

481 Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be number variables. Using concurrency, write a program to sort the values of these variables so that  $a' \leq b' \leq c'$ , and  $(a'; b'; c')$  is a permutation of  $(a; b; c)$ .

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ The formal specification is

$$a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm$$

where  $perm$  is defined as

$$perm = a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c \vee a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b \vee a'=b \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=c \\ \vee a'=b \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=a \vee a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b \vee a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$$

Here's one way to refine it.

$$a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm$$

← **if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$  else  $a := b \parallel b := a$  fi.**  
**if  $a \leq c$  then  $ok$  else  $a := c \parallel c := a$  fi.**  
**if  $b \leq c$  then  $ok$  else  $b := c \parallel c := b$  fi**

Proof: starting with the right side,

**if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$  else  $a := b \parallel b := a$  fi.**

**if  $a \leq c$  then  $ok$  else  $a := c \parallel c := a$  fi.**

**if  $b \leq c$  then  $ok$  else  $b := c \parallel c := b$  fi**

In this line, expand  $ok$  and  $b := c \parallel c := b$

= **if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$  else  $a := b \parallel b := a$  fi.**

**if  $a \leq c$  then  $ok$  else  $a := c \parallel c := a$  fi.**

**if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$  else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

distribute last line into middle line

= **if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$  else  $a := b \parallel b := a$  fi.**

**if  $a \leq c$  then  $ok$ . if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$  else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

**else  $(a := c \parallel c := a)$ . if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$  else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi fi**

$ok$  is identity, and substitution law

= **if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$  else  $a := b \parallel b := a$  fi.**

**if  $a \leq c$  then if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$  else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

**else if  $b \leq a$  then  $a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$  else  $a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$  fi fi**

distribute last two lines into first line

= **if  $a \leq b$  then  $ok$ . if  $a \leq c$  then if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$**

**else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

**else if  $b \leq a$  then  $a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$**

**else  $a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$  fi fi**

**else  $(a := b \parallel b := a)$ . if  $a \leq c$  then if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$**

**else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

**else if  $b \leq a$  then  $a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$**

**else  $a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$  fi fi fi**

$ok$  is identity, and substitution law

= **if  $a \leq b$  then if  $a \leq c$  then if  $b \leq c$  then  $a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$**

**else  $a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$  fi**

**else if  $b \leq a$  then  $a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$**

**else  $a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$  fi fi**

**else if  $b \leq c$  then if  $a \leq c$  then  $a'=b \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=c$**

**else  $a'=b \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=a$  fi**

**else if  $a \leq b$  then  $a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$**

**else  $a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$  fi fi fi**

=  $a \leq b \wedge a \leq c \wedge b \leq c \wedge a'=a \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=c$

$\vee a \leq b \wedge a \leq c \wedge c < b \wedge a'=a \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=b$

$\vee a \leq b \wedge c < a \wedge b \leq a \wedge a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$

$\vee a \leq b \wedge c < a \wedge a < b \wedge a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$

$\vee b < a \wedge b \leq c \wedge a \leq c \wedge a'=b \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=c$

$\vee b < a \wedge b \leq c \wedge c < a \wedge a'=b \wedge b'=c \wedge c'=a$

$\vee b < a \wedge c < b \wedge a \leq b \wedge a'=c \wedge b'=a \wedge c'=b$

$\vee b < a \wedge c < b \wedge b < a \wedge a'=c \wedge b'=b \wedge c'=a$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm \\
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&= a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm
\end{aligned}$$

Here's another way to refine it.

$$\begin{aligned}
&a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm \\
\Leftarrow &\text{ if } a \leq b \text{ then if } b \leq c \text{ then ok} \\
&\quad \text{else if } a \leq c \text{ then } b := c \parallel c := b \\
&\quad \quad \text{else } a := c \parallel b := a \parallel c := b \text{ fi fi} \\
&\text{ else if } b \leq c \text{ then if } a \leq c \text{ then } a := b \parallel b := a \\
&\quad \quad \text{else } a := b \parallel b := c \parallel c := a \text{ fi} \\
&\quad \text{else } a := c \parallel c := a \text{ fi fi}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof, stating with the right side:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{ if } a \leq b \text{ then if } b \leq c \text{ then ok} \\
&\quad \text{else if } a \leq c \text{ then } b := c \parallel c := b \\
&\quad \quad \text{else } a := c \parallel b := a \parallel c := b \text{ fi fi} \\
&\text{ else if } b \leq c \text{ then if } a \leq c \text{ then } a := b \parallel b := a \\
&\quad \quad \text{else } a := b \parallel b := c \parallel c := a \text{ fi} \\
&\quad \text{else } a := c \parallel c := a \text{ fi fi} \\
= &a \leq b \wedge b \leq c \wedge a' = a \wedge b' = b \wedge c' = c \\
&\vee a \leq b \wedge c < b \wedge a \leq c \wedge a' = a \wedge b' = c \wedge c' = b \\
&\vee a \leq b \wedge c < b \wedge c < a \wedge a' = c \wedge b' = a \wedge c' = b \\
&\vee b < a \wedge b \leq c \wedge a \leq c \wedge a' = b \wedge b' = a \wedge c' = c \\
&\vee b < a \wedge b < c \wedge c < a \wedge a' = b \wedge b' = c \wedge c' = a \\
&\vee b < a \wedge c \leq b \wedge a' = c \wedge b' = b \wedge c' = a \\
\Rightarrow &a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm \\
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= &a' \leq b' \leq c' \wedge perm
\end{aligned}$$