

497√ (grow slow) Suppose *alloc* allocates 1 unit of memory space and takes time 1 to do so. Then the following computation slowly allocates memory.

GrowSlow \Leftarrow **if** $t=2 \times x$ **then** *alloc* \parallel $x:=t$ **else** $t:=t+1$ **fi.** *GrowSlow*

If the time is equal to $2 \times x$, then one space is allocated, and concurrently x becomes the time stamp of the allocation; otherwise the clock ticks. The process is repeated forever. Prove that if the space is initially less than the logarithm of the time, and x is suitably initialized, then at all times the space is less than the logarithm of the time.

§ see book Subsection 9.0.1