Welcome to the world of NHK[‡]

—Install Manual and Specification—

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Abstract

NHK[#] is a model checking tool developed by us and published according to GPLv3 and later.

In general, there are two checking processes within the lifecycle of a system. One is verification of models describing functional specification, and the other is testing of real codes implementing the system. We developed a model checking tool can being used on both processes. Model checking systematically explores the state space of systems. The systems are expressed as the model or real code(or source code) written in programming languages such as C. There are several model checking tools that handle either the models or the real codes, but not both. In testing processes of the real codes, our model checking tool checks both the models and the real codes. The tool executes the binary code on GDB, then examines a composition with the model from which the portions of the model that correspond to the code being executed have been eliminated. A state space of the real code is a set of GDB's breakpoints corresponding to actions to communicate between the eliminated portion and others, so the model is written in a modeling language based on processe algebra. This tool enables the re-use of the same model that was used in verification processes.

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1 Installation

Compiling those files needs glib-1.2. You need to install it before doing this. Please refer the manual to install glib-1.2.

- After installing glib-1.2,
 tar -xvzf rccs.tar.gz
- 2. type the followingcd recs/src
- 3. similarly,make rccs

If you cannot compile then please edit the make file for your configuration. Perhaps, glib is installed into a different place.

2 Run-Time Options

 NHK^{\sharp} allow us to use the following option to control the behaviour of NHK^{\sharp} .

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rccs [-tigk] [-f FORMULA] [-d TARGET [ARGUMENTS]] [-m MODEL].
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When you give both -d and -f, then I examine the target in the verification mode, and give only -f then I verify a given property for a model. When you don't give both -f and -d, I will run the model in the emulation mode. Option -i provides interactive mode for users. When evaluation reaches to a binary operator in process expression, you can choose a left or right operand. The evaluation resumes after that choice. Option -g and -k switch the semantics of LTL formulae. -g turns into strong view and -k turns into weak view.

- -t : turns the trace flag on.
- -f "formula": specifies a formula and moves to verification mode.
- -d "target" ["arguments"]: specifies a debugging program and moves to collaboration mode.
- -m "model": specifies a source file for a model written in RCCS (Not Yet).
- -i : provides the interactive execution mode.
- -g: stronG view of the semantics of formulae (default).
- -k : weaK view of the semantics of formulae.

3 Communication

Let us try to see a message media for the transmission of information in NHK^{\sharp} . One of implementations of message medias is a bounded buffer. The message media discipline is:

- The channel is a bidirection channel and a bounded buffer whose size is 1.
- A sender may always send a message, provided the buffer is not full.
- If the buffer is full then a sender is blocked.
- A receiver may always receive a message, provided the buffer is not empty.
- If the buffer is empty then a receiver is blocked.

The bounded buffer in NHK[‡] takes one message at a time. We call this buffer a register, and operations write/read. If a buffer is full/empty then write/read operation is blocked. To simplify the description, we consider that the buffer is FIFO. Moreover, communication is connected by bidirectional channel.

A concurrent object is defined by a set of operations and a specification that defines the meaning of the object. Message channels in NHK[#] has the following specification.

- One output action matches to one input action.
- One input action match's to one output action.
- Every value read is written, but not overwritten.
- The first action of a history is an output action.
- An output action write values to a channel, provided a empty channel.
- An input action read values from a channel, provider a channel is not empty.
- No value is written twice.
- No value is read twice.

Moreover, the shared object has atomicity property (linearizability). A contiguous occurrence of the matching actions is an atomic communication among matching actions. A pair of an input action and an matching output action in a sequential history atomically behaves.

3.1 Atomicity Consistency (Linearizability)

Sequences of actions in NHK[‡] has linearizability property that Herlihy and Wing define in [HW87]. Linearizability requires each operation should appear to "take effect", and the order of nonconcurrent operations should be preserved.

An execution on concurrent objects is modeled by a history, which is a finite sequence of operation invocation and response events. An action involves two operations to communication media. One is to write messages to the media as an output action, and another is to read

messages from it as an input action. Each operation is a pair consists of an invocation event and the matching response event. An invocation of an operation is written as inv(op), and also an response event is written as res(op).

DEFINITION 3.1 (Sequencial History)

A history H is sequential if:

- The first event of history H is an invocation of an action.
- Each invocation event, except possibly the last, is immediately followed by a matching response event.
- Each response event, except possibly the last, is immediately followed by an invocation event.

Let a be any process P_i or any object X. H|a denotes the projection of H on a. Two histories are equivalent if for every process P_i , $H|P_i = H'|P_i$. A history is well-formed if a projection on each process is sequential. All histories considered in this paper are assumed to be well-formed.

A history H induces an irreflexive relation \prec_H on a set of operations.

DEFINITION 3.2 (Partial Order on Operations)

 $op_1 \prec_H op_2$ if res (op_1) precedes inv (op_2) in H.

If H is sequential then \prec_H is total.

The next introduces the condition of linearizability.

DEFINITION 3.3 (Linearizability)

There is a sequential history S such that:

- history H is equivalent to some legal sequential history S,
- $\bullet \prec_H \subseteq \prec_S$, and
- \prec_S is total order.

Given a linearizable history, there may be more than one linearization. A possibility for linearization is a pair $\langle S, P \rangle$, where S is a linearization of a given history and P is a set of pending operations which are not completed to construct S. $Poss_H$ denotes a set of possibilities for history H. Poss is captured by the following three axioms.

AXIOM 3.1 (Closure)

if $\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss$ then

$$\forall \operatorname{inv}(op) \in P. \exists \operatorname{res}(op). S \operatorname{inv}(op) \operatorname{res}(op) \text{ is legal}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle S \operatorname{inv}(op) \operatorname{res}(op), P - \{\operatorname{inv}(op)\} \rangle \in Poss$$

The axiom states that if S is a linearization of H, $\operatorname{inv}(op)$ is a pending invocation in H that is not completed to form S, and $S' = S\operatorname{inv}(op)\operatorname{res}(op)$ is a legal sequential history, then S' is also a linearization of H.

AXIOM 3.2 (Invocation)

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\{\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss\} \operatorname{inv}(op) \{\langle S, P \cup \{\operatorname{inv}(op)\} \rangle \in Poss'\}
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Axiom Invocation states that any invocation of H is also a linearization of H inv(op).

AXIOM 3.3 (Response)

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\{\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss \text{ and } \operatorname{inv}(op) \not\in P \text{ and } \operatorname{res}(op) = \operatorname{last}(S)\}\operatorname{res}(op)\{\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss'\}
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Axiom Response states that any linearization of H in which the pending inv(op) is completed with res(op) is also a linearization of H res(op). last(S, A) is the response to A's last invocation in the sequential history S. An operation completion decides the order of the operation, and then the invocation of the operation in P on Poss is removed.

3.2 NHK $^{\sharp}$ Message Media

The bounded buffer in NHK^{\sharp} takes one message at a time from that message media discipline. Operation enq, if the buffer is empty, places a message in the buffer, otherwise it is blocked. Operation deq, if the buffer is full, reads a message from the buffer, otherwise it is blocked. A specification is a set of axioms. The message media discipline leads the axioms. m denotes a state of a message media, [v] denotes a queue list, and v is a items in a queue.

AXIOM 3.4 (Enqueue)

$${m = \emptyset}[\operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{enq}(v))/\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{enq}(v))]{m = [v]}$$

AXIOM 3.5 (Dequeue)

$$\{m \neq \emptyset \text{ and } m = [v]\}[\text{inv}(\text{deq}())/\text{res}(\text{deq}())]\}\{m = \emptyset \text{ and } v = \text{res}(\text{deq}())\}$$

The above axioms imply the following Theorem 3.1.

THEOREM 3.1

If m is empty initially then

$$0 \le \operatorname{length}(m) \le 1$$
,

where length provides the number of items in buffer m.

Proof Sketch. Operation enq, if the buffer is not empty then it is blocked, and deq, if the buffer is empty then it is blocked. When length(m) is empty initially then length(m) is at most 1.

Let H is a history on the message media. NHK^{\sharp} in current implementation immediately completes each operation. Therefore, every H is a sequential history, and for each history, \prec_H is total order. Thus, the message media is an atomic object. Because atomicity is a local property the whole of the message media is also atomic (see Theorem 1 in [HW87]). The message media with the enqueue and dequeue operations is an atomic object. Thereby, every histories of events for the message media is complete.

3.3 Synchronization

Synchronization in NHK^{\sharp} starts at an output action and terminates at an input action. Output action a is an invocation inv(a), and input action is a response res(a). Partial order on channels $a \prec_H b$ is that for channel $a, b, a \prec_H b$ if res(a) precedes inv(b) in H. Each action is implemented by a sequence of events on the above bounded FIFO buffer: inv $(a) \equiv \text{inv}(\text{enq}(v)) \text{ res}(\text{enq}(v))$ and res $(a) \equiv \text{inv}(\text{deq}()) \text{ res}(\text{deq}())$. We show that the implementation is correct.

The following axioms provide the semantics of operations on channel.

AXIOM 3.6 (Output Action)

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{ \{ length(ch) = 0 \} inv(a) \{ length(ch) = 1 \} }
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AXIOM 3.7 (Input Action)

$${ \{ length(ch) = 1 \} res(a) \{ length(ch) = 0 \} }$$

where length(ch) is the number of messages on a channel.

For any history H, inv(a) is not contiguous to other output action inv(a). For example, if events inv(a(v)), inv(a(v')), res(a(v)), res(a(v')) lie within H then inv(a(v)) res(a(v)) inv(a(v')) res(a(v')) and inv(a(v')) res(a(v')) inv(a(v)) res(a(v)) res(a(v)), and inv(a(v)) inv(a(v)) res(a(v)) res(a(v)) are not acceptable.

LEMMA 3.1

An invocation inv(a) for channel a does not contiguous to inv(a), and also a response res(a) does not contiguous to res(a).

Proof Sketch. Describe a sequential history H for channel a. inv(a) is partial. If length(a) = 1 then the invocation is blocked. From Axiom 3.6, if length(a) = 0 then length(a) = 1 after inv(a) occurs. From Axiom 3.7, res(a) is invoked only if length(a) = 1. If length(a) = 0 then an response of a is blocked. Thereby, for any history H, H is sequential. Thus, inv(a) (res(a)) is not contiguous.

Lemma 3.1 stats that all history must be sequential. The opposite of Lemma 3.1, i.e. there are no contiguous invocations in a sequential history, is explicit by the definition of sequential history.

THEOREM 3.2

One output action corresponds with one input action, and one input action corresponds with one output action.

Proof Sketch. Pick a derivation $\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss_m$ showing that H is linearizable. From Lemma 3.1 res(a) (is an input action) is contiguous to inv(a) (is an output action), and inv(a) is contiguous to res(a) on S. From Axiom 3.1 Closure, if $inv(a) \in P$, then $\langle S inv(a) res(a), P - \{inv(a)\} \rangle \in Poss_m$. Thus, all output action has a matching input action, and all input action has a matching output action.

Theorem 3.2 implies the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.3

No value is written twice, and no value is read twice.

Proof Sketch. From Lemma 3.1 all history is sequential. From Theorem 3.2 subhistory $\operatorname{inv}(a(v))\operatorname{inv}(a(v))$ is not invoked. A subhistory $\operatorname{res}(a(v))\operatorname{res}(a(v))$ is also invoked. Thus, same values are not written into a channel and read from a channel.

THEOREM 3.4

If an invocation inv(a(v)) precedes inv(a(v')) and res(a(v')) has occurred, then res(a(v)) must precede inv(a(v')).

Proof Sketch. Pick a derivation $\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss_m$ showing that H is linearizable. From Theorem 3.1, res(a(v)) must precedes inv(a(v')), and must adapt Axiom 3.1 for inv(a(v)) and res(a(v)) in S. Thus, v on channel a by res(a(v)) does not vanish until res(a(v)) is invoked.

Theorem 3.4 implies that messages do not spontaneously vanish form a channel.

THEOREM 3.5

If a response res(a) is invoked then inv(a) has been invoked before res(a) and res(a) does not precede inv(a).

Proof Sketch. Pick a derivation $\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss_m$ showing that H is linearizable. res(a) occurs at m in H. From Axiom 3.3 Response, $\{\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss$ and $inv(op) \notin P$ and $res(op) = last(S)\} res(op) \{\langle S, P \rangle \in Poss'\}$. H is legal only if inv(a) occur at i(< m). Axiom 3.1 application is included. Then, for $i \leq j \leq m$, $\langle S', P' \rangle \in Poss_j$ and $inv(a) \in P'$. Also, $\langle S' inv(a) res(a), P' - \{inv(a)\} \rangle \in Poss_j$. Thus, res(a) does not precede inv(a).

Channels in NHK $^{\sharp}$ are implemented by queue. Each output action is implemented by enq operation on queue, and each input action is implemented by deq operation. A history is an event sequence interleaved actions with operations of the implementation.

An implementation is correct if for every history H H|a is linearizable. Let H be a interleaved history. We focus on showing that for all H|m

$$\langle S_m, P_m \rangle \in Poss_{H|m} \Rightarrow \langle S_a, P_a \rangle \in Poss_{H|a}.$$

We define an abstract function: $\mathcal{A}(m): M \to Ch$ so that it maps each state of the implementation to a state of an abstract data. M is a set of states of queue and Ch is a set of states of channel.

$$A(m) = \{a | (m = a = [v]) \lor (m = a = \emptyset)\},\$$

The order of items in buffer does not need because the queue implementation must satisfy Theorem 3.1 $0 \le \text{length}(m) \le 1$.

THEOREM 3.6

A transmission via action is atomic.

Proof Sketch. Association between a message media m and a channel a

$$\operatorname{inv}(a(v)) \equiv \operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{enq}(v))\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{enq}(v)),$$

 $\operatorname{res}(a(v)) \equiv \operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{deq}(v))\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{deq}(v)).$

Then, by Axiom 3.4 and Axiom 3.5

$$\{\mathcal{A}(m) = \emptyset\}[\operatorname{inv}(a(v)(=\operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{eng}(v))/\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{eng}(v)))]\{\mathcal{A}(m) = [v]\}$$

and

$$\{\mathcal{A}(m) = [v]\}[\operatorname{res}(a(v)(=\operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{deq}(v))/\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{deq}(v)))]\{\mathcal{A}(m) = \emptyset \text{ and } v = \operatorname{res}(a(v))\}$$

These sequences satisfy Axiom 3.6 and Axiom 3.7.

We need to show that if H|m is linearizable then H|a is also linearizable. It suffices to show that $\mathcal{A}(m)$ is included in a set of results which S_a causes. Pick $\langle S_m, P_m \rangle \in Poss_{H|m}$. If the last inference is Axiom 3.1 for enq(v), then the later events of S_m are inv(enq(v)) res(enq(v)), and the last event of H|a is inv(a(v)). Also m = [v], so $\mathcal{A}(m) = [v]$. At this moment $\langle S_a, P_a \rangle \in Poss_{H|a}$ and inv $(a(v)) \in P_a$. By Theorem 3.1 inv(deq(v)) res(deq(v)) is contiguous to inv(enq(v)) res(enq(v)). Then, H|a res(a(v)) and S_a inv(a(v)) res(a(v)), thereby $a = \emptyset$ or [v]. Therefore $\mathcal{A}(m) \in \{\emptyset, [v]\}$.

Moreover, if the last inference is Axiom 3.1 for deq(v), then the later events of S_m are inv(deq(v)) res(deq(v)), and the last event of H|a is res(a(v)). Also $m = \emptyset$, so $\mathcal{A}(m) = \emptyset$. At this moment $\langle S_a, P_a \rangle \in Poss_{H|a}$, thereby $a = \emptyset$. Therefore $\mathcal{A}(m) \in \{\emptyset\}$.

By Theorem 3.1 $\operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{enq}(v'))\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{enq}(v'))$ is contiguous to $\operatorname{inv}(\operatorname{deq}(v))\operatorname{res}(\operatorname{deq}(v))$. Thus $\mathcal{A}(m)$ is included in a set of states which linearization cause.

4 Syntax of Model Description Language

4.1 Primitive Type

RCCS has two types, integer and string. Operator +,-,/,* are defined over these types.

4.2 Special Actions and Processes

Action key and display are special actions. key is used as an input action corresponding to the standard input, and display is used as an output action corresponding to the standard output. accept is used to represents accept states of an automaton produced from a given LTL formula in verification mode. Those special actions distinguish between upper letters and lower letters.

Process ZERO and STOP are a special process that means do nothing, not terminate the whole. NHK^{\sharp} uses a special process INIT_STATE in verification mode. The process means an initial state of an automaton for a LTL formula given by users. ABORT terminates the whole process for an automaton, but users cannot use in a model. Those special processes do not distinguish between upper letters and lower letters.

4.3 Scope

In expression (define P (x) body), the scope of x becomes body. In expression ($\overline{a}(x)$: body), the scope of x becomes body.

Unfortunately, we use dynamic binding. In future, we will fix it.

4.4 Syntax of the Description Language

```
::= ( define ID ( ID_Seq ) Agent_Exp )
Agent_Exp
               | ( bind ID Strings )
               | ( globalvar IDs Strings )
               | ( if ( B_exp ) Agent_Exp Agent_Exp )
               | ( A_Binary_Exp )
               1 ()
A_Binary_Exp ::= A_Binary_Exp ++ A_Label_Exp
              | A_Binary_Exp || A_Label_Exp
               | A_Label_Exp
              ::= A_Label_Exp [ ID_Seq ]
A_Label_Exp
              | A_Label_Exp { Relabel_Seq }
               | A_Unary_Exp
              ::= ID ( Value_Seq ) : A_Unary_Exp
A_Unary_Exp
              | ID : A_Unary_Exp
               | ~ ID ( Value_Seq ) : A_Unary_Exp
               | ~ ID : A_Unary_Exp
               | ID ( Value_Seq )
               | ID
               | ( Agent_Exp )
ID_Seq
              ::= ID_Seq , ID
              | ID_Seq , ~ ID
               | ID
               | ~ ID
               | epsilon
Value_Seq
              ::= Value_Seq , B_Exp
              | B_Exp
             ::= Relabel_Seq , ID / ID
Relabel_Seq
              | Relabel_Seq , ~ ID / ~ ID
              | ID / ID
              | ~ ID / ~ ID
              ::= B_Exp | C_Exp
B_Exp
               | B_Exp & C_Exp
               | C_Exp
              ::= C_Exp < V_Exp
C_Exp
              | C_Exp <= V_Exp
               | C_Exp > V_Exp
               | C_Exp >= V_Exp
               | C_Exp = V_Exp
               | V_Exp
              ::= V_Exp + V_Term
V_Exp
              | V_Exp - V_Term
               | V_Term
V_Term
              ::= V_Term * V_Unary_Exp
              | V_Term / V_Unary_Exp
               | V_Term % V_Unary_Exp
              | V_Unary_Exp
             ::= ! V_Unary_Exp
| Fact
V_Unary_Exp
              ::= Iconst | Strings | TRUE | FALSE | ID
Fact
              | ( B_Exp )
```

4.5 Sorts and Derivatives of Processes

We make the notion of sort which is a little difference from syntactic sort in [Mil89]. If actions of a process P and all its derivatives

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\begin{array}{rcl} \operatorname{Sort}(\operatorname{ZERO}) &=& \emptyset \\ \operatorname{Sort}(a\colon P) &=& \{a\} \cup \operatorname{Sort}(P) \\ \operatorname{Sort}(\sim a\colon P) &=& \{\sim a\} \cup \operatorname{Sort}(P) \\ \operatorname{Sort}(P++Q) &=& \operatorname{Sort}(P) \cup \operatorname{Sort}(Q) \\ \operatorname{Sort}(P\|Q) &=& \operatorname{Sort}(P) \cup \operatorname{Sort}(Q) \\ \operatorname{Sort}(\operatorname{if} b P Q) &=& \operatorname{Sort}(P) \cup \operatorname{Sort}(Q) \\ \operatorname{Sort}(A) &=& \operatorname{Sort}(P) \operatorname{if} A \stackrel{\operatorname{def}}{=} P \end{array}
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We distinguish names and co-names, and the observation of pairs of matching actions is possible because it is used to determine a next transition of the entire of processes.

We make the notion of syntactic derivative of sort Sort(P) which is used in the definition of operational semantics. All derivatives lie in Sort(P) of P is syntactic immediate derivatives. Describing an action sequence $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ in which each element is an element of Sort(P) of P, we call a process of the sequence and a set of them writes Derivative(P). Derivative(ZERO) is $\{ZERO\}$.

4.6 RCCS Operational Semantics

In this section, we define the semantics of the model discription language. For this purpose, we define an abstract machine. We define context k. The following grammar defines a set of contexts. The context contains a hole, written in \square , in the place of one subexpression.

```
\begin{array}{cccc} k & ::= & \square \\ & | & P || \square \\ & | & \square || P \end{array}
```

k[P] means to replace the hole in k with P, where P is a process defined in Section 4.4. Moreover, we define a function env that maps all free variables to closures. This function is called a environment, and a closure is a pair of an expression and a environment. environment env and colosure c have mutually recursive definitions.

```
env ::= a \text{ list of pairs } \langle (X,c), \cdots \rangle

c ::= \{(P,env)|FV(P) \subset \text{dom}(env)\}
```

 $env[X \leftarrow c]$ means that (X,c) is added into env, that is, $\{(X,c)\} \cup \{(Y,c')|(Y,c') \in env \text{ and } X \neq Y\}$. In addition to the above definition, we use the following sets.

```
ch ::= a \text{ list of pairs } \langle (Name, \langle m_1, \cdots, m_n \rangle), \cdots \rangle
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Channel ch represents a set of channels with which processes communicate each other. $ch[a \leftarrow v]$ means that (a, v) is added into ch, that is, $\{(a, v)\} \cup \{(b, v') | (b, v') \in ch \text{ and } a \neq b\}$.

A state of the machine is a triple [(exp, env), k, ch] which is appended channel ch to machines in [FF02]. We define single steps of an evaluation function for the description language. A bijection function on names assocites a name a to a co-name, written with \overline{a} . Notice that $\overline{\overline{a}} = \alpha$. $env[\langle x \rangle \leftarrow \langle v \rangle, \langle y \rangle \leftarrow \langle w \rangle, \cdots]$ means $(env[\langle x \rangle \leftarrow \langle v \rangle)][\langle y \rangle \leftarrow \langle w \rangle] \cdots$, and $ch[\alpha \leftarrow \langle v \rangle, \beta \leftarrow \langle w \rangle, \cdots]$ means $(ch[\alpha \leftarrow \langle v \rangle)][\beta \leftarrow \langle w \rangle], \cdots$. We show the operational semantics of RCCS in Fig. 1

5 Coroutine-Like Sequencing

An important application of coroutine is discrete event simulation, where coroutine may be used to simulate parallel processes within the framework of a sequential program.

6 Syntax of Formulae

We use LTL to describe goal properties of processes. We first assume that a trace has initial states and is a finite sequence of states. We write the length of trace $\sigma = s_0 s_1 \cdots s_n$ to $|\sigma|$ in which $|\sigma|$ is n+1. We write the suffix of $\sigma = s_0 s_1 \cdots s_i \cdots s_n$ starting at i as $\sigma^{i} = s_i \cdots s_n$, and the ith state as σ^i .

We assume a vocabulary x,y,z,\cdots of variables for data values. For each state, variables are assigned to a single value. A state formula is any well-formed first-order formula constructed over the given variables. Such state formulas are evaluated on a single state to a boolean value. If the evaluation of state formula p becomes true over s, then we write $s[p]=\mathtt{tt}$ and say that s satisfies p, where \mathtt{tt} and \mathtt{ff} are truth values, denoting true and false respectively. Let φ and ψ be temporal formulas, a temporal formula is inductively constructed as follows:

- a state formula is a temporal formula,
- the negation of a temporal formula $\neg \varphi$ is a temporal formula,
- $\varphi \lor \psi$ and $\varphi \land \psi$ are temporal formulas, and
- $\Box \varphi$, $\Diamond \varphi$, $\circ \varphi$, and $\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi$ are temporal formulas.

We provide the formal syntax with BNF notation.

```
Start
                  ::= StartFormula
                  ::= StartFormula /\ PathFormula
StartFormula
                      StartFormula \/ PathFormula
                      StartFormula -> PathFormula
                      ! StartFormula
                      PathFormula
PathFormula
                  ::= <> PathFormula
                      [] PathFormula
                      PathFormula U StartFormula
                      X PathFormula
                      Proposition
Proposition
                  ::= Proposition & Atom
                      Proposition | Atom
                      Proposition -> Atom
                      ! Proposition
Atom
                  ::= Atom =
                               Exp
                      Atom < Exp
                      Atom > Exp
                      Atom <= Exp
                      Atom >= Exp
                      Boolean
                      Exp
                  ::= Exp + Term
Exp
                      Exp - Term
                      Term
                  ::= Digits
Term
                      Strings
                      Ιd
```

7 Semantics of Property Description Language

We next define two semantics of temporal formulas over a finite trace according to [EFH⁺03]. If trace σ satisfies property φ , then we write $\sigma \models \varphi$.

7.1 Strong Semantics

Furthermore,

- if p is a state formula, then $\sigma \models p$ iff $\sigma^0[p] = \mathsf{tt}$ and $|\sigma| \neq 0$,
- $\sigma \models \neg \varphi \text{ iff } \sigma \not\models \varphi$.
- $\sigma \models \varphi \lor \psi$ iff $\sigma \models \varphi$ or $\sigma \models \psi$,
- $\sigma \models \varphi \land \psi$ iff $\sigma \models \varphi$ and $\sigma \models \psi$,
- $\sigma \models \Box \varphi$ iff for all $0 \le i < |\sigma|, \sigma^{i...} \models \varphi$,
- $\sigma \models \Diamond \varphi$ iff there exists $0 \leq i < |\sigma|$ such that $\sigma^{i...} \models \varphi$,
- $\sigma \models \circ \varphi$ iff $\sigma' \models \varphi$ where $\sigma' = \sigma$ if $|\sigma \models 1$ and $\sigma' = \sigma^{1...}$ if $|\sigma| > 1$,
- $\sigma \models \varphi \ \mathcal{U} \ \psi$ iff there exists $0 \le k < |\sigma|$ s.t. $\sigma \models \psi$ and for all $j < k, \sigma \models \varphi$.

A formula φ is satisfiable if there exists a sequence σ such that $\sigma \models \varphi$. Given set of traces T and formula φ , φ is valid over T if for all $\sigma \in T$, $\sigma \models \varphi$.

7.2 Weak Semantics

Furthermore,

- if p is a state formula, then $\sigma \models p$ iff $\sigma^0[p] = \mathsf{tt}$ or $|\sigma \models 0$,
- $\sigma \models \neg \varphi \text{ iff } \sigma \not\models \varphi$,
- $\sigma \models \varphi \lor \psi$ iff $\sigma \models \varphi$ or $\sigma \models \psi$,
- $\sigma \models \varphi \land \psi$ iff $\sigma \models \varphi$ and $\sigma \models \psi$,
- $\sigma \models \Box \varphi$ iff for all $0 < i < |\sigma|, \sigma^{i...} \models \varphi$,
- $\sigma \models \Diamond \varphi$ iff there exists $0 \leq i < |\sigma|$ such that $\sigma^{i...} \models \varphi$,
- $\sigma \models \circ \varphi$ iff $\sigma' \models \varphi$ where $\sigma' = \sigma$ if $|\sigma \models 1$ and $\sigma' = \sigma^{1...}$ if $|\sigma| > 1$,
- $\sigma \models \varphi \ \mathcal{U} \ \psi$ iff there exists $0 \le k < |\sigma|$ s.t. $\sigma \models \psi$ and for all $j < k, \sigma \models \varphi$.

8 Relationships between Models and Formulae

In this section, we describe the relationship between algebraic models and LTL formulas. The modeling language enables us to pass values via input prefix $\alpha(e)$ and output prefix $\overline{\alpha}(x)$ with the same name. The execution of $\alpha(e)$ produces value v of e, and the execution of $\overline{\alpha}(x)$ causes a single assignment to x. Furthermore, the execution of two actions causes atomic assignment x := v, that is, communication between two agents produces a new state by changing the values of the variables. This is similar to the first paragraph in Section 3.3 of [LS84, page 290].

This atomic assignment changes states, and we represent the change as s[v/x], which denotes a change in the values of x in s to v. A state is a mapping from variables to values. Assuming that Var_{E} is a set of variables that appears in prefixes in agent E with range V, s: $\operatorname{Var}_{E} \to V$. For example, the evaluation s[x=y] of x=y at s becomes s[x]=s[y], and at s[v/x], s[v/x][x]=s[v/x][y], i.e., v=s[y].

Therefore, communication between agents produces a sequence of assignments, which then produces a sequence of state changes called a trace. Let a set of traces produced by agent E be T. If for all traces $\sigma \in T$, $\sigma \models \varphi$, then we state that φ is valid over E and write $E \models \varphi$.

8.1 Transition of Automata

A LTL formula by which a property of a model is given transforms to a Büchi automaton. A Büchi automaton m contains of five components:

- A finite set of states, denoted Q.
- A finite set of input symbols, denoted Σ .
- A transition function δ that takes a state and an input symbol, and returns a next state. If q is a state, and s is an input symbol, then $\delta(q, a)$ returns state p.
- A start state q_0 is a state in Q.
- A set of accepting states Q_{∞} is a subset of Q.

In this paper, an input symbol becomes a state of a model. We talk about an automaton m in five-tuple notation: $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Q_{\infty})$.

Now, we need to make the notion of the language that an automaton accepts. To do this, we define an extended transition function. The extended transition function constructed from δ is called $\hat{\delta}$. We define $\hat{\delta}$ by induction on the length of an input string σ , as follows:

$$\hat{\delta}(q,\sigma) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} q & \text{if } |\sigma \models 0 \\ \delta(\hat{\delta}(q,\sigma^{..n-1}),\sigma^n) & \text{if } 0 < |\sigma| < \omega. \end{array} \right.$$

We define the language $\mathcal{L}(m)$ of automaton m. Let $\mathrm{INF}(\rho)$ be a set of automaton states that appear infinitely often in while reading σ , then σ is accepted by m if and only if $\mathrm{INF}(\rho) \cap Q_{\infty} \neq \emptyset$. Thus,

$$\mathcal{L}(m) = \{ \sigma \mid \rho^0 = q^0, \forall i \colon \rho^i = \hat{\delta}(q_0, \sigma^{\cdot \cdot i}), \text{ and } \text{INF}(\rho) \cap Q_\infty \neq \emptyset \}.$$

 η depends on weak or strong semantics. In weak semantics, η is q that is regarded as an element of Q_{∞} . In strong semantics, η is Λ , where Λ is inconsistency.

8.2 Correspondence between Models and Formulae

We describe a correspondence between a model and a Büchi automaton of a formulae of a property which the model are required. The correspondence is expressed with Hoare triple: $\{p\}\alpha\{q\}$, where p and q are boolean predicates, and α is an action which a model performs. To show that a program π satisfies m, we demonstrate a correspondence between m and π . We define a correspondence invariant C_i for each state q_i . the correspondence invariant C_i is a predicate that holds on a model state s if an automaton s enters an automaton state s if there exists a history containing program state s and s is transformed from s into s into

We formally define *correspondence invariant* by induction [AS89].

THEOREM 8.1 (Correspondece Basis)

 $\forall j : q_j \in Q \text{ and } (Init_{\pi} \wedge T_{0j}) \Rightarrow C_j,$ where $Init_{\pi}$ is the initial states of model π .

THEOREM 8.2 (Correspondece Induction)

 $\forall \alpha \colon \forall i \colon \alpha \in A \cup \overline{A} \text{ and } q_i \in Q \text{ and } \{C_i\} \alpha \{ \land_{q_i \in Q} (T_{ij} \Rightarrow C_j) \}.$

In order to establish that model π satisfies property p, we must show that every history σ of π accepts by m for a property. There are two ways that m fails to accept a history σ of π :

- 1. m attempts an undefined transition when reading σ .
- 2. m never enters an accepting state after some finite prefix of σ .

Thus, it suffices that (1) and (2) are impossible. Two obligations ensure that (1) is impossible. First, we must show that m can make some transition from its start state upon reading the first state in a history.

THEOREM 8.3 (Transition Basis)

$$Init_{\pi} \Rightarrow \vee_{j} (q_{j} \in Q \text{ and } T_{0j})$$

Second, we must show that m can always make a transition upon reading subsequent states in a history. If m is in state q_i then the model state read by m satisfies a correspondence invariant C_i . To avoid an undefined transition, any atomic action α that is then executed must transform the model state so that one of the transition predicates T_{ij} emanating from q_i holds. This is guaranteed by

THEOREM 8.4 (Transition Induction)

For all $\alpha \in A$, and for all $i (q_i \in Q)$,

$$\{C_i\}\alpha\{\vee_{j:q_i\in Q}T_{ij}\}$$

Finally, we present conditions to ensure that m cannot reject σ by failing to enter accepting state infinitely often (scenario (2) above). A set Q' of automaton states is a subset of Q that contains no accepting states. Let Q_{INF} be a set of states that infinitely often appear on a history of a program, if m reject a history then Q_{INF} restricts to Q'. To ensure that Q_{INF} of a history is not restricted to Q', we construct a variant function $v_k: Q \times S \to N$, where N is Natural numbers. When $v_k(q,s) = 0$, then q is in Q'.

THEOREM 8.5 (Knot Exit)

$$\forall q_i \in Q' \colon (v_k(q_i, s_i) = 0) \Rightarrow \neg C_i.$$

THEOREM 8.6 (Knot Variance)

For all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, and for all $q_i \in k$,

$$\{C_i \land 0 < v_k(q_i) = V\} \alpha \{ \lor_{i:q_i \in Q} T_{ij} \land C_j \Rightarrow v_k(q_i) < V \}$$

We show later that those theorems hold in NHK^{\sharp} .

8.3 A Proof Systems for The Modelling Language

A model π written by our model language has the form: $\pi = \pi_1 \| \cdots \| \pi_n$. Processes synchronize and communicate using input actions and output actions. For a channel a, a value of exp and a variable var, execution of an output action

$$\overline{a}(exp)$$

causes the transfer of the value of exp, and execution of a matching input action

which some other process performs, causes receive from channel a. an input action is delayed until some matching output action.

Two matching actions are executed as an atomic action which causes an assignment to var:

$$var = exp.$$

The atomic assignment which consists of two actions \overline{a} and a occurs as a free-standing statement. We regard the atomic assignment above as a fragment of models.

The set of atomic actions which make up program π is denoted $\alpha[\pi]$. If π is composed of fragments π_1, \dots, π_n then:

$$\alpha[\pi] = \alpha[\pi_1] \cup \cdots \cup \alpha[\pi_n].$$

If π is clear by context then π is omitted.

The modelling language guarantees matching semantics between input and output actions. All change of variables appears at execution of action, not in body. For example, consider $P_1||P_2|$ in which each process is defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} P_1 &=& a(x) \colon \operatorname{ZERO} + + \overline{a}(1) \colon a(x) \colon \operatorname{ZERO}, \\ P_2 &=& \overline{a}(2) \colon \operatorname{ZERO} + + a(z) \colon \overline{a}(z+1) \colon \operatorname{ZERO}. \end{array}$$

It does not produce a change of variables except input-output pairs. If changes except the pairs are available, axiom Communication is meaningless.

We present the following proof rules for all possible constructs of processes, according to [AFdR80].

$$\overline{\{p\}a(x)\{q\}}$$
 Input

This axiom corresponds to A.1 in [AFdR80]. The post assertion in this axiom will be checked against a corresponding output action with which some process cooperates.

$$\frac{1}{\{p\}\overline{a}(y)\{q\}}$$
 Output

This axiom may look strange since it has no side-effect. We introduce this axiom corresponding to A.2' in [AFdR80] because the modelling language allows output actions without matching inputs. Communication $\{p\}\alpha(x)\colon P\parallel \overline{\alpha}(y)\colon Q\{q\}$ does not derives an arbitrary predicate. The form of q restricts to the formula of $\{p\}\alpha(x)\colon P\parallel \overline{\alpha}(y)\colon Q\{x=y\wedge p\}$ where x is not free in p.

Generalizing axiom Output provides the following axiom:

$$\overline{\{p\}P\{p\}}$$
 Preservation,

if free variables in p is not changed in execution of P.

Action prefixes mean sequential execution of actions. This syntactical structure provides the following rule.

$$\frac{\{p\}\alpha\{p'\} \quad \{p'\}P\{q\}}{\{p\}\alpha\colon P\{q\}} \text{ Sequence}$$

The meaning of the following rule is that the post condition of summation must be established along each possible path.

$$\frac{\{p\}P\{q\} \quad \{p\}Q\{q\}}{\{p\}P++Q\{q\}} \text{ Summation }$$

Subsequently we use the following well-known axioms and proof rules.

$$\overline{\{p\}\operatorname{ZERO}\{p\}}$$
 Zero

$$\frac{\{p \wedge b\}P_1\{q\} \quad \{p \wedge \neg b\}P_2\{q\}}{\{p\}[(\text{if } b\ P_1\ P_2)]\{q\}} \ \text{Alternation}$$

$$\frac{p \to p' \quad \{p'\}P\{q'\} \quad q' \to q}{\{p\}P\{q\}} \text{ Consequence}$$

$$\frac{\{p\}P\{q\}-\{p\}P\{r\}}{\{p\}P\{q\wedge r\}} \text{ Conjunction}$$

$$\frac{\{p[t/z]\}P\{q\}}{\{p\}P\{q\}} \text{ Substitution}$$

$$\frac{\{p\}P\{q\} \quad A \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} P}{\{p\}A\{q\}} \text{ Omission }$$

Using these axioms and rules, we can establish a proof for formulae of a process. A proof start by the following form:

$$\frac{\{p_1\}P_1\{q_1\} \quad \{p_2\}P_2\{q_2\} \quad \cdots}{\{p_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge p_n\}P_1\|P_2\| \cdots \{q_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge q_n\}}$$

Each proof cooperates if they help to validate the post-conditions of input-output mentioned in those proofs. The meaning of this rule is that proofs cooperate to help each other proof to validate the post conditions of input/output actions. More formally, the proofs of $\{p_i\}P_i\{q_i\}$ for $1 \le i \le n$ cooperate if

- 1. the assertions used in the proof contain no variables to change in P_j where $j \neq i$, and
- 2. $\{\operatorname{pre}_1 \wedge \operatorname{pre}_2\}\overline{a} : P \| a : Q\{\operatorname{post}_1 \wedge \operatorname{post}_2\} \text{ holds whenever } \{\operatorname{pre}_1\}\overline{a} : P\{\operatorname{post}_1\} \text{ and } \{\operatorname{pre}_2\}a : Q\{\operatorname{post}_2\} \text{ are taken from the proof of } \{p_i\}P\{q_i\} \text{ and } \{p_j\}Q\{q_j\}.$

We shall need the following axiom to establish cooperation:

$$\overline{\{\text{True}\}[a(x)\|\overline{a}(y)]\{x=y\}}$$
 Communication

We introduce inference rules for cooperation because they cannot produce proof trees.

$$\frac{\{\operatorname{True}\}[a(x)\|\overline{a}(y)]\{x=y\}}{\{p\}a(x)\{p\wedge(x=y)\}}$$
 Cooperation 1,

and

$$\frac{\{\operatorname{True}\}[a(x)\|\overline{a}(y)]\{x=y\}}{\{p\}\overline{a}(y)\{p\wedge(x=y)\}} \text{ Cooperation 2}.$$

The modelling language in NHK^{\sharp} allows self-communication, for example ($\overline{a}(1): a(x): ZERO$). Using the system above, we can prove it:

$$\frac{\{\operatorname{True}\}[a(x)\|\overline{a}(1)]\{x=1\}}{\{\operatorname{True}\}a(x)\{x=1\}} \frac{\{x=1\}\operatorname{ZERO}\{x=1\}}{\{x=1\}\operatorname{ZERO}\{x=1\}} \\ \frac{\{\operatorname{True}\}\overline{a}(1)\{\operatorname{True}\}}{\{\operatorname{True}\}\overline{a}(1)\colon a(x)\colon \operatorname{ZERO}\{x=1\}} \qquad (x=1)\to (x=1) \\ \frac{\{\operatorname{True}\wedge\operatorname{True}\}\overline{a}(1)\colon a(x)\colon \operatorname{ZERO}\{x=1\}}{\{\operatorname{True}\}\overline{a}(1)\colon a(x)\colon \operatorname{ZERO}\{x=1\}}$$

8.4 Proving Safety Properties

Using axioms and rules in Section 8.3, we establish several proofs of assertions in Section 8.2. Variables occur in input and output actions present state variables of a model. Let $\text{Var} = \{x, y, \dots\}$ be a set of state variables. When two processes cooperate through an input action a(x) and a matching output action $\overline{a}(v)$, a state of a model is changed by the assignment x := v which is atomic. The assignment as x := v denotes a state change from env to env[v/x].

The following explains the correspondence between instruments in Section 8.2 and in the operational semantics in Section 4.6. Correspondence invariant C_i predicates:

- a model changes its state to s_i and
- an automaton m reaches to q_i reading s_i .

A state s_i can be described by giving values of state variables in Var. A valuation is a function that maps variables in Var to values in a domain D. State s_i corresponds to a valuation. Environment env provided by transition within matching communication in a model is also a function that maps variables in Var to values in a domain D. Therefore, we regards an environment env_i in NHK $^{\sharp}$ interpreter as a state s_i . We can write a formula that is true on a valuation. Therefore, we define a formula Env_i for an environment as follows:

$$Env_i \equiv (\land_i (v_i = a_i)).$$

 Env_i is equivalent to C_i . Env_0 is {True} and corresponds to $Init_{\pi}$.

Consider a pair of a model state and an automaton state for a property that the model should satisfy. Let $\langle env_i, q_i \rangle$ be a pair of a model state and an automaton state. When the pair exists, C_i clearly holds on the pair. If a model changes states according to Fig. 1, env_i appears in a configuration on the execution history of the model. In verification mode, NHK^{\sharp} translates a LTL formula to a process expression which has a special constant process as initial state to represent an automaton for the LTL formula. Each transition of an automaton is indicated with form (if (B_i) (E_T) (E_F)). If $env_j \models B_i$ then the automaton reaches to E_T , otherwise E_F . B_i on env_j is checked when an input and an output action are matched. The semantics of if operator in verification mode are provided as follow:

$$IF(1) \xrightarrow{(P,env) \xrightarrow{[\alpha,\overline{\alpha}]} (P',env')} env' \models B \quad \neg is-if(E_F)$$

$$\overline{\langle [(P,env),k,ch], (if \ B \ E_T \ E_F) \rangle} \rightarrow \overline{\langle [(P',env'),k',ch'], E_T \rangle}$$

$$IF(2) \xrightarrow{(P,env) \xrightarrow{[\alpha,\overline{\alpha}]} (P',env')} env' \models B \quad is-if(E_F)$$

$$\overline{\langle [(P,env),k,ch], (if \ B \ E_T \ E_F) \rangle} \rightarrow \overline{\langle [(P',env'),k',ch'], eval(E_T,env) \rangle}$$

$$IF(3) \xrightarrow{(P,env) \xrightarrow{[\alpha,\overline{\alpha}]} (P,env')'} env' \not\models B \quad \neg is-if(E_F)$$

$$\overline{\langle [(P,env),k,ch], (if \ B \ E_T \ E_F) \rangle} \rightarrow \overline{\langle [(P',env'),k',ch'], E_F \rangle}$$

$$IF(4) \xrightarrow{(P,env) \xrightarrow{[\alpha,\overline{\alpha}]} (P,env')'} env' \not\models B \quad is-if(F)$$

$$\overline{\langle [(P,env),k,ch], (if \ B \ E_T \ E_F) \rangle} \rightarrow \overline{\langle [(P',env'),k',ch'], eval(E_F,env) \rangle}$$

where is-if(E) holds if the most outer operator of E is if. If Abort which is a special constant process without arguments occurs, NHK $^{\sharp}$ explores other execution paths of a model.

$$\mathsf{ABORT} \overline{-\langle [(P,env),k,ch],(\mathtt{Abort})\rangle \rightarrow \langle [\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset],(\mathtt{Abort})\rangle} -,$$

where $[\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset]$ means to terminate exploration on a path.

Transition predicate T_{ij} is derived from transition function $\delta: (Q \times S) \to 2^Q$ such that $q_j \in \delta(q_i, s_j)$. T_{ij} holds for all s_j such that $q_j \in \delta(q_i, s_j)$. T_{ij} holds on $\langle env_j, (\text{if } B_i \ P_i \ Q_i) \rangle$ if and only if $env_j \models B_i$. When the continuation in the configuration contains a closure, then $env_j = env_j^Q \cup env_j^Q$. If pairs of the same variable name exist then the value of a variable becomes non-deterministic.

We show that NHK^{\sharp} satisfies Theorem 8.1. The predicate depends on T_{0j} because we assume $Env_0 = \text{True}$. If T_{0j} then $env_j \models B_i$. Env_j obviously holds at model state s_j . Thus, C_j holds.

Theorem 8.2 is shown by a proof system in Section 8.3. Let $Env_j \equiv Env_i \land (x=y)$ and $env_j = env_i[x \leftarrow y]$. We show the proof tree, and then retrieve the following inferences on a(x): P.

$$\begin{array}{c} & \{\operatorname{True}\}[a(x)\|\overline{a}(y)]\{x=y\} \\ \hline \{Env_i\}a(x)\{env_j \models B_i\} \\ B_i \to Env_j \\ \hline \{Env_i\}a(x)\{Env_j\} & \{Env_j\}\langle[(P,env_j^P),k',ch'],T_i\rangle\{Env_k\} \\ \hline \\ \{Env_i\}\langle[(a(x)\colon P,env_i^P),k,ch],(\operatorname{if}\ B_i\ T_i\ F_i)\rangle\{Env_k\} \\ \hline \{Env_i\}\langle[(a(x)\colon P,env_i^P)\|(\overline{a}(y)\colon Q,env_i^Q),k,ch],(\operatorname{if}\ B_i\ T_i\ F_i)\rangle\{Env_k\} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

In addition, we retrieve the following inferences on $\overline{a}(x)$: Q.

We can ignore the inferences of P and Q because we now discuss the one step of matching actions.

We must show that every history of a model is accepted by automaton m. There are two ways that m fails to accept history σ of model M:

- (i) a model attempts an undefined transition when reading σ , or
- (ii) a model never reaches to an accepting state after some finite prefix of σ .

In order to prove that every history of M, it suffices to show that (i) and (ii) are impossible. The above proof tree shows it in addition to the correspondence invariant. If $env_j \models B_i$ then env_j at which B_i holds exists. By the definition of Env_j , Env_j clearly holds at env_j . Therefore, if $env_j \models B_i$ then $env_j \models Env_j$. To avoid an undefined transition, an automaton for a property must transform from q_i to q_j . The one of conditions must holds at model state env_j that the execution of a pair of matching actions produces from env_i . Therefore, if $env_j \models Env_j$ then $env_j \models B_i$. Thus, any state of a model relates to a state of an automaton that stay in a range while reading a history of a model.

We derive conditions to ensure that m cannot reject a history by (ii). To do this, we define a relation \ll on a set of automaton states. $q_{i-1} \ll q_n$ if for each i from 1 to n, there is n such that $\delta(q_{i-1}, s) = q_i$. Clearly, \ll is a well-founded relation on a set of automaton states. Since \ll is well-founded, the following function of which the range is an initial segment of ordinals exists:

$$\rho(q_j) = \sup \{ \rho(q_i) + 1 \colon q_i \ll q_j \}.$$

Assume that a subset Q' of automaton states contains no accepting states. Since subset Q' is well-ordered by \ll , the least element q_{ξ} of Q' exists. If m rejects a history by (ii) then there exists a path from q_{η} to q_{ξ} . We construct a variant function $v(q_{\eta}, s)$ which is zero when $\rho(q_{\xi}) = \rho(q_{\eta}) + 1$.

A property P is liveness if and only if;

$$\forall \alpha \in S^* \colon \exists \beta \in S^\omega \colon \alpha\beta \models \varphi.$$

Get the negation of it,

$$\exists \alpha \in S^* : \forall \beta \in S^\omega : \alpha\beta \not\models \varphi.$$

Then, An automaton specifies a liveness property has infinite sequences of automaton states, reading β . In this case, a sequence of automaton states by reading β contains no accepting states. Let Q' be a set of automaton states in the sequence. Q' has the \ll -minimal element which is then the least element. If an automaton accepts a history then the automaton does not enter into Q'. Thus, let q_{ξ} be the least element, $\delta(q_{\eta}, s_{\xi}) \neq q_{\xi}$

at state q_{η} such that $\rho(q_{\xi}) = \rho(q_{\eta}) + 1$. Given $v(q_{\eta}, s)$ with $\xi - \eta - 1$, $v(q_{\eta}, s) = 0 \Rightarrow \neg C_{\xi}$. In NHK^{\perp}}, $v(q_{\eta}, env_{\eta}) = 0 \Rightarrow \neg Env_i.$

Liveness properties require a subset containing no accepting states since an automaton specifying a liveness property moves to some state by all reading input. To ensure that α such that for any infinite sequence β the automaton rejects $\alpha\beta$, does not exist. we show that the variant function is decreased by every matching action pair, and introduce the axiom for communication;

$$\frac{1}{\{\text{True } \wedge v(q_i, s_i)\}[a(x) \| \overline{a}(y)]\{x = y \wedge v(\delta(q_i, s_i), s_j) = v(q_i, s_i) - 1\}} \text{ Communication}^*$$

Let s_i be env_i , C_i Env_i , T_{ij} $env_j \models B_i$, and q_i (if B_i T_i F_i) in NHK $^{\sharp}$:

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\{\text{True } \land v(q_i, env_i)\}
            [a(x)||\overline{a}(y)]
            \{x = y \land v(\delta(q_i, env_i), env_j) = v(q_i, env_i) - 1\}
\overline{\{Env_i \wedge 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}}
a(x)
                                                     v(T_i, env_i) = v(q_i, env_i) - 1
                                                      \rightarrow v(T_i, env_i) < v(q_i, env_i)
\{env_i \models B_i\}
\wedge v(T_i, env_j) = v(q_i, env_i) - 1\}
          \{Env_i \wedge 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}
                                                                                                                    \langle [(P, env_i^P), k', ch'], T_i \rangle
          a(x)
          \{(env_j \models B_i \land Env_j) \rightarrow (v(T_i, env_j) < v(q_i, env_i))\}
                           \{Env_i \land 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}\langle [(a(x): P, env_i^P), k, ch], q_i\rangle \{Env_k\}
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 $\{Env_i \land 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}\langle [(a(x): P, env_i^P) || (\overline{a}(y): Q, env_i^Q), k, ch], q_i \rangle \{Env_k\}$

In addition, we retrieve the following inferences on $\overline{a}(x)$: Q.

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\{\text{True} \land v(q_i, env_i)\}
\wedge v(T_i, env_i) = v(q_i, env_i) - 1\}
         \{Env_i \wedge 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}
                                                                                                 \langle [(Q, env_j^Q), k', ch'], T_i \rangle
         \{(env_j \models B_i \land Env_j) \rightarrow (v(T_i, env_j) < v(q_i, env_i))\}
                       \{Env_i \land 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\} \langle [(a(x): Q, env_i^Q), k, ch], q_i \rangle \{Env_k\}
               \{Env_i \land 0 < v(q_i, env_i)\}\langle [(a(x): P, env_i^P)||(\overline{a}(y): Q, env_i^Q), k, ch], q_i\rangle \{Env_k\}
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The variant function follows obligations O3–O4 in [AS89], and the existence of C_i and T_{ij} means the existence of an invariant I which follows obligations O1–O2 in [AS89]. Thus, the method of NHK $^{\sharp}$ is sound and complete by [AS89].

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$$Output(1) \frac{(a \leftarrow (v)) \notin ch}{[(\sim a(v): P, env), \square, ch]^{2}} [(P, env), \square, ch[a \leftarrow (v))]} \\ Output(2) \frac{(a \leftarrow (v)) \notin ch}{[(\sim a(v): P, env_1), k[(Q, env_2)] \square], ch]^{2}} [(Q, env_2), k[\square[(P, env)], ch[a \leftarrow (v))]} \\ Output(3) \frac{(a \leftarrow (v)) \notin ch}{[(\sim a(v): P, env_1), k[\square[(Q, env_2)], ch]^{2}](Q, env_2), k[\square[(P, env)]] \square], ch[a \leftarrow (v))]} \\ Input \frac{(a \leftarrow (v)) \notin ch}{[(a(x): P, env), k, ch[a \leftarrow (v)]]^{2}} [k[(P, env[(x) \leftarrow (v))]], \square, ch]} \\ Sum(1) \frac{[(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k', ch']}{[(P, env_1) + (Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ Sum(2) \frac{[(Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}]([(P, env_1), k, ch])}{[((P, env_1) + (Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_2), k', ch']} \\ Com(1) \frac{[(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k[\square[Q], ch']}{[(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k[\square[Q], ch']} \\ Com(2) \frac{[(Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k[\square[Q], ch']}{[(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ Com(3) \frac{[(Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k[\square[Q], ch']}{[(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}](P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1)](Q, env_2), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1)](P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env_1), k', ch'] \\ [(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env_1), k', ch]^{2}[(P', env'_1), k', ch']} \\ [(P, env_1), k, ch]^{2}[(P', env_1), k', ch]^{2}[(P', env_1), k',$$

Figure 1: Semantics of RCCS