

Modeling Concurrent Systems

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Principle of Model Checking, Chapter 2

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2.1 Transition Systems

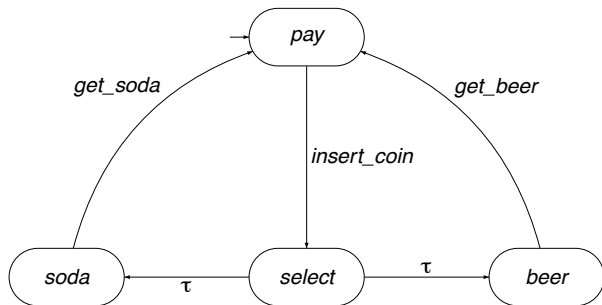
Transition system is a common semantic model to describe computation/communication in HW/SW systems.

Definition 2.1 Transition Systems

A transition system TS is a tuple $\langle S, Act, \longrightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$ where:

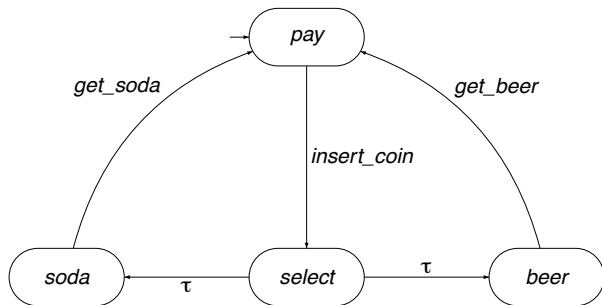
- S is a set of states.
 - Act is a set of actions.
 - $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ is a transition relation (denoted $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'$).
 - $I \subseteq S$ is a set of initial states.
 - AP is a set of atomic propositions.
 - $L : S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$ is a labeling function.
- Note that S and Act can be finite or countably infinite.

Example 2.2 Beverage Vending Machine



- $S = \{\text{pay}, \text{select}, \text{soda}, \text{beer}\}$
- $Act = \{\text{insert_coin}, \text{get_soda}, \text{get_beer}, \tau\}$
- $I = \{\text{pay}\}$
- $AP = S$
- $L(s) = \{s\}$

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- $I = \{\text{pay}\}$
- $AP = \{\text{paid}, \text{drink}\}$
- $L(\text{pay}) = \emptyset, L(\text{select}) = \{\text{paid}\}, L(\text{soda}) = L(\text{beer}) = \{\text{paid}, \text{drink}\}$

The Role of Nondeterminism

- Used to model **concurrency by interleaving**.
 - No assumption about the relative speed of processes.
- Used to model **implementation freedom**.
 - Only describes what a system should do, not how.
- Used to model **under-specified** systems, or **abstractions** of real systems.
 - Use incomplete information.

Definition 2.3 Direct Successors and Predecessors

$$Post(s, \alpha) = \{ s' \in S \mid s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s' \}, \quad Post(s) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Act} Post(s, \alpha)$$

$$Pre(s, \alpha) = \{ s' \in S \mid s' \xrightarrow{\alpha} s \}, \quad Pre(s) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Act} Pre(s, \alpha).$$

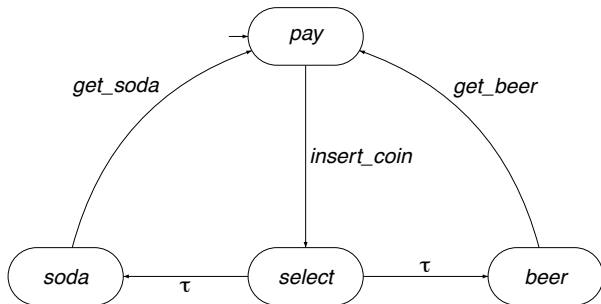
$$Post(C, \alpha) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Post(s, \alpha), \quad Post(C) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Post(s) \text{ for } C \subseteq S.$$

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Definition 2.4 Terminal State

State s is called *terminal* if and only if $Post(s) = \emptyset$.

Successors and Predecessors: Example



- $Post(\text{pay}, \text{insert_coin}) = \{\text{select}\}$
- $Pre(\text{pay}, \text{get_soda}) = \{\text{soda}\}$
- $Pre(\text{pay}) = \{\text{soda}, \text{beer}\}$

Definition 2.5 Deterministic Transition Systems

- Transition system $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$ is *action-deterministic* iff:

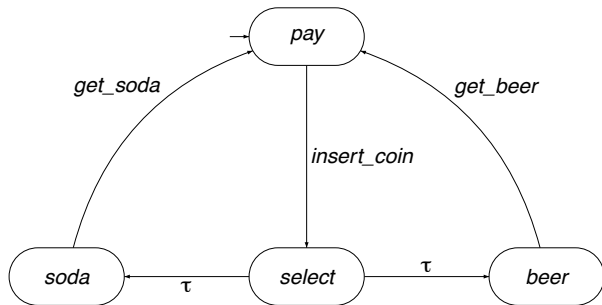
$$|I| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |Post(s, \alpha)| \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } s, \alpha$$

- No more than 2 successor states due to the same action
- Transition system $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$ is *AP-deterministic* iff:

$$|I| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \underbrace{|Post(s) \cap \{s' \in S \mid L(s') = A\}|}_{\text{equally labeled successors of } s} \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } s, A \in 2^{AP}$$

- No more than 2 successor states of same labeling

Deterministic Transition Systems: Example



- Is this TS action-deterministic?

2.1.1 Executions

- An **execution (run)** is a linear sequence of state transitions.
- Used to describe dynamic behavior of transition systems.

Definition 2.6 Execution Fragments

- A **finite execution fragment** ρ of TS is an alternating sequence of states and actions ending with a state:

$$\rho = s_0 \alpha_1 s_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n s_n \text{ such that } s_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i+1}} s_{i+1} \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < n.$$

- An **infinite execution fragment** ρ of TS is an infinite, alternating sequence of states and actions:

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2.1.1 Executions

Definition 2.7 Maximal and Initial Execution

An *execution* of TS is an *initial*, *maximal* execution fragment

- An execution fragment is *initial* if $s_0 \in I$.
- A maximal execution fragment can be finite, ending in a terminal state, or infinite.

Definition 2.9 Executions

An *execution* of transition system TS is an initial, maximal execution fragment.

Example 2.8 Executions of the Vending Machine

$$\rho_1 = \text{pay} \xrightarrow{\text{coin}} \text{select} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{soda} \xrightarrow{\text{sget}} \text{pay} \xrightarrow{\text{coin}} \text{select} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{soda} \xrightarrow{\text{sget}} \dots$$

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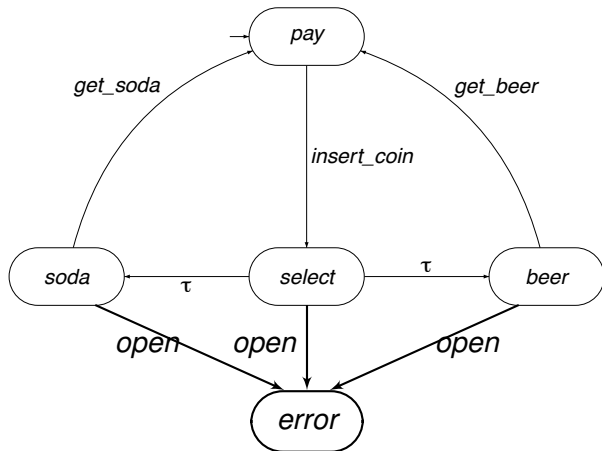
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Executions: Another Example



- An execution

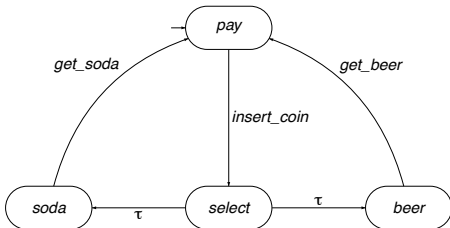
$$\rho_4 = \text{pay} \xrightarrow{\text{insert_coin}} \text{select} \xrightarrow{\text{open}} \text{error}$$

Definition 2.10 Reachable States

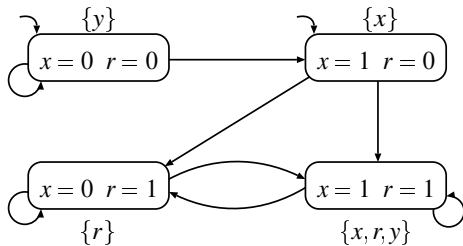
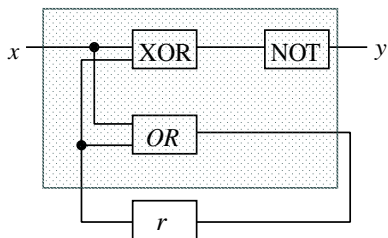
- State $s \in S$ is called *reachable* in TS if there exists an initial, finite execution fragment (execution)

$$s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} s_n = s .$$

- $Reach(TS)$ denotes the set of all reachable states in TS .



2.1.2 Modeling Sequential Circuits



- Transition system representation of a simple hardware circuit.
- Input variable x , output variable y , and register r .
- Output function $\neg(x \oplus r)$ and register evaluation function $x \vee r$.
- **Actions in *Act* are irrelevant here.**

Atomic Propositions

Consider three possible state-labelings:

- Let $AP = \{x, y, r\}$
 - $L(\langle x = 0, r = 1 \rangle) = \{r\}$ and $L(\langle x = 1, r = 1 \rangle) = \{x, r, y\}$
 - $L(\langle x = 0, r = 0 \rangle) = \{y\}$ and $L(\langle x = 1, r = 0 \rangle) = \{x\}$
 - Property e.g., “once the register is one, it remains one”
- Let $AP' = \{x, y\}$ – the register evaluations are now “invisible”
 - $L(\langle x = 0, r = 1 \rangle) = \emptyset$ and $L(\langle x = 1, r = 1 \rangle) = \{x, y\}$
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 - Convert to check “ $\neg(x \oplus r)$ holds infinitely often”

Sequential Circuit Representation

A sequential circuit is typically represented in an intermediate format below before its TS is derived.

$$Cir = (X, Reg, I, R, AP, L)$$

where

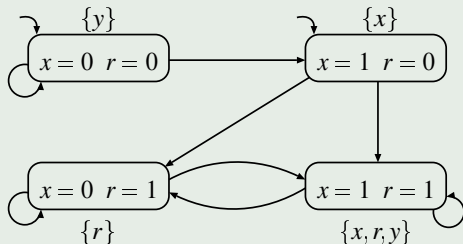
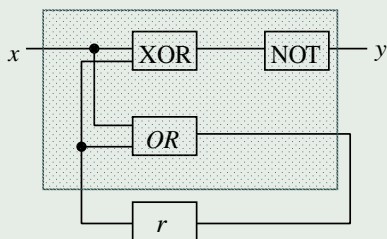
- X is a set of input variables.
- Reg is a set of registers.
- $I = \{c_{0,1}, \dots, c_{0,k}\}$: a set of initial states. – values assigned to Reg
- R is the transition relation of the following form

$$\bigwedge_{r_i \in Reg} r'_i = f(x_1, \dots, x_n, r_1, \dots, r_k)$$

where r'_i represents the value of r_i in the next state.

Sequential Circuit Representation – Example

How to represent the previous circuit example and find its *TS*?



2.1.2 Modeling SW: Program Graphs

- How to model the following construct?

```
if x \%2 = 1 then
  x := x+1;
else
  x := 2 * x
```

- Two modeling issues:
 - Data variables
 - Data-dependent control

2.1.2 Modeling SW: Program Graphs

Definition 2.13 Program Graphs

A *program graph* PG over set Var of typed variables is a tuple

$$\langle Loc, Act, Effect, \hookrightarrow, Loc_0, g_0 \rangle \quad \text{where}$$

- Loc is a set of *locations* with initial locations $Loc_0 \subseteq Loc$
- Act is a set of actions
- $Effect : Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$ is the *effect* function
- $\hookrightarrow \subseteq Loc \times \underbrace{Cond(Var)}_{\text{Boolean conditions over } Var} \times Act \times Loc$, is the *transition relation*
- $g_0 \in Cond(Var)$ is the initial *condition*.

Notation: $l \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l'$ denotes $(l, g, \alpha, l') \in \hookrightarrow$

Example 2.12 – Beverage VM Revisited

Suppose the VM keeps track of number of beer or soda bottles sold.

- $Loc = \{ start, select \}$ with $Loc_0 = \{ start \}$
- $Act = \{ bget, sget, coin, ret_coin, refill \}$
- $Var = \{ nsoda, nbeer \}$ with domain $\{ 0, 1, \dots, max \}$
- $g_0 = (nsoda = max \wedge nbeer = max)$

Example 2.12 – Beverage VM Revisited

- Transition relation \hookrightarrow is

$$\begin{array}{l} start \xrightarrow{true:coin} select \quad \text{and} \quad start \xrightarrow{true:refill} start \\ select \xrightarrow{nsoda>0:sget} start \quad \text{and} \quad select \xrightarrow{nbeer>0:bget} start \\ select \xrightarrow{nsoda=0 \wedge nbeer=0:ret_coin} start \end{array}$$

- Effects of actions

Action	Effect on variables
<i>coin</i>	
<i>ret_coin</i>	
<i>sget</i>	$nsoda := nsoda - 1$
<i>bget</i>	$nbeer := nbeer - 1$
<i>refill</i>	$nsoda := max; nbeer := max$

Definition 2.15 Transition Systems for Program Graphs

The transition system $TS(PG)$ of program graph

$$PG = (Loc, Act, Effect, \hookrightarrow, Loc_0, g_0)$$

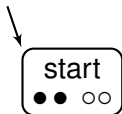
over set Var of variables is the tuple $(S, Act, \longrightarrow, I, AP, L)$ where

- $S = Loc \times Eval(Var)$
- $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ is defined by the rule:

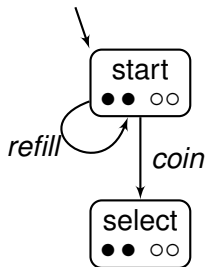
$$\frac{\ell \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \ell' \wedge \eta \models g}{\langle \ell, \eta \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \ell', Effect(\alpha, \eta) \rangle}$$

- $I = \{ \langle \ell, \eta \rangle \mid \ell \in Loc_0, \eta \models g_0 \}$
- $AP = \{ / * \text{property dependent} * / \}$
- $L(\langle \ell, \eta \rangle) = \{ \ell \} \cup \{ g \in Cond(Var) \mid \eta \models g \}$.

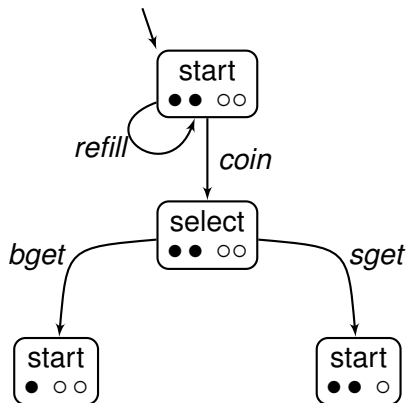
Transition System for Beverage Machine

$$start \xrightarrow[\text{coin}]{\text{true}} select$$
$$start \xrightarrow[\text{refill}]{\text{true:}} start$$
$$select \xrightarrow[\text{sget}]{\text{nsoda} > 0:} start$$
$$select \xrightarrow[\text{bget}]{\text{nbeer} > 0:} start$$
$$select \xrightarrow[\text{ret_coin}]{\text{nsoda} = 0 \wedge \text{nbeer} = 0:} start$$


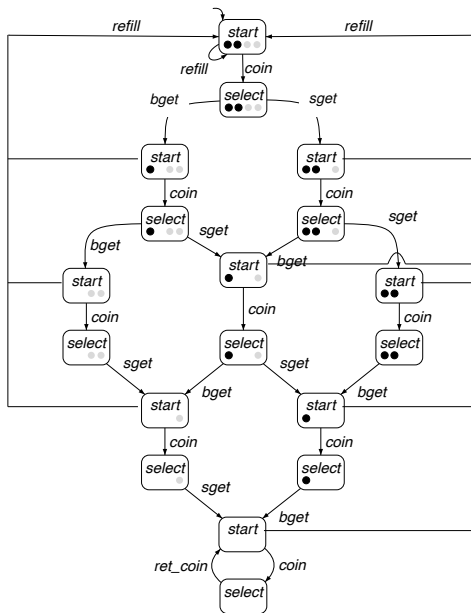
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Transition System for Beverage Machine



From Promela to Program Graphs

```
bool turn, flag[2];
byte ncrit;

active [2] proctype user()
{
    assert(_pid == 0 || _pid == 1);
again:  flag[_pid] = 1;
        turn = _pid;
        (flag[1 - _pid] == 0 || turn == 1 - _pid);

        ncrit++;
        assert(ncrit == 1); /* critical section */
        ncrit--;

        flag[_pid] = 0;
        goto again
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2.2 Parallelism and Communications

- Transition systems can model:
 - Sequential data-dependent systems.
 - Sequential hardware circuits.
- How about *concurrent* systems?
 - Multi-threading with shared variables.
 - Parallel distributed algorithms.
 - Synchronous/asynchronous communication protocols.
 - Synchronous/asynchronous composition of hardware.
- Parallel composition \parallel

$$TS = TS_1 \parallel TS_2 \parallel \dots \parallel TS_n$$

2.2.1 Concurrency and Interleaving

- *Interleaving* is a widely accepted paradigm for parallel systems.
- Actions of independent components are merged or “interleaved”.
- No assumptions are made on the order of process executions.
- Possible orders for non-terminating independent processes P and Q :

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccc} P & Q & P & Q & P & Q & Q & Q & P & \dots \\ P & P & Q & P & P & Q & P & P & Q & \dots \\ P & Q & P & P & Q & P & P & P & Q & \dots \end{array}$$

- Assumption: there is a scheduler with an *a priori* **unknown** strategy.
 - Scheduling needs to be fair.

Definition 2.18 Interleaving of Transition Systems

- Let $TS_i = (S_i, Act_i, \rightarrow_i, I_i, AP_i, L_i)$ $i=1, 2$, be two transition systems
- Transition system

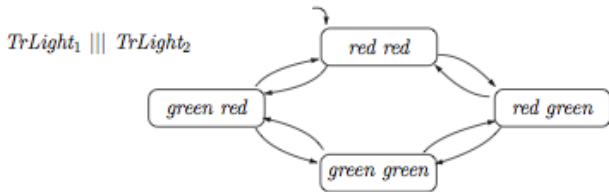
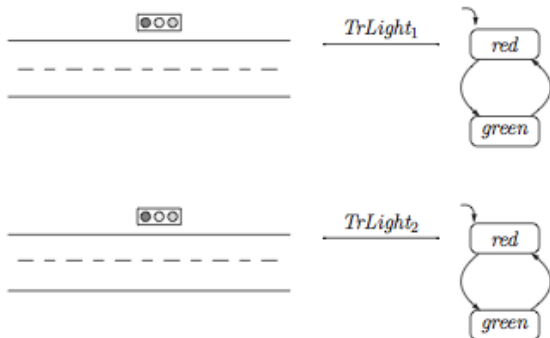
$$TS_1 ||| TS_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, Act_1 \cup Act_2, \longrightarrow, I_1 \times I_2, AP_1 \cup AP_2, L)$$

where $L(\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle) = L_1(s_1) \cup L_2(s_2)$ and the transition relation \longrightarrow is defined by the rules:

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s_2 \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s_1, s'_2 \rangle}$$

TS_1 and TS_2 are assumed *independent*, ie, no shared actions or variables.

Two Independent Traffic Lights



Justification for Interleaving

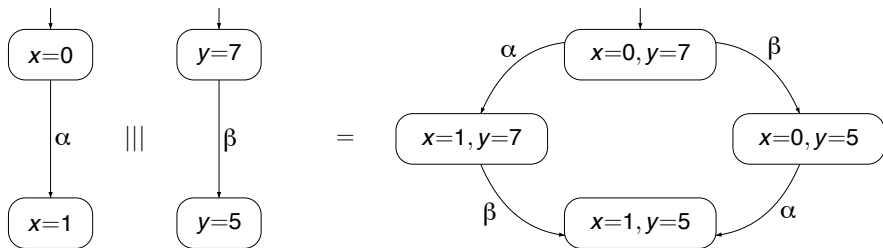
- The effect of concurrently executed, independent actions α and β equals the effect when α and β are successively executed in arbitrary order
- Symbolically this is stated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Effect}(\alpha ||| \beta, \eta) &= \textit{Effect}((\alpha; \beta) + (\beta; \alpha), \eta) \\ &= \textit{Effect}((\alpha; \beta), \eta) \\ &= \textit{Effect}((\beta; \alpha), \eta) \end{aligned}$$

where $|||$ stands for the (binary) interleaving operator, “;” stands for sequential execution, and “+” for non-deterministic choice.

Another Interleaving Example

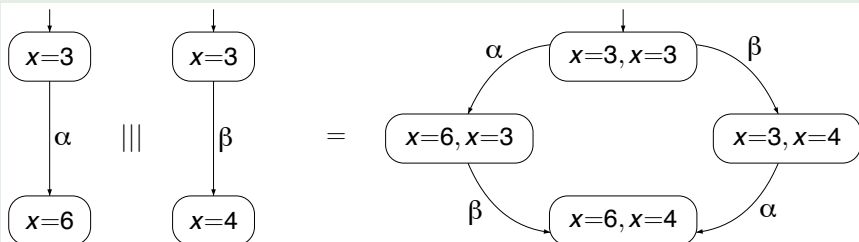
$\underbrace{x := x + 1}_{=\alpha} \parallel \parallel \underbrace{y := y - 2}_{=\beta}$ with initially $x = 0$ and $y = 7$



2.2.2 Communication via Shared Variables

Example 2.20

$\underbrace{x := 2 \cdot x}_{=\alpha} \parallel \parallel \underbrace{x := x + 1}_{=\beta}$ with initially $x = 3$



$\langle x=6, x=4 \rangle$ is an *inconsistent* state!

\Rightarrow Not a faithful model of the concurrent execution of α and β

Interleaving Program Graphs

- For program graphs PG_1 (on Var_1) and PG_2 (on Var_2) *without* shared variables (i.e., $Var_1 \cap Var_2 = \emptyset$):

$$TS(PG_1) ||| TS(PG_2)$$

Interleaving of transition systems

- If PG_1 and PG_2 share some variables (i.e., $Var_1 \cap Var_2 \neq \emptyset$):

$$TS(PG_1 ||| PG_2)$$

Interleaving of program graphs

- In general: $TS(PG_1) ||| TS(PG_2) \neq TS(PG_1 ||| PG_2)$

Definition 2.21 Interleaving of Program Graphs

- Let $PG_i = (Loc_i, Act_i, Effect_i, \hookrightarrow_i, Loc_{0,i}, g_{0,i})$ over variables Var_i .
- Program graph $PG_1 ||| PG_2$ over $Var_1 \cup Var_2$ is defined by:

$$(Loc_1 \times Loc_2, Act_1 \uplus Act_2, Effect, \hookrightarrow, Loc_{0,1} \times Loc_{0,2}, g_{0,1} \wedge g_{0,2})$$

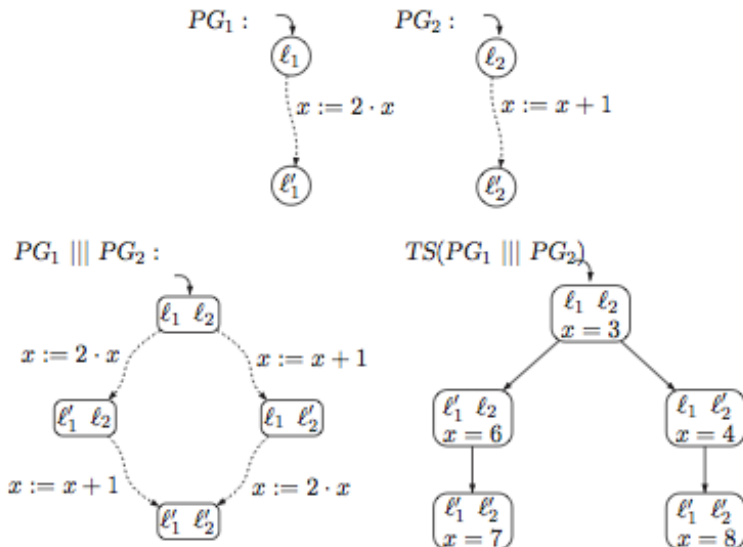
where \hookrightarrow is defined by the inference rules:

$$\frac{l_1 \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l'_1}{\langle l_1, l_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \langle l'_1, l_2 \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{l_2 \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l'_2}{\langle l_1, l_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \langle l_1, l'_2 \rangle}$$

and $Effect(\alpha, \eta) = Effect_i(\alpha, \eta)$ if $\alpha \in Act_i$.

For PG_1 and PG_2 , $Loc_1 \cap Loc_2 = \emptyset$ and $Act_1 \cap Act_2 = \emptyset$.

Example 2.22 Interleaving of Program Graphs



Critical and Noncritical Actions

- Actions that access shared variables are *critical*, otherwise they are *noncritical*.
- Nondeterminism in a state may be due to:
 - An internal nondeterministic choice within program graph PG_1 or PG_2 .
 - The interleaving of noncritical actions of PG_1 and PG_2 .
 - The resolution of a contention between critical actions of PG_1 and PG_2 (concurrency).
- A noncritical action can be executed in parallel with any other action.
- The schedule of concurrent critical actions affects the global state.
 - Different order of executions of critical actions may lead to different states.

On Atomicity

- Atomicity is used to capture granularity of concurrency.
- Actions $\alpha \in Act$ are considered indivisible.

$\langle x := x + 1; y := 2x + 1; \mathbf{if} \ x < 12 \ \mathbf{then} \ z := (x - z)^2 * y \ \mathbf{fi} \rangle$

Banking System

Person Left behaves as follows:

```
while true {  
    .....  
    nc :  $\langle b_1 := \text{true}, x := 2; \rangle$   
    wt : wait until  $(x == 1 \parallel \neg b_2)$ {  
    cs :    ...@account...}  
     $b_1 = \text{false};$   
    .....  
}
```

Person Right behaves as follows:

```
while true {  
    .....  
    nc :  $\langle b_2 := \text{true}; x := 1; \rangle$   
    wt : wait until  $(x == 2 \parallel \neg b_1)$ {  
    cs :    ...@account...}  
     $b_2 = \text{false};$   
    .....  
}
```

Can we guarantee that only one person at a time has access to the bank account?

Peterson's Mutual Exclusion Algorithm

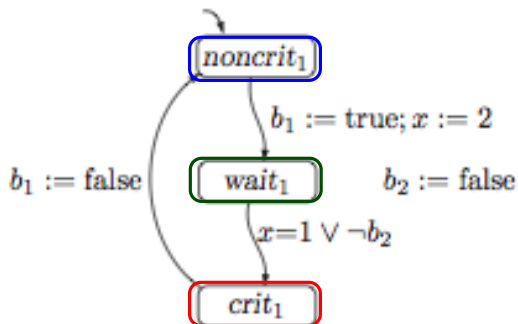
```
 $P_1$   loop forever  
  
       $\vdots$                                 (* non-critical actions *)  
       $\langle b_1 := \text{true}; x := 2 \rangle;$       (* request *)  
      wait until  $(x = 1 \vee \neg b_2)$   
      do critical section od  
       $b_1 := \text{false}$                        (* release *)  
       $\vdots$                                 (* non-critical actions *)  
  
      end loop
```

b_i is true if and only if process P_i is waiting or in critical section

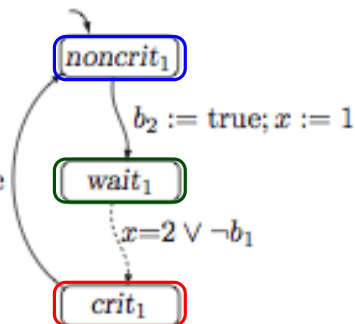
If both processes want to enter their critical section, x decides who gets access

Program Graph Representation

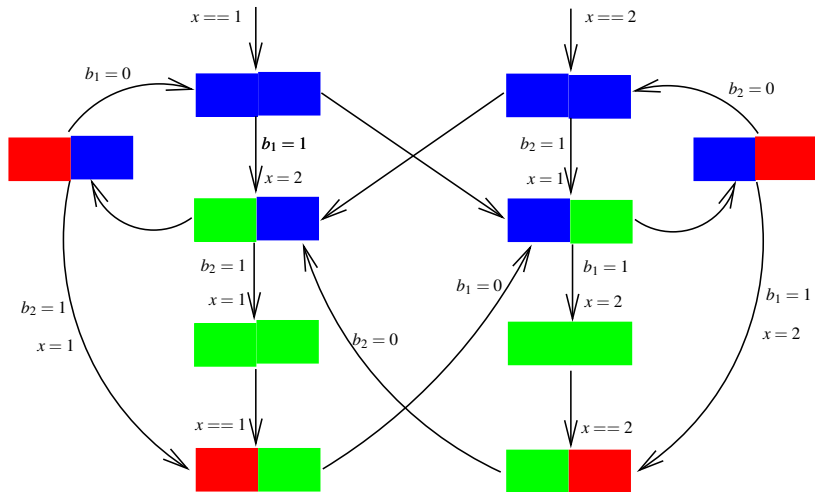
PG_1 :



PG_2 :



Transition System



Is mutual exclusion guaranteed?

Banking System with Non-atomic Assignment

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```

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1 : $\langle nc_1, nc_2, x = 1, b_1 = \text{false}, b_2 = \text{false} \rangle$

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3 : $\langle rq_1, rq_2, x = 2, b_1 = \text{false}, b_2 = \text{false} \rangle$

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4 : $\langle wt_1, rq_2, x = 2, b_1 = \text{true}, b_2 = \text{false} \rangle$

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```

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Violation of the mutual exclusion property!

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```

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Violation of the mutual exclusion property!

Note that protocol is okay if b_i is assigned before x .

2.2.3 Handshaking

- If processes are distributed there is no shared memory.
- Communications for distributed systems:
 - Synchronous message passing (= handshaking)
 - Asynchronous message passing (= channel communication)
- Concurrent processes interact by *synchronous message passing*.
 - Processes execute synchronized actions together at the same time.
 - The interacting processes “shake hands”.
- **This does NOT mean it is implemented with synchronous hardware.**
- Introduce set H , the *handshake actions*.
 - Actions outside H are independent and are interleaved.
 - Actions in H need to be synchronized.
 - Abstracts away the information that is exchanged.

Handshaking: Formal Definition

- Let $TS_i = (S_i, Act_i, \rightarrow_i, I_i, AP_i, L_i)$, $i=1, 2$ and $H \subseteq Act_1 \cap Act_2$

$$TS_1 \parallel_H TS_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, Act_1 \cup Act_2, \rightarrow, I_1 \times I_2, AP_1 \cup AP_2, L)$$

where $L(\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle) = L_1(s_1) \cup L_2(s_2)$ and with \rightarrow defined by:

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s_2 \rangle} \quad \frac{s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s_1, s'_2 \rangle} \quad \text{interleaving for } \alpha \notin H$$

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1 \quad \wedge \quad s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s'_2 \rangle} \quad \text{handshaking for } \alpha \in H$$

TS_1 and TS_2 do **NOT** share variables.

Handshaking Properties

- For an empty set of handshake actions:

$$TS_1 \parallel_{\emptyset} TS_2 = TS_1 \parallel TS_2$$

- Note that it is commutative (i.e., $TS_1 \parallel_H TS_2 = TS_2 \parallel_H TS_1$), but
- Not always associative, i.e.,

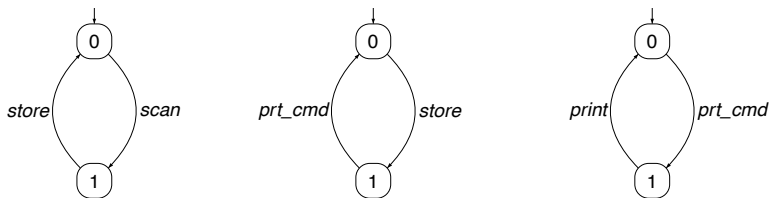
$$(TS_1 \parallel_{H_1} TS_2) \parallel_{H_2} TS_3 \neq TS_1 \parallel_{H_1} (TS_2 \parallel_{H_2} TS_3).$$

- It is, however, associative for a fixed set H :

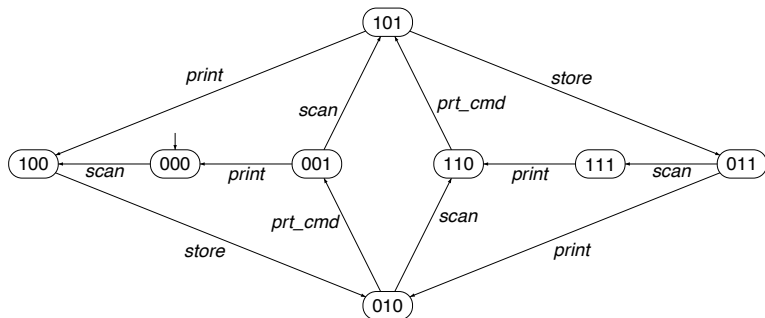
$$TS = TS_1 \parallel_H TS_2 \parallel_H \dots \parallel_H TS_n.$$

- Useful to model broadcast communications.

Example 2.28 A Booking System



$BCR \parallel BP \parallel Printer$ (\parallel is a shorthand for \parallel_H with $H = Act_1 \cap Act_2$)



2.2.6 Synchronous Parallelism

Definition 2.41 Synchronous Product

- Let $TS_i = (S_i, Act_i, \rightarrow_i, I_i, AP_i, L_i)$, $i=1, 2$, the *synchronous product* of TS_1 and TS_2 , $TS_1 \otimes TS_2$, is given by

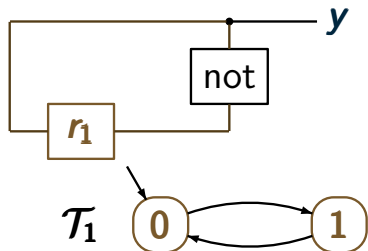
$$TS_1 \otimes TS_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, Act_1 \times Act_2, \rightarrow, I_1 \times I_2, AP_1 \cup AP_2, L)$$

where $L(\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle) = L_1(s_1) \cup L_2(s_2)$ and with \rightarrow defined by:

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1 \quad \wedge \quad s_2 \xrightarrow{\beta}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{(\alpha, \beta)} \langle s'_1, s'_2 \rangle}$$

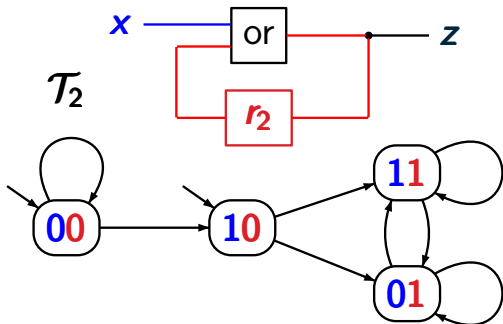
- Often used for composing synchronous digital circuits.

Synchronous Product: Example



initially:
 $r_1 = 0$

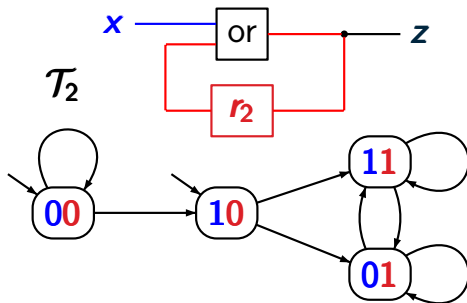
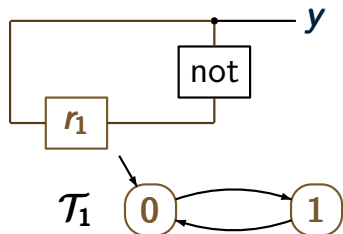
transition function:
 $\delta_{r_1} = \neg r_1$



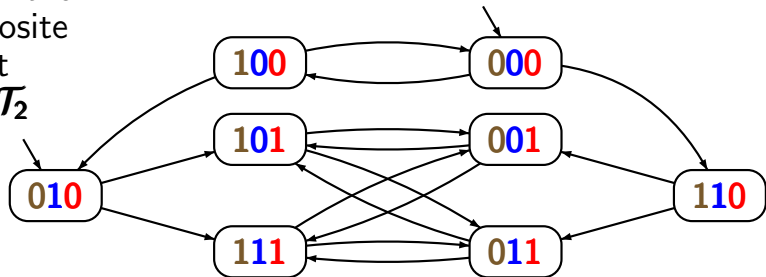
initially:
 $r_2 = 0$

transition function:
 $\delta_{r_2} = r_2 \vee x$

Synchronous Product: Example



TS for the
 composite
 circuit
 $\mathcal{T}_1 \otimes \mathcal{T}_2$



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2.3 State Explosion

- Given a program graph, the number of states is

$$|Loc| \cdot \prod_{x \in Var} |dom(x)|$$

- Consider $TS = TS_1 || \dots || TS_n$, the number of states is

$$|S_1| \cdot \dots \cdot |S_n|$$

Summary

- **Transition systems**
 - A fundamental model for modeling software and hardware systems.
- **Executions**
 - Alternating sequences of states and actions that cannot be prolonged.
- **Interleaving**
 - Execution of independent concurrent processes by nondeterminism.
- **Shared variables**
 - Parallel composition on transition systems is not adequate.
 - Instead, parallel composition of program graphs is used.
- **Handshaking** on a set H of actions
 - Execute actions in H simultaneously and those not in H autonomously.