

The bakery algorithm originally appeared in:

Leslie Lamport A New Solution of *Dijkstra's* Concurrent Programming Problem Communications of the *ACM* 17, 8 (August 1974), 453 – 455

The code for the algorithm given in that paper is :

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begin integer j;
L1: choosing [i] := 1 ;
   number[i] := 1 + maximum (number[1], ..., number[N]);
   choosing[i] := 0;
   for j = 1 step 1 until N do
     begin
       L2: if choosing[j] /= 0 then goto L2;
       L3: if number[j] /= 0 and (number [j], j) < (number[i],i)
           then goto L3;
     end;
   critical section;
   number[i] := 0;
   noncritical section;
   goto L1 ;
end

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What makes the bakery algorithm interesting is that it doesn't assume that reading or writing a memory register is an atomic operation. Instead it assumes safe registers, which ensure only that a read that doesn't overlap a write obtains the current value of the register, but allows a read that overlaps a write to obtain any value of the correct type. This is modeled in TLA+ by letting the read be atomic but having a write operation perform a sequence of atomic writes of arbitrary type-correct values before atomically writing the desired value. (Only the shared registers *number[i]* and *choosing[i]* need be to be modeled in this way; operations to a process's local variables can be taken to be atomic.)

This *PlusCal* version of the Atomic *Bakery* algorithm is one in which variables whose initial values are not used are initialized to particular type-correct values. If the variables were left uninitialized, the *PlusCal* translation would initialize them to a particular unspecified value. This would complicate the proof because it would make the type-correctness invariant more complicated, but it would be more efficient to model check. We could write a version that is more elegant and easy to prove, but less efficient to model check, by initializing the variables to arbitrarily chosen type-correct values.

EXTENDS *Naturals*, *TLAPS*

We first declare *N* to be the number of processes, and we assume that *N* is a natural number.

CONSTANT *N*
 ASSUME $N \in \text{Nat}$

We define *Procs* to be the set $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ of processes.

$\text{Procs} \triangleq 1..N$

$<$ is defined to be the lexicographical less-than relation on pairs of numbers.

$$a < b \triangleq \begin{aligned} &\vee a[1] < b[1] \\ &\vee (a[1] = b[1]) \wedge (a[2] < b[2]) \end{aligned}$$

** this is a comment containing the *PlusCal* code *

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--algorithm Bakery
{ variables num = [i ∈ Procs ↦ 0], flag = [i ∈ Procs ↦ FALSE];
  fair process ( p ∈ Procs )
    variables unchecked = {}, max = 0, nxt = 1;
    { ncs:- while ( TRUE )
      { e1: either { flag[self] := ¬flag[self];
                  goto e1 }
        or      { flag[self] := TRUE;
                  unchecked := Procs \ {self};
                  max := 0
                } ;
      e2: while ( unchecked ≠ {} )
          { with ( i ∈ unchecked )
            { unchecked := unchecked \ {i};
              if ( num[i] > max ) { max := num[i] }
            }
          } ;
      e3: either { with ( k ∈ Nat ) { num[self] := k } ;
                goto e3 }
        or      { with ( i ∈ {j ∈ Nat : j > max} )
                  { num[self] := i }
                } ;
      e4: either { flag[self] := ¬flag[self];
                  goto e4 }
        or      { flag[self] := FALSE;
                  unchecked := Procs \ {self}
                } ;
      w1: while ( unchecked ≠ {} )
          { with ( i ∈ unchecked ) { nxt := i } ;
            await ¬flag[nxt];
            w2: await ∨ num[nxt] = 0
                  ∨ ⟨num[self], self⟩ < ⟨num[nxt], nxt⟩;
              unchecked := unchecked \ {nxt};
            } ;
      cs: skip; the critical section;
      exit: either { with ( k ∈ Nat ) { num[self] := k } ;
                  goto exit }
        or      { num[self] := 0 }
      }
    }
}

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*** this ends the comment containing the pluscal code *****

BEGIN TRANSLATION (this begins the translation of the *PlusCal* code)

VARIABLES num, flag, pc, unchecked, max, nxt

$vars \triangleq \langle num, flag, pc, unchecked, max, nxt \rangle$

$ProcSet \triangleq (Procs)$

$Init \triangleq$ Global variables
 $\wedge num = [i \in Procs \mapsto 0]$
 $\wedge flag = [i \in Procs \mapsto FALSE]$
Process p
 $\wedge unchecked = [self \in Procs \mapsto \{\}]$
 $\wedge max = [self \in Procs \mapsto 0]$
 $\wedge nxt = [self \in Procs \mapsto 1]$
 $\wedge pc = [self \in ProcSet \mapsto \text{"ncs"}]$

$ncs(self) \triangleq$ $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"ncs"}$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e1"}]$
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle num, flag, unchecked, max, nxt \rangle$

$e1(self) \triangleq$ $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"e1"}$
 $\wedge \vee \wedge flag' = [flag \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \neg flag[self]]$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e1"}]$
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle unchecked, max \rangle$
 $\vee \wedge flag' = [flag \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = TRUE]$
 $\wedge unchecked' = [unchecked \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = Procs \setminus \{self\}]$
 $\wedge max' = [max \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = 0]$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e2"}]$
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle num, nxt \rangle$

$e2(self) \triangleq$ $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"e2"}$
 $\wedge \text{IF } unchecked[self] \neq \{\}$
 $\text{THEN } \wedge \exists i \in unchecked[self] :$
 $\wedge unchecked' = [unchecked \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = unchecked[self] \setminus \{i\}]$
 $\wedge \text{IF } num[i] > max[self]$
 $\text{THEN } \wedge max' = [max \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = num[i]]$
 $\text{ELSE } \wedge TRUE$
 $\wedge max' = max$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e2"}]$
 $\text{ELSE } \wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e3"}]$
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle unchecked, max \rangle$
 $\wedge UNCHANGED \langle num, flag, nxt \rangle$

$e3(self) \triangleq$ $\wedge pc[self] = \text{"e3"}$
 $\wedge \vee \wedge \exists k \in Nat :$
 $num' = [num \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = k]$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e3"}]$
 $\vee \wedge \exists i \in \{j \in Nat : j > max[self]\} :$
 $num' = [num \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = i]$
 $\wedge pc' = [pc \text{ EXCEPT } ![self] = \text{"e4"}]$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{flag}, \text{unchecked}, \text{max}, \text{next} \rangle \\
e4(\text{self}) & \triangleq \wedge \text{pc}[\text{self}] = \text{"e4"} \\
& \wedge \vee \wedge \text{flag}' = [\text{flag EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \neg \text{flag}[\text{self}]] \\
& \quad \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"e4"}] \\
& \quad \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \text{unchecked} \\
& \quad \vee \wedge \text{flag}' = [\text{flag EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{FALSE}] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{unchecked}' = [\text{unchecked EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{Procs} \setminus \{\text{self}\}] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"w1"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{num}, \text{max}, \text{next} \rangle \\
w1(\text{self}) & \triangleq \wedge \text{pc}[\text{self}] = \text{"w1"} \\
& \wedge \text{IF } \text{unchecked}[\text{self}] \neq \{\} \\
& \quad \text{THEN } \wedge \exists i \in \text{unchecked}[\text{self}] : \\
& \quad \quad \text{next}' = [\text{next EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = i] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \neg \text{flag}[\text{next}'[\text{self}]] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"w2"}] \\
& \quad \text{ELSE } \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"cs"}] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{next}' = \text{next} \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{num}, \text{flag}, \text{unchecked}, \text{max} \rangle \\
w2(\text{self}) & \triangleq \wedge \text{pc}[\text{self}] = \text{"w2"} \\
& \wedge \vee \text{num}[\text{next}[\text{self}]] = 0 \\
& \quad \vee \langle \text{num}[\text{self}], \text{self} \rangle \prec \langle \text{num}[\text{next}[\text{self}]], \text{next}[\text{self}] \rangle \\
& \wedge \text{unchecked}' = [\text{unchecked EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{unchecked}[\text{self}] \setminus \{\text{next}[\text{self}]\}] \\
& \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"w1"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{num}, \text{flag}, \text{max}, \text{next} \rangle \\
cs(\text{self}) & \triangleq \wedge \text{pc}[\text{self}] = \text{"cs"} \\
& \wedge \text{TRUE} \\
& \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"exit"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{num}, \text{flag}, \text{unchecked}, \text{max}, \text{next} \rangle \\
exit(\text{self}) & \triangleq \wedge \text{pc}[\text{self}] = \text{"exit"} \\
& \wedge \vee \wedge \exists k \in \text{Nat} : \\
& \quad \text{num}' = [\text{num EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = k] \\
& \quad \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"exit"}] \\
& \quad \vee \wedge \text{num}' = [\text{num EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = 0] \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \text{pc}' = [\text{pc EXCEPT } ![\text{self}] = \text{"ncs"}] \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle \text{flag}, \text{unchecked}, \text{max}, \text{next} \rangle \\
p(\text{self}) & \triangleq \text{ncs}(\text{self}) \vee e1(\text{self}) \vee e2(\text{self}) \vee e3(\text{self}) \vee e4(\text{self}) \\
& \quad \vee w1(\text{self}) \vee w2(\text{self}) \vee cs(\text{self}) \vee exit(\text{self}) \\
\text{Next} & \triangleq (\exists \text{self} \in \text{Procs} : p(\text{self})) \\
\text{Spec} & \triangleq \wedge \text{Init} \wedge \square[\text{Next}]_{\text{vars}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \wedge \forall self \in Procs : WF_{vars}((pc[self] \neq \text{"ncs"}) \wedge p(self)) \\
& \wedge \forall self \in Procs : WF_{vars}(\wedge e1(self) \vee e3(self) \vee e4(self) \vee exit(self) \\
& \quad \wedge (pc'[self] \neq pc[self]))
\end{aligned}$$

END TRANSLATION (this ends the translation of the *PlusCal* code)

MutualExclusion asserts that two distinct processes are in their critical sections.

$$\begin{aligned}
MutualExclusion \triangleq \forall i, j \in Procs : (i \neq j) \Rightarrow \neg \wedge pc[i] = \text{"cs"} \\
\quad \wedge pc[j] = \text{"cs"}
\end{aligned}$$

The Inductive Invariant

TypeOK is the type-correctness invariant.

$$\begin{aligned}
TypeOK \triangleq & \wedge num \in [Procs \rightarrow Nat] \\
& \wedge flag \in [Procs \rightarrow BOOLEAN] \\
& \wedge unchecked \in [Procs \rightarrow SUBSET Procs] \\
& \wedge max \in [Procs \rightarrow Nat] \\
& \wedge next \in [Procs \rightarrow Procs] \\
& \wedge pc \in [Procs \rightarrow \{\text{"ncs"}, \text{"e1"}, \text{"e2"}, \text{"e3"}, \\
& \quad \text{"e4"}, \text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}, \text{"cs"}, \text{"exit"}\}]
\end{aligned}$$

Before(i, j) is a condition that implies that $num[i] > 0$ and, if j is trying to enter its critical section and i does not change $num[i]$, then j either has or will choose a value of $num[j]$ for which

$$\langle num[i], i \rangle < \langle num[j], j \rangle$$

is true.

$$\begin{aligned}
Before(i, j) \triangleq & \wedge num[i] > 0 \\
& \wedge \forall pc[j] \in \{\text{"ncs"}, \text{"e1"}, \text{"exit"}\} \\
& \quad \vee \wedge pc[j] = \text{"e2"} \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \forall i \in unchecked[j] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \vee max[j] \geq num[i] \\
& \quad \vee \wedge pc[j] = \text{"e3"} \\
& \quad \quad \wedge max[j] \geq num[i] \\
& \quad \vee \wedge pc[j] \in \{\text{"e4"}, \text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}\} \\
& \quad \quad \wedge \langle num[i], i \rangle < \langle num[j], j \rangle \\
& \quad \quad \wedge (pc[j] \in \{\text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}\}) \Rightarrow (i \in unchecked[j])
\end{aligned}$$

Inv is the complete inductive invariant.

$$Inv \triangleq \wedge TypeOK$$

$$\wedge \forall i \in Procs :$$

\wedge This conjunct is not needed for mutual exclusion, but it is needed to prove liveness.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (pc[i] \in \{\text{"ncs"}, \text{"e1"}, \text{"e2"}\}) \Rightarrow (num[i] = 0) \\
& \wedge (pc[i] \in \{\text{"e4"}, \text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}, \text{"cs"}\}) \Rightarrow (num[i] \neq 0) \\
& \wedge (pc[i] \in \{\text{"e2"}, \text{"e3"}\}) \Rightarrow flag[i]
\end{aligned}$$

\wedge This conjunct is not needed to prove mutual exclusion. It's needed to prove liveness, but it could be removed if the \prec in the wait condition were changed to \preceq .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (pc[i] = \text{"w2"}) \Rightarrow (nxt[i] \neq i) \\
 \wedge & pc[i] \in \{\text{"e2"}, \text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}\} \Rightarrow i \notin unchecked[i] \\
 \wedge & (pc[i] \in \{\text{"w1"}, \text{"w2"}\}) \Rightarrow \\
 & \quad \forall j \in (Procs \setminus unchecked[i]) \setminus \{i\} : Before(i, j) \\
 \wedge & \wedge (pc[i] = \text{"w2"}) \\
 & \quad \wedge \vee (pc[nxt[i]] = \text{"e2"}) \wedge (i \notin unchecked[nxt[i]]) \\
 & \quad \quad \vee pc[nxt[i]] = \text{"e3"} \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow max[nxt[i]] \geq num[i] \\
 \wedge & (pc[i] = \text{"cs"}) \Rightarrow \forall j \in Procs \setminus \{i\} : Before(i, j)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Mutual Exclusion

This is a standard invariance proof, where $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ asserts that any step of the algorithm (including a stuttering step) starting in a state in which *Inv* is true leaves *Inv* true. Step $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ follows easily from $\langle 1 \rangle 1 - \langle 1 \rangle 3$ by simple temporal reasoning, but *TLAPS* does not yet do any temporal reasoning.

THEOREM $Spec \Rightarrow \Box MutualExclusion$

$\langle 1 \rangle$ USE $N \in NatDEFS$ *Procs*, *Inv*, *TypeOK*, *Before*, \prec , *ProcSet*

$\langle 1 \rangle 1$. *Init* \Rightarrow *Inv*

BY *SMT* DEF *Init*

$\langle 1 \rangle 2$. $Inv \wedge [Next]_{vars} \Rightarrow Inv'$

BY *Z3* DEF *Next*, *ncs*, *p*, *e1*, *e2*, *e3*, *e4*, *w1*, *w2*, *cs*, *exit*, *vars*

$\langle 1 \rangle 3$. $Inv \Rightarrow MutualExclusion$

BY *SMT* DEF *MutualExclusion*

$\langle 1 \rangle$ HIDE DEF *Inv*

$\langle 1 \rangle 4$. QED

BY $\langle 1 \rangle 1$, $\langle 1 \rangle 2$, $\langle 1 \rangle 3$, *PTL* DEF *Spec*

$Trying(i) \triangleq pc[i] = \text{"e1"}$

$InCS(i) \triangleq pc[i] = \text{"cs"}$

$DeadlockFree \triangleq (\exists i \in Procs : Trying(i)) \rightsquigarrow (\exists i \in Procs : InCS(i))$

$StarvationFree \triangleq \forall i \in Procs : Trying(i) \rightsquigarrow InCS(i)$

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