Concurrency Theory (SS 2015)

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Exercise Sheet 4

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Problem 1: Invariants for Mutual Exclusion

Consider the following mutual exclusion protocol:



Notice that $(0\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 1)^T$ is an invariant used to prove no marking M with

$$M(\texttt{pcs}_1) = M(\texttt{pcs}_2) = M(\texttt{sem} = \texttt{0}) = 1$$

is reachable.

Which invariants can be used to prove no marking M with just $M(pcs_1) = M(pcs_2) = 1$ is reachable? Give a general description and prove mutual exclusion for such a concrete invariant.

Problem 2: Simple Mutual Exclusion

Consider the Petri net N given below:



- (a) Compute the set of structural invariants.
- (b) Determine the set of all traps.
- (c) Using (a) and (b), prove that p_3 and p_4 are mutually exclusive.

Problem 3: S/T-Invariants for Petri Nets

Let N = (S, T, W) be a Petri net.

- (a) Prove that if I and J are structural (S-) invariants of N, so are I + J and $k \cdot I$ ($\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$).
- (b) Prove that if I and J are transition (T-) invariants of N, so are I + J and $k \cdot I$ ($\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$).
- (c) Give a Petri net that is acyclic but has a transition (T-) invariant.