

# SHARED-VARIABLE CONCURRENCY

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\* proof outlines are interference free if none of <sup>their</sup> assignm. actions interfere with critical assertions in other outlines

NONINTERFERENCE or INTERFERENCE FREE :

- an assignment action is an assignm. or an await statement containing one or more assign. statements
- a critical assertion : a pre- or post-condition not contained within an ~~assignm~~ await statement
- noninterference : let **a** be an assignment action in one process, with **pre(a)** its precondition  
let **c** be a critical assertion in another process, possibly renaming its local vars s.t.  $\text{var}(a) \cap \text{local vars}(\text{other pr.}) = \emptyset$

THEN **a** does not interfere with **c** if

$$\models \{c \wedge \text{pre}(a)\} a \{c\}$$

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Await Statement Rule: 
$$\frac{\{P \wedge B\} S \{Q\}}{\{P\} \langle \text{await } (B) S; \rangle \{Q\}}$$

Co Statement Rule: 
$$\frac{\{P_i\} S_i \{Q_i\} \text{ are interference free}}{\begin{array}{l} \{P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n\} \\ \text{co } S_1; // \dots // S_n; \text{ oc} \\ \{Q_1 \wedge \dots \wedge Q_n\} \end{array}}$$
 *proof outline*

Inference Rules for Await and Co Statements

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Observe that, by applying the rules for assignment,

$$\{x = 0 \vee x = 2\} x := x + 1 \{x = 1 \vee x = 3\}$$

and

$$\{x = 0 \vee x = 1\} x := x + 2 \{x = 2 \vee x = 3\}$$

are proof outlines. To prove interference freedom of these, we have to prove the verification conditions generated by the following four assignments:

- $\{(x = 0 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1)\} x := x + 1 \{x = 0 \vee x = 1\}$ ,
- $\{(x = 0 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 2 \vee x = 3)\} x := x + 1 \{x = 2 \vee x = 3\}$ ,
- $\{(x = 0 \vee x = 1) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 2)\} x := x + 2 \{x = 0 \vee x = 2\}$ , and
- $\{(x = 0 \vee x = 1) \wedge (x = 1 \vee x = 3)\} x := x + 2 \{x = 1 \vee x = 3\}$ .

These formulae follow from the guarded-assignment rule. By applying the parallel composition rule we obtain the following proof outline:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{(x = 0 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1)\} \\ [ \{x = 0 \vee x = 2\} x := x + 1 \{x = 1 \vee x = 3\} \\ \parallel \{x = 0 \vee x = 1\} x := x + 2 \{x = 2 \vee x = 3\} \\ ] \{(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge (x = 2 \vee x = 3)\}. \end{array}$$

Since

$$\models x = 0 \rightarrow (x = 0 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1)$$

and

$$\models (x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge (x = 2 \vee x = 3) \rightarrow x = 3,$$

we can extend this to a proof outline of the form:

$$\begin{array}{l} \{x = 0\} \\ \{(x = 0 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1)\} \\ [\dots \parallel \dots] \\ \{(x = 1 \vee x = 3) \wedge (x = 2 \vee x = 3)\} \\ \{x = 3\}. \end{array}$$

By applying the consequence rule, we can transform this into the desired Hoare formula:  $\vdash \{x = 0\} \langle [x := x + 1 \parallel x := x + 2] \rangle \{x = 3\}$ .  $\square$

EX.:

WEAKENED ASSERTIONS

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$$P_1 \wedge P_2 \{x=0\} \underline{\subseteq} \{x=0 \vee x=2\} - P_1$$

$\langle x := x+1 \rangle_1$

$$\{x=1 \vee x=3\} - Q_1$$

//

$$\{x=0 \vee x=1\} - P_2$$

$\langle x := x+2 \rangle_2$

$$\{x=2 \vee x=3\} - Q_2$$

$Q_1 \wedge Q_2$

$$\underline{\subseteq} \{x=3\}$$

check IF freed.!

DISJOINT VARS:

$$\{x=0 \wedge y=0\} \underline{\subseteq} \{x=0\} x := x+1 \{x=1\}$$

$$// \{y=0\} y := y+1 \{y=1\}$$

$$\underline{\subseteq} \{x=1 \wedge y=1\}$$

**Example 10.15** As the next example consider  $\langle [x := x + 1 \parallel x := x + 1] \rangle$ . The aim is to prove  $\{x = 0\} \langle [x := x + 1 \parallel x := x + 1] \rangle \{x = 2\}$ . Analogous to the previous example, we first have to try using the proof outlines

$$\{x = 0 \vee x = 1\} x := x + 1 \{x = 1 \vee x = 2\}$$

and

$$\{x = 0 \vee x = 1\} x := x + 1 \{x = 1 \vee x = 2\}.$$

These proof outlines, however, are not interference free. For instance,  $\{(x = 0 \vee x = 1) \wedge (x = 0 \vee x = 1)\} x := x + 1 \{x = 0 \vee x = 1\}$  is not valid. A second problem is that the conjunction of the postassertions  $(x = 1 \vee x = 2) \wedge (x = 1 \vee x = 2)$  does not imply the desired postassertion  $x = 2$ . As proved in Example 3.12 within the context of the inductive assertion method, it is even impossible to prove  $\{x = 0\} x := x + 1 \parallel x := x + 1 \{x = 2\}$  by making use of assertions whose only free variable is  $x$ . This proof carries over to the present framework.



**Definition 10.13 (Auxiliary variables)**

Consider a program  $S_0$ . Let  $A \subseteq \text{var}(S_0)$ , where  $\text{var}(S_0)$  denotes the set of variables that occur (within assignments and boolean tests) in  $S_0$ . We call  $A$  a *set of auxiliary variables of  $S_0$*  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- Each variable from  $A$  occurs in  $S_0$  only within assignments, that is, it may *not* occur within the boolean tests  $b$  of guarded assignments and guarded commands.
- When it occurs in an assignment  $x_1, \dots, x_n := e_1, \dots, e_n$  it does so only within its components  $(x_i, e_i)$  when  $x_i \in A$ . In words: a variable from  $A$  cannot be used in assignments to variables outside  $A$ .  $\square$

Next we present a version of the auxiliary-variables rule. Note that the premise of the rule has the form of a proof outline, whereas its conclusion is a Hoare formula.

*A PROOF OUTLINE FOR  $S_0$*

**Rule 10.6 (Auxiliary variables)**

$$\frac{\{p\} A(S_0) \{q\}}{\{p\} \langle S \rangle \{q\}},$$

where, for some set of auxiliary variables  $A$  of  $S_0$  with  $A \cap \text{var}(q) = \emptyset$ , program  $S$  results from  $S_0$  by deleting all assignments to the variables in  $A$ , and, in case this results in **skip** statements, dropping the latter.

a solution to this problem is the use of *auxiliary variables*. In our example we can use, for instance, two auxiliary variables *done1* and *done2*, which record whether the assignment has been performed in, respectively, the first or second process.

Now consider the following proof outlines:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\neg done1 \wedge (\neg done2 \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (done2 \rightarrow x = 1)\} \\ & x, done1 := x + 1, true \\ & \{done1 \wedge (\neg done2 \rightarrow x = 1) \wedge (done2 \rightarrow x = 2)\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\neg done2 \wedge (\neg done1 \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (done1 \rightarrow x = 1)\} \\ & x, done2 := x + 1, true \\ & \{done2 \wedge (\neg done1 \rightarrow x = 1) \wedge (done1 \rightarrow x = 2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

These proof outlines are interference free. For instance,

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\neg done1 \wedge (\neg done2 \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (done2 \rightarrow x = 1) \wedge \\ & \neg done2 \wedge (\neg done1 \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (done1 \rightarrow x = 1)\} \\ & x, done1 := x + 1, true \\ & \{\neg done2 \wedge (\neg done1 \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (done1 \rightarrow x = 1)\} \end{aligned}$$

is valid, since its precondition is equivalent to  $\neg done1 \wedge \neg done2 \wedge x = 0$ .

sequently, we can apply the parallel composition rule. We also introduce an initialisation of the auxiliary variables, and obtain the proof outline below, where we have used the following abbreviations:

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \text{done1} \wedge (\neg \text{done2} \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (\text{done2} \rightarrow x = 1) \\ p_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \text{done2} \wedge (\neg \text{done1} \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (\text{done1} \rightarrow x = 1) \\ q_1 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{done1} \wedge (\neg \text{done2} \rightarrow x = 1) \wedge (\text{done2} \rightarrow x = 2) \\ q_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{done2} \wedge (\neg \text{done1} \rightarrow x = 1) \wedge (\text{done1} \rightarrow x = 2). \end{aligned}$$

The proof outline is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\{x = 0\} \\ &\text{done1, done2} := \text{false, false}; \\ &\{p_1 \wedge p_2\} \\ &[ \quad \{p_1\} x, \text{done1} := x + 1, \text{true} \{q_1\} \\ &\quad || \quad \{p_2\} x, \text{done2} := x + 1, \text{true} \{q_2\} \\ &\quad ] \{q_1 \wedge q_2\} \\ &\{x = 2\}. \end{aligned}$$

By the auxiliary variables rule we obtain

$$\vdash \{x = 0\} \langle [x := x + 1 \parallel x := x + 1] \rangle \{x = 2\}.$$

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