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# <u>Chapter 1</u> Invariance: Proof Methods

	sertion <i>q</i> PL program <i>P</i>
show	$P \models \Box q$ (i.e., q is P-invariant)

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# Verification Conditions

(proof obligations)

#### standard verification condition

For assertions  $\varphi, \psi$  and transition  $\tau$ ,

 $\{\varphi\} \neq \{\psi\}$  ("Hoare triple") stands for the state formula

$$\rho_{\tau} \ \land \ \varphi \ \rightarrow \ \psi'$$

"Verification condition (VC) of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  relative to transition  $\tau$  "



# Proving Invariances

# Definitions

Recall:

- the <u>variables of assertion</u>:
  - free (flexible) system variables

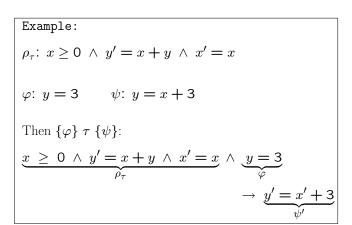
$$V = Y \cup \{\pi\}$$

where Y are the program variables and  $\pi$  is the control variable

- quantified (rigid) specification variables
- q' is the <u>primed version</u> of q, obtained by replacing each free occurrence of a system variable  $y \in V$  by its primed version y'.
- $\rho_{\tau}$  is the <u>transition relation</u> of  $\tau$ , expressing the relation holding between a state s and any of its  $\tau$ -successors  $s' \in \tau(s)$ .

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# Verification Conditions (Con't)



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- for  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  in P $\{\varphi\}\tau\{\psi\}: \quad \rho_\tau \wedge \varphi \to \psi'$ " $\tau$  leads from  $\varphi$  to  $\psi$  in P"
- for  $\mathcal{T}$  in P

 $\{\varphi\}\mathcal{T}\{\psi\}: \{\varphi\}\tau\{\psi\} \text{ for every } \tau \in \mathcal{T}$ " $\mathcal{T}$  leads from  $\varphi$  to  $\psi$  in P"

Claim (Verification Condition) If  $\{\varphi\} \tau \{\psi\}$  is *P*-state valid, then every  $\tau$ -successor of a  $\varphi$ -state is a  $\psi$ -state.

# Verification Conditions (Con't)

Special Cases

• while, conditional 
$$\rho_{\tau} \colon \rho_{\tau}^{\mathrm{T}} \lor \rho_{\tau}^{\mathrm{F}}$$

$$\begin{split} \{\varphi\}\tau^{\mathrm{T}}\{\psi\} : & \rho_{\tau}^{\mathrm{T}} \wedge \varphi \to \psi' \\ \{\varphi\}\tau^{\mathrm{F}}\{\psi\} : & \rho_{\tau}^{\mathrm{F}} \wedge \varphi \to \psi' \end{split}$$

$$\{\varphi\}\tau\{\psi\}$$
 :  $\{\varphi\}\tau^{\mathrm{T}}\{\psi\}$   $\land$   $\{\varphi\}\tau^{\mathrm{F}}\{\psi\}$ 

• idle

$$\{\varphi\}\tau_I\{\varphi\}: \ \ \rho_{\tau_I} \land \ \varphi \ \rightarrow \ \varphi'$$

always valid, since

 $\rho_{\tau_I} \to v' = v \quad \text{for all } v \in V,$ so  $\varphi' = \varphi$ .

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Verification Conditions (Con't)

Substituted Form of Verification Condition

Transition relation can be written as  $\rho_{\tau}: C_{\tau} \wedge (\overline{V}' = \overline{E})$ 

where

 $C_{\tau}$ : enabling condition  $\overline{V'}$ : primed variable list

- primed variable list
- $\overline{E}$ : expression list
- The substituted form of verification condition  $\{\varphi\}\tau\{\psi\}$ :

$$C_{\tau} \wedge \varphi \rightarrow \psi[\overline{E}/\overline{V}]$$

where  $\psi[\overline{E}/\overline{V}]$ :

replace each variable  $v \in \overline{V}$ in  $\psi$  by the corresponding  $e \in \overline{E}$ Note: No primed variables!

The substituted form of a verification condition is P-state valid iff the standard form is

Verification Conditions (Con't)

Example:  

$$\rho_{\tau}: x \ge 0 \land y' = x + y \land x' = x$$

$$\varphi: y = 3 \qquad \psi: y = x + 3$$
Standard  

$$\underbrace{x \ge 0 \land y' = x + y \land x' = x}_{\rho_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{y = 3}_{\varphi}$$

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{y' = x' + 3}_{\psi'}$$
Substituted  

$$\underbrace{x \ge 0}_{C_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{y = 3}_{\varphi} \rightarrow \underbrace{x + y = x + 3}_{\psi[\overline{E}/\overline{V}]}$$

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Verification Conditions (Con't)

Example:  $\varphi: x = y \qquad \psi: x = y + 1$   $\rho_{\tau}: \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{C_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{(x', y')}_{\overline{V'}} = \underbrace{(x + 1, y)}_{\overline{E}}$ The substituted form of  $\{\varphi\}\tau\{\psi\}$  is  $\underbrace{x \ge 0}_{C_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{x = y}_{\varphi} \rightarrow \underbrace{(x = y + 1)[(x + 1, y)/(x, y)]}_{\psi[\overline{E}/\overline{V}]}$ or equivalently  $x \ge 0 \land x = y \rightarrow x + 1 = y + 1$ 

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#### Simplifying Control Expressions

move $(L_1, L_2)$ :  $L_1 \subseteq \pi \land \pi' = (\pi - L_1) \cup L_2$ e.g., for  $L_1 = \{\ell_1\}, L_2 = \{\ell_2\}$ move $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ :  $\ell_1 \in \pi \land \pi' = (\pi - \{\ell_1\}) \cup \{\ell_2\}$ 

Consequences implied by  $move(L_1, L_2)$ :

- for every  $[\ell] \in L_1$  $at_{-\ell} = T$  (i.e.,  $[\ell] \in \pi$ )
- for every  $[\ell] \in L_2$  $at'_{\ell} = T$  (i.e.,  $[\ell] \in \pi'$ )
- for every  $[\ell] \in L_1 L_2$   $at_{-\ell} = T$  (i.e.,  $[\ell] \in \pi$ ) and  $at'_{-\ell} = F$  (i.e.,  $[\ell] \notin \pi'$ )
- for every  $\ell \notin L_1 \cup L_2$  $at'_\ell = at_\ell \text{ (i.e., } [\ell] \in \pi, \pi' \text{ or } [\ell] \notin \pi, \pi')$

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#### Proving invariance properties: $P \models \Box q$

We want to show that for every computation of P $\sigma: s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots$ assertion q holds in every state  $s_j, j \ge 0$ , i.e.,  $s_j \models q$ .

#### Recall:

A sequence  $\sigma : s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots$  is a <u>computation</u> if the following hold (from Chapter 0):

- 1. Initiality:  $s_0 \models \Theta$
- 2. Consecution: For each  $j \ge 0$ ,  $s_{j+1}$  is a  $\tau$ -successor of  $s_j$  for some  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  $(s_{j+1} \in \tau(s_j))$
- 3, 4. Fairness conditions are respected.

**Note:** Truth of *safety* properties over programs *does not* depend on fairness conditions.

#### Proving invariance properties (Con't)

This definition suggests a way to prove invariance properties  $\Box q$ :

1. Base case:

Prove that q holds initially

$$\label{eq:second} \begin{split} \Theta &\to q \\ \text{i.e., } q \text{ holds at } s_{\mathsf{0}}. \end{split}$$

2. Inductive step:

prove that  $\boldsymbol{q}$  is preserved by all transitions

$$\underbrace{q \wedge \rho_{\tau} \to q'}_{\{q\}\tau\{q\}} \quad \text{for all } \tau \in \mathcal{T}$$

i.e., if q holds at  $s_j,$  then it holds at every  $\tau\text{-successor}$   $s_{j+1}.$ 

#### Rule B-INV (basic invariance)

Show	P	⊨□	q (	i.e.	q is	P-invariant)	)
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For assertion $q$ ,	
B1.	$P \models \Theta \rightarrow q$
B2.	$P \models \{q\} \mathcal{T} \{q\}$
	$P \models \Box q$

where B2 stands for

 $P \Vdash \{q\} \ \tau \ \{q\} \ \text{for every} \ \tau \in \mathcal{T}$ 

- The rule states that if we can prove the P-state validity of  $\Theta \to q$  and  $\{q\}\mathcal{T}\{q\}$  then we can conclude that  $\Box q$  is P-valid.
- Thus the proof of a temporal property is reduced to the proof of 1 + |T| first-order verification conditions.

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Example 1: REQUEST-RELEASE

local x: integer where 
$$x = 1$$
  

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ell_0 : \text{ request } x \\ \ell_1 : \text{ critical} \\ \ell_2 : \text{ release } x \\ \ell_3 : \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \Theta: & x = 1 \ \land \ \pi = \{\ell_0\} \\ \\ \mathcal{T}: & \{\tau_I, \tau_{\ell_0}, \tau_{\ell_1}, \tau_{\ell_2}\} \end{array}$ 

Prove

$$P \models \square \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{q}$$

using B-INV.

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## Example 1: request-release (Con't)

B1: 
$$\underbrace{x = 1 \land \pi = \{\ell_0\}}_{\Theta} \to \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{q}$$
  
holds since  $x = 1 \to x \ge 0$ 

**B2**:

$$\tau_{\ell_0}: \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{q} \land \underbrace{move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \land x > 0 \land x' = x - 1}_{\rho_{\tau_{\ell_0}}} \to \underbrace{x' \ge 0}_{q'}$$
  
holds since  $x > 0 \to x - 1 \ge 0$ 

$$\begin{split} \tau_{\ell_1} &: \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{q} \land \underbrace{move(\ell_1, \ell_2) \land x' = x}_{\rho_{\tau_{\ell_1}}} \to \underbrace{x' \ge 0}_{q'} \\ & \text{holds since } x \ge 0 \to x \ge 0 \end{split}$$

$$\tau_{\ell_2}: \underbrace{x \ge 0}_{q} \land \underbrace{move(\ell_2, \ell_3) \land x' = x + 1}_{\rho_{\tau_{\ell_2}}} \to \underbrace{x' \ge 0}_{q'}$$
holds since  $x \ge 0 \to x + 1 \ge 0$ 

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We proved

$$P \models \Box x \ge 0$$

using B-INV.

Now we want to prove

$$P \models \Box \underbrace{(at_{-}\ell_{1} \to x = 0)}_{q}$$

#### Example 1: request-release (Con't)

Attempted proof:

B1: 
$$\underbrace{x = 1 \land \pi = \{\ell_0\}}_{\Theta} \rightarrow (\underbrace{at_{-}\ell_1 \rightarrow x = 0}_{q})$$
  
holds since  $\pi = \{\ell_0\} \rightarrow at_{-}\ell_1 = F$ 

 $\begin{array}{l}
\mathbf{B2:} \{q\}\tau_{\ell_0}\{q\}\\ \underbrace{at_{-\ell_1} \to x = 0}_{q} \land \underbrace{move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \land x > 0 \land x' = x - 1}_{\rho_{\tau_{\ell_0}}}\\ \to \underbrace{at'_{-\ell_1} \to x' = 0}_{q'}
\end{array}$ 

We have  $move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \rightarrow at_-\ell_1 = F$ ,  $at'_-\ell_1 = T$ BUT

 $(\mathbf{F} 
ightarrow x = \mathbf{0}) \land x > \mathbf{0} \land x' = x - \mathbf{1} 
ightarrow (\mathbf{T} 
ightarrow x' = \mathbf{0})$ 

Cannot prove: not state-valid

What is the problem? We need a stronger rule.

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#### Strategies for invariance proofs

#### Rule B-INV (basic invariance)

For assertion $q$ ,	
B1.	$P \Vdash \Theta \to q$
B2.	$P \models \{q\} \mathcal{T} \{q\}$
	$P \models \Box q$

- q is <u>inductive</u> if B1 and B2 are (state) valid
- By rule B-INV, every inductive assertion q is P-invariant
- <u>The converse is not true</u>

Example: In REQUEST-RELEASE

$$at_{-}\ell_{1} \rightarrow x = 0$$

is P-invariant, but not inductive

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## Rule B-INV(Con't)

The problem is:

"The invariant is not inductive"

i.e., it is not strong enough to be preserved by all transitions.

Another way to look at it is to observe that

# $\{q\} \ \tau_{\ell_0} \ \{q\}$

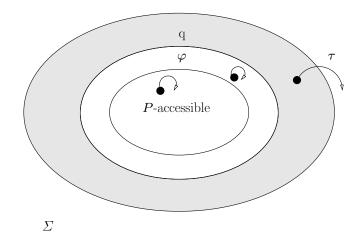
is not state valid, but it is *P*-state valid, i.e., it is true in all *P*-accessible states, since in all *P*-accessible states x = 1 when at location  $\ell_0$ .

This suggests two strategies to overcome this problem:

- strengthening
- incremental proof

## Strategy 1: Strengthening

Find a stronger assertion  $\varphi$  that is inductive and implies the assertion q we want to prove.



In Chapter 2 it will be shown that there always exists such an assertion  $\varphi$ .

Example: To show  $\Box(\underbrace{at_{-}\ell_{1} \rightarrow x = 0})$ strengthen q to  $\varphi$ :  $(at_{-}\ell_{1} \rightarrow x = 0) \land (at_{-}\ell_{0} \rightarrow x = 1)$ and show  $\Box(\underbrace{at_{-}\ell_{1} \rightarrow x = 0}) \land (at_{-}\ell_{0} \rightarrow x = 1)$ by rule B-INV. The strengthening strategy relies on the following rule, MON-I, which, combined with B-INV leads to the general invariance rule INV.

# Rule MON-I (Monotonicity)

For assertions $q_1, q_2$ ,	
$P \models \Box q_1$	$P \models q_1 \rightarrow q_2$
I	$P \models \Box q_2$

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Strategy 1: Strengthening (Con't)

<u>Rule INV</u> (general invariance)

For assertions $q, \varphi$	,
I1.	$P \Vdash \varphi \to q$
I2.	$P \models \Theta \rightarrow \varphi$
I3.	$P \Vdash \{\varphi\} \mathcal{T} \{\varphi\}$
	$P \models \Box q$

**Soundness:** If we manage to prove  $\Box q$  using the INV rule for some program P, is q really an invariant for the program?

We can prove that this is indeed the case. So INV rule is *sound*.

**Completeness:** What if q is an invariant for a program P but there is **no** way of proving it under the INV rule?

We can prove that this never happens. There always exists an appropriate  $\varphi$ . In other words INV rule is *complete*.

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#### Strategy 1: Strengthening (Con't)

Motivation:

$$P \models \Box \varphi \qquad (by I2 and I3)$$

$$P \models \varphi \rightarrow q \quad (by I1)$$

Therefore,

 $P \models \Box q$  (by MON-I)

i.e., this rule requires that  $\Box \varphi$  holds and  $\varphi$  implies q, then  $\Box q$  can be concluded to hold by monotonicity.

#### **Control Invariants**

Some control invariants that can always be used (without mentioning them)

• CONFLICT: for labels  $\ell_i, \ell_j$  that are in conflict (i.e., not  $\sim_L$ , not parallel):

$$\Box \neg (at_{-}\ell_{i} \land at_{-}\ell_{j})$$

• SOMEWHERE: for the set of labels  $\mathcal{L}_i$  in a top-level process:

$$\Box \bigvee_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}_i} at_{-\ell}$$

• EQUAL: for labels  $l, m, \text{ s.t. } l \sim_L m$ :  $\Box(at_{\ell} \leftrightarrow at_{-}m)$ 

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Control Invariants (Con't)

• PARALLEL:

for substatement  $[S_1||S_2]$ :

 $\Box(in_S_1 \leftrightarrow in_S_2)$ 

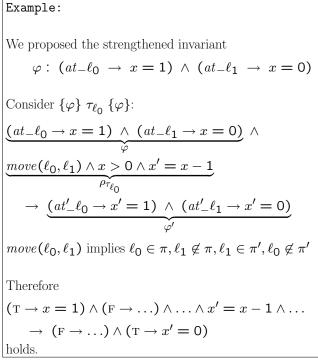
i.e, if control is in  $S_1$  it must also be in  $S_2$  and vice versa.

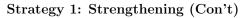
Example:

Using the invariant CONFLICT,

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{move}(\ell_2,\ell_3) & \text{implies} & l_0 \not\in \pi, \ l_1 \not\in \pi, \ l_3 \not\in \pi \\ & l_0 \not\in \pi', \ l_1 \not\in \pi', \ l_2 \not\in \pi' \end{array}$ 

Strategy 1: Strengthening (Con't)



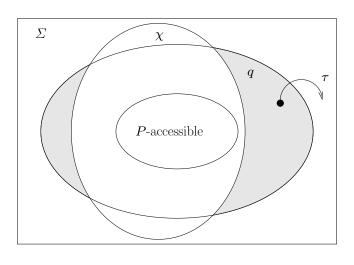


Example (Con't): Consider  $\{\varphi\} \ \tau_{\ell_2} \ \{\varphi\}$ :  $(at_{-\ell_0} \to x = 1) \land (at_{-\ell_1} \to x = 0) \land$   $\varphi$   $\underbrace{(at'_{-\ell_0} \to x' = x + 1)}_{\varphi_{\tau_{\ell_2}}} \land$   $\to (at'_{-\ell_0} \to x' = 1) \land (at'_{-\ell_1} \to x' = 0)$  g'  $move(\ell_2, \ell_3) \text{ implies } \ell_3 \in \pi'$ and by CONFLICT invariants  $\ell_0, \ell_1 \notin \pi'$ . Therefore  $\dots \land \dots \to (F \to x' = 1) \land (F \to x' = 0)$ holds.  $\{\varphi\} \ \tau_{\ell_2} \ \{\varphi\} \text{ is not state-valid,}$ but it is *P*-state valid. Why?

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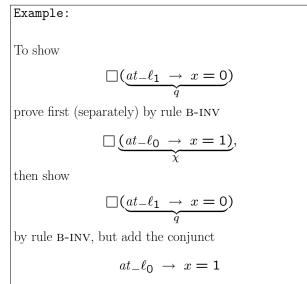
# Strategy 2: Incremental proof

Use previously proven invariances  $\chi$  to exclude parts of the state space from consideration.



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# Strategy 2: Incremental proof (Con't)



to the antecedent of all verification conditions.

(Example continues...)

Strategy 2: Incremental proof (Con't)

Example: (cont'd)
e.g., to show $\{\chi \wedge q\}  au_{\ell_0}\{q\}$ , prove
$\underbrace{at_{-}\ell_{0} \to x = 1}_{\chi} \land \underbrace{at_{-}\ell_{1} \to x = 0}_{q} \land$
$\underbrace{move(\ell_0,\ell_1) \land x > 0 \land x' = x - 1}_{\rho_{\tau_{\ell_0}}}$
$\rightarrow \underbrace{at'_{-}\ell_{1} \rightarrow x' = 0}_{q'}$

#### Strategy 2: Incremental proof (Con't)

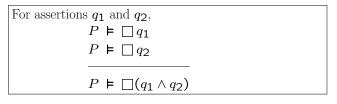
In an incremental proof we use previously proven properties to eliminate parts of the state space (non *P*-accessible states) from consideration, relying on the following rules:

# $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Rule}}$ sv-psv: from state validities to

P-state validities

For assertions  $q_1, q_2$  and  $\chi$ ,  $P \models \Box \chi$   $P \models \chi \land q_1 \rightarrow q_2$  $P \models \Box (q_1 \rightarrow q_2)$ 

Rule I-CON: Conjunction



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## Strategy 2: Incremental proof (Con't)

Example: Program MUX-SEM

(mutual exclusion by semaphores)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{local } y\text{: integer where } y=1\\ \\ P_1:: \left[ \begin{array}{c} \ell_0\text{: loop forever do} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \ell_1\text{: noncritical} \\ \ell_2\text{: request } y \\ \ell_3\text{: critical} \\ \ell_4\text{: release } y \end{array} \right] \right] \mid P_2:: \left[ \begin{array}{c} m_0\text{: loop forever do} \\ m_1\text{: noncritical} \\ m_2\text{: request } y \\ m_3\text{: critical} \\ m_4\text{: release } y \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Prove mutual exclusion  $\Box \underbrace{\neg(at_{-}\ell_{3} \land at_{-}m_{3})}_{q}$ 

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Program MUX-SEM (Con't)

3 steps:  $\Box(\underbrace{y \ge 0}_{\varphi_1})$  $\Box(\underbrace{at - \ell_{3,4} + at - m_{3,4} + y = 1}_{\varphi_2})$  $\Box \underbrace{\neg(at - \ell_3 \land at - m_3)}_p$ where F = 0, T = 1.

Let  $\pi_{\ell}$ :  $\pi \cap \{\ell_0, \dots, \ell_4\}$  $\pi_m$ :  $\pi \cap \{m_0, \dots, m_4\}$ 

By control invariants (CONFLICT, SOMEWHERE and PARALLEL)

$$|\pi_\ell| = |\pi_m| = 1$$

Program MUX-SEM (Con't)

Step 1: 
$$\Box(\underline{y \geq 0}_{\varphi_1})$$

by rule B-INV

B1. 
$$\underbrace{\pi = \{\ell_0, m_0\} \land y = 1}_{\Theta} \rightarrow \underbrace{y \ge 0}_{\varphi_1}$$

B2.  $\rho_{\tau} \land y \ge 0 \rightarrow y' \ge 0$ 

check only  $\ell_2, \ell_4, m_2, m_4$  ("y-modifiable transitions")

Program MUX-SEM (Con't)

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$$\ell_{2}: \underbrace{move(\ell_{2},\ell_{3}) \land y > 0 \land y' = y - 1}_{\rho_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{y \ge 0}_{\varphi'} \rightarrow \underbrace{y' \ge 0}_{\varphi'}$$

holds since  $y > 0 \rightarrow y-1 \ge 0$ 

$$\ell_4: \underbrace{move(\ell_4, \ell_0) \land y' = y + 1}_{\rho_{\tau}} \land \underbrace{y \ge 0}_{\varphi} \to \underbrace{y' \ge 0}_{\varphi'}$$

holds since 
$$y \ge 0 \rightarrow y+1 \ge 0$$
.

Similarly for  $m_2$ ,  $m_4$ .

**Step 2:** 

$$\Box(\underbrace{at_{-}\ell_{3,4} + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1}_{\varphi_2})$$

by rule B-INV

B1. 
$$\underbrace{\pi = \{\ell_0, m_0\} \land y = 1}_{\Theta} \rightarrow \underbrace{at_-\ell_{3,4}}_{\varphi_2} + \underbrace{at_-m_{3,4}}_{\varphi_2} + \underbrace{y}_{1} = 1$$

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Program MUX-SEM (Con't)  
B2. 
$$\rho_{\tau} \land \varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi'_2$$

 $\rho_{\ell_0} \wedge 0 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1 \rightarrow 0 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1$ 

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \rho_{\ell_1} & \wedge & 0+at_-m_{3,4}+y=1 & \rightarrow \\ & 0+at_-m_{3,4}+y=1 \end{array}$ 

 $\rho_{\ell_2} \wedge 0 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1 \rightarrow 1 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + (y-1) = 1$ 

 $\rho_{\ell_3} \wedge 1 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1 \rightarrow 1 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1$ 

$$\rho_{\ell_4} \wedge 1 + at_{-}m_{3,4} + y = 1 \rightarrow \underbrace{0}_{at'_{-}\ell_{3,4}} + \underbrace{at_{-}m_{3,4}}_{at'_{-}m_{3,4}} + \underbrace{(y+1)}_{y'} = 1$$

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Program MUX-SEM (Con't)

Step 3: Show 
$$P \models \Box \underbrace{\neg(at_{-}\ell_{3} \land at_{-}m_{3})}_{q}$$
  
• By I-CON

 $P\models \Box \varphi_1, P\models \Box \varphi_2$ 

$$P\models \Box(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2)$$

 $\bullet$  By mon-1

 $P \models \Box(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2)$ 

$$P \models \underbrace{y \ge 0}_{\varphi_1} \land \underbrace{at_{-\ell_{3,4}} + at_{-m_{3,4}} + y = 1}_{\varphi_2}$$
$$\rightarrow \underbrace{\neg(at_{-\ell_3} \land at_{-m_3})}_{q}$$
$$\underbrace{P \models \Box \neg(at_{-\ell_3} \land at_{-m_3})}_{P \models \Box \neg (at_{-\ell_3} \land at_{-m_3})}$$

 $\widetilde{q}$