



# Statemate

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### Aufgabe 1

Gegeben folgende informelle Spezifikation eines Doppelrechnersystems, geben Sie die Statechart und Activitychart für diese Spezifikation an.

The objective is to specify a fault-tolerant solution for a computation service  $P$  that can be characterized as follows:

- $P$  inputs data provided by a *producer* on channel A.
- For each input  $x$  on A, a computation  $y = f(x)$  is performed by  $P$  and delivered via channel B to a *consumer*.
- We assume a *synchronous communication* between server and environment: The producer will only send a new job after having received a NEXT-message from the server computer indicating that  $P$  has finished the previous computation.

Next, we describe the boundary conditions for the desired type of a fault-tolerant server platform: The fault-tolerant system shall be designed as a dual computer system DCP according to the *master-slave principle*: DCP consists of two computers CP1 and CP2. Each of these components may fail independently. As a *fault hypothesis*, we may assume that each computer acts as a *fail-stop component*, i.e., the failure events leads to the computer's total deactivation without any remaining sub-activities. In normal operation (when both components are available), CP1 acts as the *master*: a copy P1 of  $P$  runs on CP1, producing computations after which a protocol handler of CP1 requests a new job by sending a message NEXT1. CP2 operates in *standby* mode by only storing jobs in its local memory without activation of a  $P$ -copy. Each job is kept by CP2 at least until the NEXT1-message indicates that it has been successfully delivered to the consumer.

If CP1 fails, this will also be detected by CP2 which then continues as the master component by activating a copy P2 of  $P$  and producing messages NEXT2 to request new jobs. Though CP1's failure may occur while a job is still being processed, it is required that this job should not be lost: CP2 shall use its (still available) copy of the input and calculate the corresponding result. It must be taken into account, that CP1's failure can occur *after* having delivered a result on channel B and *before* having produced the NEXT1-message. In such a case it cannot be avoided that CP2 also processes this job, and the result is sent to the consumer for a second time. To this end, each input is equipped by the producer with an alternating bit, that is also attached to the result transferred to the consumer. We assume that the consumer has implemented an *alternating-bit protocol* to detect duplicated bits and discard the corresponding results.