

531 (mutual exclusion) Process P is an endless repetition of a “non-critical section” PN and a “critical section” PC . Process Q is similar.

$$P = PN. PC. P$$

$$Q = QN. QC. Q$$

They are executed concurrently $(P \parallel Q)$. Specify formally that the two critical sections are never executed at the same time

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If we assume PC and QC take nonzero time we can specify mutual exclusion as follows:

$$\neg \exists i: wa, \dots \infty. \exists j: wb, \dots \infty. \mathcal{M}a_i \wedge \mathcal{M}b_j \wedge (\mathcal{I}a_i \leq \mathcal{I}b_j < \mathcal{I}a_{i+1} \vee \mathcal{I}b_j \leq \mathcal{I}a_i < \mathcal{I}b_{j+1})$$