

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.

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. [Note: A full formal proof of bisimilarity is not required.] [5 marks]

(d) (i) Give an LTL formula ϕ 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 ϕ from Part (d). ϕ and ψ are equivalent iff, for all Kripke structures M , $(M \models \phi)$ iff $(M \models \psi)$. Justify your answer. [4 marks]