

483 (disjoint composition) Concurrent composition $P||Q$ requires that P and Q have no variables in common, although each can make use of the initial values of the other's variables by making a private copy. An alternative, let's say disjoint composition, is to allow both P and Q to use all the variables with no restrictions, and then to choose disjoint sets of variables v and w and define

$$P|_v|_w|Q = (P. v'=v) \wedge (Q. w'=w)$$

- (a) Describe how $P|_v|_w|Q$ can be executed.
- (b) Prove that if P and Q are implementable specifications, then $P|_v|_w|Q$ is implementable.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

- (a) Describe how $P \mid v \mid w \mid Q$ can be executed.
 § Make a copy of all variables. Execute P using the original set of variables and concurrently execute Q using the copies. Then copy back from the copy w to the original w . Then throw away the copies. There may be variables x other than v and w ; if so, their final values are arbitrary, and this implementation makes them be what P says they should be. Formally, using application $\langle v \cdot P \rangle x$ as the formal notation for (substitute x for v in P),

$$\mathbf{var} \ cv:=v \cdot \mathbf{var} \ cw:=w \cdot \mathbf{var} \ cx:=x \\ (P \parallel \langle v, w, x, v', w', x' \cdot Q \rangle \ cv \ cw \ cx \ cv' \ cw' \ cx'). \ w:=cw$$

- (b) Prove that if P and Q are implementable specifications, then $P \mid v \mid w \mid Q$ is implementable.

§ First, a lemma.

$$\begin{aligned} & P. \ v'=v && \text{expand sequential composition} \\ = & \exists v'', w'', x''. \langle v', w', x' \cdot P \rangle v'' w'' x'' \wedge v'=v'' && \text{one-point } v'' \\ = & \exists w'', x''. \langle v', w', x' \cdot P \rangle v' w'' x'' && \text{rename } w'', x'' \text{ to } w', x' \\ = & \exists w', x'. \langle v', w', x' \cdot P \rangle v' w' x' && \text{simplify} \\ = & \exists w', x'. P \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } P \mid v \mid w \mid Q = (P. \ v'=v) \wedge (Q. \ w'=w) = (\exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists v', x'. Q)$$

Now the main proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & (P \mid v \mid w \mid Q \text{ is implementable}) && \text{definition of implementable} \\ = & \forall v, w, x. \exists v', w', x'. P \mid v \mid w \mid Q && \text{use previous result} \\ = & \forall v, w, x. \exists v', w', x'. (\exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists v', x'. Q) && \text{identity for } x' \\ = & \forall v, w, x. \exists v', w'. (\exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists v', x'. Q) \\ = & \forall v, w, x. \exists v'. \exists w'. (\exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists v', x'. Q) && \text{distribution (factoring)} \\ = & \forall v, w, x. \exists v'. (\exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists w'. \exists v', x'. Q) && \text{distribution (factoring)} \\ = & \forall v, w, x. (\exists v'. \exists w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists w'. \exists v', x'. Q) \\ = & \forall v, w, x. (\exists v', w', x'. P) \wedge (\exists v', w', x'. Q) && \text{splitting law} \\ = & (\forall v, w, x. \exists v', w', x'. P) \wedge (\forall v, w, x. \exists v', w', x'. Q) && \text{definition of implementable} \\ = & (P \text{ is implementable}) \wedge (Q \text{ is implementable}) \end{aligned}$$