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Model Checking – Exercise sheet 1

Exercise 1.1

1. Install Spin and iSpin by following steps 0–2 on `http://spinroot.com/spin/Man/README.html`.
2. Inspect contents of the downloaded package. It should contain several examples and documents to start with. To test your installation, run the following commands in the `Examples` directory:
   - `spin --`
   - `spin -V`
   - `spin hello.pml`
   - `ispin hello.pml`

   Spin references can be downloaded from `http://spinroot.com/spin/Man/`. (For a gentle introduction to Spin, see e.g. Tutorial_1.pdf)
3. Install Modex from `http://spinroot.com/modex/`. Modex is a tool that can extract Spin models from programs written in the C programming language.
4. To test your installation, run the following commands in the `Manual` directory:
   - `modex --`
   - `modex hello.c`
   - `spin model`
5. Compare the contents of `hello.pml` and `model`.
6. In the Modex package, there is a script named `verify`. Given a C program, the script calls Modex and Spin, and outputs user-friendly messages. Copy the script or make a link to it in the bin directory. For instance,
   - `cp Scripts/verify /usr/local/bin`
7. To test the script, run:
   - `verify hello.c  # perform model extraction + verification`
   - `verify clean    # clean up temporary files`

Exercise 1.2

Consider the following program `bounds.c`:

```
#define N 3
#define M N+1

int main(void) {
  int *p[N][M], q[N*M], i, j, k = 0;

  for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < M; j++)
      p[i][j] = &q[k++];
}
```

1. Can you spot a bug in the program? Justify your answer.
2. Run Modex and Spin to find the bug. Observe the output messages.
3. Inspect the content of the generated `model` file.

Exercise 1.3

Consider the following program `threads.c` (an example from the Modex distribution):

```
1  #include <pthread.h>
2  #include <assert.h>
3
4  int shared = 0;
5  int *ptr;
6
7  void *thread1(void *arg) {
8    int tmp;
9
10   ptr = &shared;
11   tmp = shared;
12   tmp++;
13   shared = tmp;
14   return 0;
15 }
16
17 void *thread2(void *arg) {
18   int tmp;
19
20   if (ptr) {
21     tmp = shared;
22     tmp++;
23     shared = tmp;
24   }
25   return 0;
26 }
27
28 int main(void) {
29   pthread_t t[2];
30
31   pthread_create(&t[0], 0, thread1, 0);
32   pthread_create(&t[1], 0, thread2, 0);
33
34   pthread_join(t[0], 0);
35   pthread_join(t[1], 0);
36
37   assert(shared == 2);
38
39   return 0;
40 }
```

1. Does the assertion at line 37 always hold? Justify your answer.
2. Run Modex and Spin to confirm your finding.