

8 Hoare Logic and Model Checking (caw77)

This question is about modelling a program, defined below, consisting of two threads and a single (mathematical) integer variable  $X$ , initially set to 0. Each thread  $t$  has its own program counter given by  $pc_t$ , initially set to 0, which describes the *current line* for that thread.

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| Thread 1      | Thread 2                          |
| 0: $X := X+1$ | 0: IF IS_ODD( $X$ ) THEN STOP_ALL |
| 1: GOTO 0     | 1: GOTO 0                         |

The program is executed by repeatedly carrying out execution steps, where one thread is non-deterministically selected, its entire current line is run, and its program counter is then updated appropriately. This continues until `STOP_ALL` is executed, which immediately terminates the whole program.

- (a) The program state can be described by  $(pc_1, pc_2, X, stopped)$ , where  $pc_1$ ,  $pc_2$ , and  $X$  are mathematical integers, and *stopped* is a boolean which is true iff `STOP_ALL` has been executed. Let  $S$  be the set of all such states.
  - (i) Define  $S_0$ , the set of initial states of the program, such that  $S_0 \subseteq S$ . [1 mark]
  - (ii) Define a transition relation  $R \subseteq S \times S$  describing the program's execution. [2 marks]
  - (iii) Define a labelling function  $L$  that labels all states where the program has terminated with the atomic property `term`. [2 marks]
- (b) Explain why, taking the definitions from (a), the model  $M_{\mathbf{a}} = (S, S_0, R, L)$  is *not* a (finite) Kripke structure. [2 marks]
- (c) Draw the finite state automaton for a model  $M_{\mathbf{b}}$  which *is* a Kripke structure, such that  $M_{\mathbf{a}}$  and  $M_{\mathbf{b}}$  are bisimilar. Justify your answer briefly. [5 marks]  
*[Note: A full formal proof of bisimilarity is not required.]*
- (d) (i) Give an LTL formula  $\phi$  such that the judgement  $M_{\mathbf{b}} \models \phi$  corresponds to the statement “every execution of the program will eventually terminate”. [2 marks]
  - (ii) Either prove that  $M_{\mathbf{b}} \models \phi$  holds, or describe a counter-example trace. [2 marks]
- (e) Consider the CTL formula  $\psi = \mathbf{AG}(\mathbf{EF term})$ . Determine whether this is equivalent to your definition of  $\phi$  from Part (d).  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are equivalent iff, for all Kripke structures  $M$ ,  $(M \models \phi)$  iff  $(M \models \psi)$ . Justify your answer. [4 marks]