."

Subontraries:

"Some human souls remain" and "Some human souls do not remain."

Subalteration:

- "Some human souls remain" is a subaltern to "All human souls remain."
- "Some human souls do not remain" is a subaltern to "No human souls remain."

Part 3: Binary relations

The binary relation "is reachable from" on the set of nodes of a directed mathematical multigraph, can be best described as follows:

Reflexive?

Irreflexive?

Symmetric?

Asymmetric?

Antisymmetric?

Transitive?

Problem 1: Solution

The binary relation "is reachable from" on the set of nodes of a directed mathematical multigraph, can be best described as follows:

Reflexive	$\forall a \in A : aRa$	√
Irreflexive	$\forall \ a \in A : \neg(aRa)$	×
Symmetric	$orall a,b \in A: aRb ightarrow bRa$	×
Asymmetric	$orall a,b \in A: aRb ightarrow eg bRa$	×
Antisymmetric	$\forall a,b,c \in A: (aRb \land bRa) \rightarrow a = b$	×
Transitive	$\forall a,b,c \in A: (aRb \land bRc) \rightarrow aRc$	✓

- Consider the binary relation "x divides y" on the set of natural numbers.
- Discuss reflexivity, symmetry, antisymmetry and transitivity.

Problem 2: Solution

- Consider the binary relation "x divides y" on the set of natural numbers.
- ▶ **Reflexivity** is defined as \forall *a* ∈ *A* : *aRa*.
- Since x is always a divisor of itself, the relation is reflexive.
- ▶ **Symmetry** is defined as $\forall a, b \in A : aRb \rightarrow bRa$.
- ► The relation is not symmetric since not for every x being a divisor of y it is also the case that y is also a divisor of x.

- ► Consider the binary relation "x divides y" on the set of natural numbers.
- ▶ **Transitivity** is defined as $\forall a, b, c \in A : (aRb \land bRc) \rightarrow aRc$.
- ► The relation is transitive since if x is a divisor of y and if y is a divisor of z, then x is also a divisor of z.

- ▶ If *R* is the relation "is sister of" and *S* is the relation "is the mother of" on the set of all people, describe the relations
- \triangleright $R \circ S$, and
- \triangleright $S \circ S$.

Problem 3: Solution

- ▶ R: "is sister of", and S: "is the mother of" on the set of all people.
- ▶ Recall that for $R \subseteq X \times Y$, and $S \subseteq Y \times Z$, then

$$R \circ S = \{(x, z) \in X \times Z \mid (\exists y \in Y : (x, y) \in R \land (y, z) \in S\}$$

- R ∘ S: If a is the sister of b, and b is the mother of c, then a is a sister of the mother of c. In other words, a is an aunt of c. Thus, R ∘ S captures the relation "is an aunt of."
- ▶ $S \circ S$ captures the relation "is a grandmother of."

Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and relation R over A defined as follows:

$$R = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,0), (3,3)\}$$

▶ Is R an equivalence relation, a partial order, or neither?

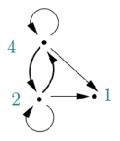
Problem 4: Solution

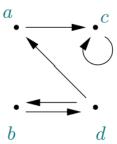
Let $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and a relation R over A to be defined as follows:

$$R = \{(0,0), (0,1), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,0), (3,3)\}$$

- ▶ The relation is reflexive, symmetric and not transitive.
- lt is, thus, neither an equivalence relation, nor a partial order.

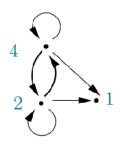
► For each of the relations shown below, list its ordered pairs and determine all their properties.

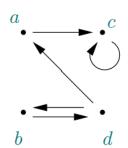




Problem 5: Solution

For the relations shown below





- ► The ordered pairs are
 - $1. \ \{(2,1),(2,2),(2,4),(4,1),(4,2),(4,4)\}$
 - 2. $\{(a,c),(b,d),(c,c),(d,a),(d,b)\}$

		(a)	(b)
Reflexive	$\forall a \in A : aRa$	×	×
Irreflexive	$\forall a \in A : \neg(aRa)$	×	×
Symmetric	$\forall a,b \in A: aRb ightarrow bRa$	×	×
Asymmetric	$\forall \ a,b \in A: aRb ightarrow eg bRa$	×	×
Antisymmetric	$\forall a,b,c \in A: (aRb \land bRa) \rightarrow a = b$	×	×
Transitive	$\forall a,b,c \in A: (aRb \land bRc) \rightarrow aRc$	√	×

Part 4: Functions

▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b, c\}$, and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ decide which of the functions is injective, surjective or bijective.

Problem 1: Solution

- ▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b, c\}$, and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ decide which of the functions is injective, surjective or bijective.
- ▶ $\{a \mapsto 1, b \mapsto 1, c \mapsto 3\}$: Not injective since the value 1 is repeated. Not surjective since the element 2 in the codomain is not a value of the function.
- ▶ $\{a \mapsto 1, b \mapsto 3, c \mapsto 2\}$: Injective since values are not repeated and surjective since the range and codomain coincide. By definition it is also bijective.

▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b, c\}$, and $B = \{1, 2\}$ decide whether the following function is injective, surjective or bijective.

Problem 2: Solution

- ▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b, c\}$, and $B = \{1, 2\}$ decide whether the following function is injective, surjective or bijective.
- ▶ $\{a \mapsto 1, b \mapsto 1, c \mapsto 2\}$: Not injective since the value 1 is repeated. It is surjective since the range and the codomain are the same.

▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b\}$, and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ decide whether the following function is injective, surjective or bijective.

$$a \mapsto 3, b \mapsto 1$$

Problem 3: Solution

- ▶ Given sets $A = \{a, b\}$, and $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$ decide whether the following function is injective, surjective or bijective.
- ▶ $\{a \mapsto 3, b \mapsto 1\}$: Injective but not surjective.

- Given Odd and Even that represent the sets of odd and even natural numbers respectively.
- ▶ Consider function $f: Odd \rightarrow Even$ defined by f(x) = x 1.
- ▶ Is *f* injective, surjective, bijective?
- Does there exist an inverse function?

Problem 4: Solution

- ▶ The function f(x) = x 1 is a bijection.
- ▶ Its inverse function is $f^{-1} = x + 1$.

Functions problems 5 - 9

The following applies to Problems 5 - 9.

Binary relations are sets of pairs and can model lookup tables.

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Employees: NAME \leftrightarrow Phone
Employees = \{ (frank \mapsto 0110), (philip \mapsto 0113), (aki \mapsto 4019), (doug \mapsto 4107), \dots \}
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What is the result of

 $\{frank, doug\} \lhd Employees =$

Problem 5: Solution

Domain restriction selects pairs based on their first element:

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 \begin{cases} \textit{frank}, \textit{doug} \} \lhd \textit{Employees} = \\ \{ & (\textit{doug} \mapsto 4107), \\ & (\textit{frank} \mapsto 0110) \\ \} \end{cases}
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What is the result of

 $\textit{Employees} \rhd \{4000..4999\} =$

Problem 6: Solution

Range restriction selects pairs based on their second element:

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Employees \rhd \{4000..4999\} = \{ \\ (aki \mapsto 4019), \\ (doug \mapsto 4107) \\ \}
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What is the result of

$$Employees' = Employees \oplus \{frank \mapsto 0178\} =$$

Problem 7: Solution

Overriding can model database updates:

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Employees' = Employees \oplus \{frank \mapsto 0178\} = \{ \\ (frank \mapsto 0178), \\ (philip \mapsto 0113), \\ (aki \mapsto 4019), \\ (doug \mapsto 4107), \\ \dots \\ \}
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What is the result of

$$Employees' = \{frank\} \lhd Employees =$$

Problem 8: Solution

The domain subtraction of a function or binary relation R by a set A, denoted as

$$A \triangleleft R$$

removes all elements of A from the domain of the function:

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Employees' = \{frank\} \lessdot Employees = \{ \\ (philip \mapsto 0113), \\ (aki \mapsto 4019), \\ (doug \mapsto 4107), \\ \dots \\ \}
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What is the result of

$$\textit{Employees}' = \textit{Employees} \rhd \{4107\} =$$

Problem 9: Solution

The range subtraction of a function of binary relation R by a set B, denoted as

$$R \triangleright B$$

removes all elements of B from the codomain of the function:

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Employees' = Employees \Rightarrow \{4107\} = \{ (philip \mapsto 0113), (aki \mapsto 4019), \dots \}
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Part 5: Temporal logic

Translate the following formula into English:

 $\exists x : Person \mid (philosopher(x) \land \Diamond king(x))$

Problem 1: Solution

Translate the following formula into English:

$$\exists x : Person \mid (philosopher(x) \land \Diamond king(x))$$

The formula translates to:

"There is someone who is now a philosopher and will be a king at some time."

Translate the following formula into English:

 $\exists x : Person \mid \Diamond(philosopher(x) \land king(x))$

Problem 2: Solution

Translate the following formula into English:

$$\exists x : Person \mid \Diamond(philosopher(x) \land king(x))$$

The formula translates to:

"There now exists someone who will at some time be both a philosopher and a king."

For a routine S, express the partial correctness triple in linear temporal logic.

Problem 3: Solution

The triple reads

and it can be expressed in LTL as

$$P \rightarrow \Box(halts(S) \rightarrow Q)$$

which reads:

"If P holds at the initial state, then it is always the case that whenever S halts, then Q holds." (i.e. if the routine halts at any moment in time, then the postcondition will hold).

Describe and visualize the following formula:

 $\Box(\phi \land \bigcirc \psi)$

Problem 4: Solution

 $\Box(\phi \land \bigcirc \psi)$

 $(\phi \land \bigcirc \psi)$ is globally true:

 ϕ is true at every moment and ψ is also true at every next moment.

Describe and visualize the following formula:

$$\phi \mathcal{U} (\phi \mathcal{U} \psi)$$

Problem 5: Solution

$\phi \mathcal{U} (\phi \mathcal{U} \psi)$

- ϕ is true up and until (but not including) the moment when $(\phi \mathcal{U} \psi)$ becomes true.
- ▶ The parenthesized formula reads: ϕ is true up and until (but not including) the moment when ψ becomes true.

Describe and visualize the following formula:

$$\phi \wedge \bigcirc (\psi \mathcal{U} (\psi \mathcal{U} \tau))$$

Problem 6: Solution

$$\phi \wedge \bigcirc (\psi \mathcal{U} (\psi \mathcal{U} \tau))$$

- ▶ Both ϕ and $\bigcirc(\psi \mathcal{U}(\psi \mathcal{U}\tau))$ are true at time i.
- $(\psi \mathcal{U} (\psi \mathcal{U} \tau))$ is true at time i+1: ψ is true up and until (but not including) the moment when $(\psi \mathcal{U} \tau)$ becomes true.



Problem 7: Solution

$$\Box(\phi \lor \psi)$$

The parenthesized formula is globally true (i.e. at every moment).



Problem 8: Solution

$$\bigcirc \Box (\phi \oplus \psi)$$

The entire formula is true at time i.

This means that $\Box(\phi \oplus \psi)$ is true at time i+1.

The parenthesized formula becomes true at time i+1 and remains true subsequently.



Problem 9: Solution



Is the formula well-formed?

Yes, because it is interpreted as $\bigcirc^2(\Diamond(\Box(\phi)))$.

or

 \bigcirc^2 (formula).

Problem 9: Solution /cont.

$$\bigcirc^2 \Diamond \Box \phi$$

The entire formula is true at time i.

This means that $\Diamond \Box \phi$ is true at time i+2.

This implies that at some moment in time starting from i+2, ϕ becomes true and stays true subsequently.



Problem 10: Solution



The entire formula is true at time = i.

The formula is interpreted as "It is not the case that at some moment in time ϕ becomes true and stays true subsequently."

The interpretation can be rephrased as "Once ϕ becomes true, it will not remain true for ever."

Translate the following requirements into temporal logic expressions:

- 1. Once a request is made, it will remain registered at least until the request is answered.
- 2. Once a process requests a resource, it will be inactive until it receives a go message.

Problem 11: Solution

Translate the following requirements into temporal logic expressions:

1. Once a request is made, it will remain registered at least until the request is answered.

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\Box(\textit{request\_made} \rightarrow (\textit{request\_registered} \ \mathcal{U} \ \textit{request\_answered}))
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2. Once a process requests a resource, it will be inactive until it receives a go message.

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\Box(sent(request) \rightarrow (inactive(P)U received(go)))
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Consider the following requirements for a library system:

- 1. Administrators operate in self-exclusion for a write operation, i.e. only one administrator may be modifying the library catalog at any moment in time:
- 2. Administrators and clients operate in mutual exclusion:

Problem 12: Solution

1. Administrators operate in self-exclusion for a write operation, i.e. only one administrator may be modifying the library catalog at any moment in time:

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\forall i, j : Administrator (\Box \neg (modification(admin_i) \land modification(admin_j))) for i \neq j.
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2. Administrators and clients operate in mutual exclusion:

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\Box(\neg active(admin) \lor \neg active(client))
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In the previous example (for requirement 2), would

 $\Box(active(admin) \oplus active(client))$

be a correct expression to capture mutual exclusion?

Problem 13: Solution

No, because this would enforce that always one must be active, whereas we need to allow the possibility for a moment in time that none is active.

Translate the following into formal logic:

"Once red, the light cannot become green immediately."

Problem 14: Solution

Translate the following into formal logic:

"Once red, the light cannot become green immediately."

 $\Box(\textit{red} \rightarrow \neg \bigcirc \textit{green})$

Translate the following into formal logic:

"Once red, the light always becomes green eventually after being yellow for some time."

(Hint: Enforce some duration for both red and yellow before reaching green.)

Problem 15: Solution

Translate the following into formal logic:

"Once red, the light always becomes green eventually after being yellow for some time."

$$\Box(\textit{red} \rightarrow \bigcirc(\textit{red}\,\mathcal{U}\,(\textit{yellow}\,\wedge\bigcirc(\textit{yellow}\,\mathcal{U}\,\textit{green}))))$$

Given the following statements that constitute system requirements:

- 1. \Box (request $\rightarrow \Diamond$ acknowledgment)
- $2. \ \Box (\textit{acknowledgment} \rightarrow \bigcirc \textit{processing})$
- 3. \Box (processing → $\Diamond \Box$ done)

How would you translate the following statement in English

 \Box request $\land \Box \neg$ done

and what can you infer about it?

Problem 16: Solution

The statement translates to "The system continuously sends a request but never sees it completed" and it is inconsistent with the set of requirements.

Translate the following into formal statements and indicate the corresponding property (fairness, liveness, safety):

- "Printing for processes a and b can never occur simultaneously."
- "Eventually, printing will be allowed for some process."
- "If a process makes a print request infinitely often, then printing for that process will occur infinitely often."

Problem 17: Solution

► (Safety) "Printing for processes a and b can never occur simultaneously."

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\Box \neg (printing(a) \land printing(b))
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► (Liveness) "Eventually, printing will be allowed for some process."

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\Diamond(\exists x : Process \mid printing(x))
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► (Fairness) "If a process makes a print request infinitely often, then printing for that process will occur infinitely often."

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\forall y : Process (\Box \Diamond print\_request(y) \rightarrow \Box \Diamond printing(y))
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Let p and q be propositions. The expression $p \to \Diamond q$ maps to which property below:

Guarantee	Response	Precedence

Problem 18: Solution

Let p and q be propositions. The expression $p \to \Diamond q$ maps to which property below:

Guarantee	Response	Precedence
×	✓	×

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"Once red, the light will never			
become immediately green"			

Problem 19: Solution

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"Once red, the light will never	√	×	×
become immediately green"			

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"If the light is red infinitely often, it should be yellow infinitely often."			

Problem 20: Solution

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"If the light is red infinitely often, it should be yellow infinitely often."	×	×	✓

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"Once red, the light becomes green eventually."			

Problem 21: Solution

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"Once red, the light becomes green eventually."	×	√	×

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"The resource must not be simultaneously accessed by a writer and a reader."			

Problem 22: Solution

	Safety	Liveness	Fairness
"The resource must not be simultaneously accessed by a writer and a reader."	✓	×	×

Select the appropriate temporal logic formula for "The boiler controller system is deadlock free."

□◇¬deadlock	<i> </i>	□¬deadlock	<i>♦□¬deadlock</i>

Problem 23: Solution

Select the appropriate temporal logic formula for "The boiler controller system is deadlock free."

□◇¬deadlock	<i> </i>	□¬deadlock	<i>♦□¬deadlock</i>
×	×	✓	×

What pattern of behavior does the following temporal formula specify?

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{start} &
ightarrow req_jack \ \mathbf{start} &
ightarrow \neg wait \ req_jack &
ightarrow igtarrow \neg req_jack \ wait &
ightarrow igtarrow req_jack \ wait &
ightarrow igtarrow \neg wait \ \end{aligned}$$

Problem 24: Solution

The program reproduces indefinitely the sequence

$$\langle (req_jack \land \neg wait), (\neg req_jack \land wait) \rangle$$

Part 6: Algebraic specifications

For the Set ADT whose operations are shown below

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\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{newset} \to \mathsf{Set}; \\ \mathsf{add} : \mathsf{Set} \times \mathsf{Element} \to \mathsf{Set}; \\ \mathsf{remove} : \mathsf{Set} \times \mathsf{Element} \to \mathsf{Set}; \\ \mathsf{size} : \mathsf{Set} \to \mathbb{N}_0; \\ \mathsf{isempty} : \mathsf{Set} \to \mathsf{Boolean}; \\ \mathsf{ismember} : \mathsf{Set} \times \mathsf{Element} \to \mathsf{Boolean}; \end{array}
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- and for variables s: Set; x, y: Element, produce axioms to demonstrate the following properties of operation add:
- 1 Commutativity, and
- 2 Idempotence.

Problem 1 /cont.

- ► **Commutativity** is a property of a binary operation whereby changing the order of the operands does not change the result.
- ▶ **Idempotence** is the property of certain operations whereby they can be applied multiple times without changing the result beyond the initial application.

Problem 1: Solution

For the Set ADT

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newset \rightarrow Set;
add : Set \times Element \rightarrow Set;
remove : Set \times Element \rightarrow Set;
size : Set \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0;
isempty : Set \rightarrow Boolean;
ismember : Set \times Element \rightarrow Boolean;
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- The commutativity property of operation add can be captured by add(add(s, x), y) = add(add(s, y), x);
- → and its idempotence property can be captured by add(add(s, x), x) = add(s, x);