

# Synchronizing Processes on a Tree Network<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Example and most slides borrowed from J. R. Abrial: see  
[http://wiki.event-b.org/index.php/Event-B\\_Language](http://wiki.event-b.org/index.php/Event-B_Language)



## Purpose of this lecture

- Learning a few more modeling conventions.
- Learning more about abstraction.
- Formalizing and proving on an interesting structure: a tree.
  - Will have an intermediate step to review functions, relations, data structures.
- Study a more complicated problem in distributed computing
- Example studied in: *W.H.J. Feijen and A.J.M. van Gasteren. On a Method of Multi-programming. Springer Verlag, 1999.*

As usual:

- Define the informal requirements
- Define the refinement strategy
- Construct the various more and more concrete models



## Prerequisites

- Knowledge of first order logic, set theory, relations, and functions.
- Rodin (to discharge the proofs).
- Slides:
  - *Event B: Sets, Relations, Functions, Data Structures*
- Please go through them.
- I will review parts of it here, when needed.

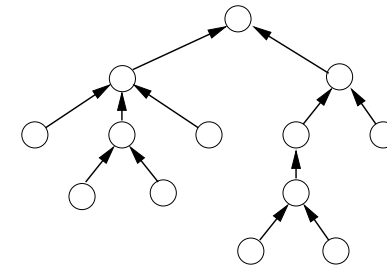


## Comparison with previous examples

- Not a **transformational** system.
  - Not supposed to finish.
  - No final result.
- Not **reactive**.
  - No *external* world that reacts to system changes.
- **Distributed**.
  - Different *nodes* act autonomously.
  - With limited information access.
  - However, communication assumed to be reliable.
- Internal **concurrency**.
  - Every node has concurrent processes.
- Model small: just three events in the last refinement.
- However, proofs and reasoning involved.

## Requirements

ENV 1 We have a fixed set of processes forming a tree



- Note: they do not need to form a tree from the beginning.
- A set of communicating processes can coordinate to form a tree.

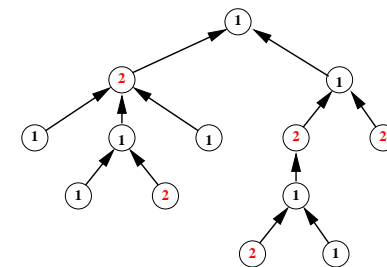
## Requirements (Cont.)

- All processes are supposed to execute forever the same code.
- But processes must remain (somewhat) **synchronized**.
- For this, each process has (initially) one counter.

ENV 2 Each process has a counter, which is a natural number

- A process counter represents its “phase” (related to the work for which they have to synchronize).
- Difference between any two counters  $\leq$  one.
- Each process is thus at most one phase ahead of the others

## Requirements (Cont.)



FUN 3 The difference between any two counters is at most equal to 1

- Reading the counters

<b>FUN 4</b>	Each process can read the counters of its immediate neighbors only
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- Modifying the counters

<b>FUN 5</b>	The counter of a process can be modified by this process only
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- Construct abstract initial model dealing with **FUN 3** and **FUN 5**
- Improve design to (partially) take care of **FUN 4**
- Improve design to better take care of **FUN 4**
- (Simplify final design to obtain efficient implementation).

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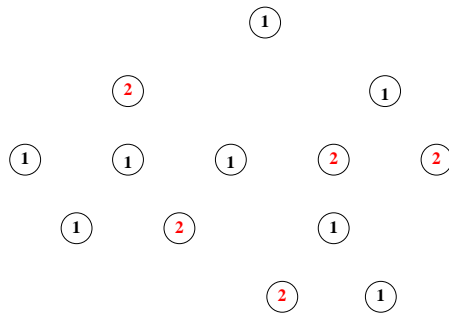
<b>FUN 5</b>	A process can modify only its counter(s)
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3. Second refinement: local check, upwards wave.
4. Third refinement: construct downwards wave.
5. Fourth refinement: remove upwards and downwards counters.

- Simplify situation: forget about tree
- We just define the counters and express the main property: **FUN 3**

<b>FUN 3</b>	The difference between any two counters is at most one
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- The initial model is always far more abstract than the final system
- Other requirements are probably not fulfilled



Suggest an initial model!

**FUN 3** The difference between any two counters is at most 1

Initial model: the state

carrier set:  $P$

axm0.1:  $\text{finite}(P)$

variable:  $c$

inv0.1:  $c \in P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$   
 inv0.2:  $\forall x, y \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} x \in P \\ y \in P \\ \Rightarrow \\ c(x) \leq c(y) + 1 \end{array} \right)$

- ✓ Create project *synch\_tree*
- ✓ Create context *c0* with set, axiom
- ✓ Create machine *m0* with variable, invariants.

Is that right?

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$$\forall x, y \cdot x \in P \wedge y \in P \Rightarrow c(x) \leq c(y) + 1$$

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### Proof by double implication.

Let us choose two arbitrary nodes with counters  $a$  and  $b$ .

- If the invariant holds, then  $a \leq b + 1$  and  $b \leq a + 1$ . From there,  $a - b \leq 1$  and  $b - a \leq 1$ , therefore  $|a - b| \leq 1$ .
- If  $|a - b| \leq 1$ , then both  $a - b \leq 1$  and  $b - a \leq 1$ . Then, inv0\_2 is implied by the intended invariant.

## Initial model: events

```
init
  c := P × {0}
```

```
ascending
  any n where
    n ∈ P
    ∀m · m ∈ P ⇒ c(n) ≤ c(m)
  then
    c(n) := c(n) + 1
  end
```

- Note **any**  $n$ : it is logically  $\exists n \cdot n \in P \wedge \dots$
- Process counter incremented only when  $\leq$  to all other counters.
- Intuition: *If I see I can increase without breaking difference constraint, I do it!*
- Non-determinism!
- A specification of what should happen.
- Not a final state (there is not one): a procedure that (hopefully) respects the invariant.

✓ Add initialization, event

Note:  $\times$  is entered with \*\*, **any** with pull-down menu, "Add event parameter".

## Proof of invariant preservation

$$\begin{array}{l}
 c \in P \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\
 \forall x, y \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} x \in P \\ y \in P \\ \Rightarrow \\ c(x) \leq c(y) + 1 \end{array} \right) \\
 n \in P \\
 \forall m \cdot (m \in P \Rightarrow c(n) \leq c(m)) \\
 \vdash \\
 \forall x, y \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} x \in P \\ y \in P \\ \Rightarrow \\ (c \leftarrow \{n \mapsto c(n) + 1\})(x) \leq (c \leftarrow \{n \mapsto c(n) + 1\})(y) + 1 \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

↑

Modified invariant **inv0.2**

In Rodin: automatic; if not, repeatedly apply lassoing, p0 or m0.

## Model so far

```
CONTEXT c0
SETS
  P
AXIOMS
  axm1: finite(P)
END
```

```
MACHINE m0
SEES c0
VARIABLES
  c
INVARIANTS
  inv1: c ∈ P → ℕ
  inv2: ∀x, y · x ∈ P ∧ y ∈ P ⇒ c(x) ≤ 1 + c(y)
EVENTS
  Initialisation
  begin
    act1: c := P × {0}
  end
  Event ascending (ordinary) ≡
  any
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  where
    grd12: n ∈ P
    grd11: ∀m · m ∈ P ⇒ c(n) ≤ c(m)
  then
    act11: c(n) := c(n) + 1
  end
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**FUN 2** Each node can read the counters of its immediate neighbors only

## Steps

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## First refinement: (partially) solving the problem

- Introduce a designated process  $r$ .
- We suppose that the counter of  $r$  is always minimal

$$\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \leq c(m)$$

- Rationale:
  - We only synchronize with  $r$  — not compliant, but communication restricted.
  - Helps ensure that difference between any two nodes  $\leq$  one.
  - Because: if for any  $m$  either  $c(m) = c(r)$  or  $c(m) = c(r) + 1$ , then difference between any  $m, n \leq 1$ .
- Treat this property as a new (temporary) invariant.

✓ Extend  $c_0$  into  $c_1$  (left pane, right click, "Extend"), add constant  $r$ , axiom  $r \in P$   
 ✓ Refine  $m_0$  into  $m_1$  (left pane, right click, "Refine"), add new invariant  
 ✓  $m_0$  should "see"  $c_1$

## First refinement: proposal for the event refinement

We simplify the guard

<pre>(abstract-)ascending <b>any</b> n <b>where</b>   n ∈ P   ∀m · m ∈ P ⇒ c(n) ≤ c(m) <b>then</b>   c(n) := c(n) + 1 <b>end</b></pre>	<pre>(concrete-)ascending <b>any</b> n <b>where</b>   n ∈ P   c(n) = c(r) <b>then</b>   c(n) := c(n) + 1 <b>end</b></pre>
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- Note: if  $c(r)$  minimal,  $c(n) < c(r)$  impossible; therefore  $c(n) = c(r)$   
 ✓ Change "extended" to "not extended", change guard
- We have then to prove guard strengthening.

## Guard strengthening

$c \in P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ $\forall x, y \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} x \in P \\ y \in P \\ \Rightarrow \\ c(x) \leq c(y) + 1 \end{array} \right)$ $\forall m \cdot (m \in P \Rightarrow \boxed{c(r)} \leq c(m))$ $n \in P$ $\boxed{c(n) = c(r)}$ $\vdash$ $n \in P$ $\forall m \cdot (m \in P \Rightarrow \boxed{c(n)} \leq c(m))$	<p><b>inv0.1</b></p> <p><b>inv0.2</b></p> <p><b>new invariant</b> Guards of <b>concrete</b> event ascending</p> <p>Guards of <b>abstract</b> event ascending</p>
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In Rodin: lasso + p0

✓ Go to the proving perspective, discharge proof

## Model so far

inv1 not discharged.

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  r
AXIOMS
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END
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## Pending problems

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ascending
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$$\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \leq c(m)$$

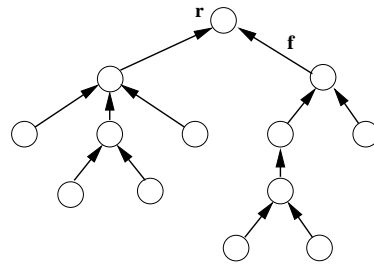
1. Prove that new "invariant" is preserved by the event.
2. The guard of the event still does not fulfill requirement **FUN 4**.

**FUN 4** Each node can read the counters of its immediate neighbors only

- Problem 1 solved in this refinement
- Problem 2 solved later

## First refinement: defining the tree

- Tree: root  $r$  and “pointer”  $f$  from each node in  $P \setminus \{r\}$  to every node's parent.
- Plus some additional properties and inference rules.
- Reminder: sets, relations, functions, specific data structures and their inference rules.
- Note: constructing a tree ( $\equiv$  root / leader + links) is a classical problem in distributed systems.
- Can also be tackled using Event B.



Invariant: we have a condition involving nodes in pairs and we need a condition that relates a single node  $r$  with all the others.

## Update model

✓ Add to  $c1$  (note  $f$  is  $\Rightarrow$ , written  $\rightarrow$ )

- Constant  $f$ .
- Axioms:

$$L \subseteq P$$

$$f \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow P \setminus L$$

$$\forall S \cdot S \subseteq f^{-1}[S] \Rightarrow S = \emptyset$$

- $f^{-1}$  is written  $f\sim$ .
- $\Rightarrow$ :  $f$  defined for all  $P \setminus \{r\}$  and arrives to every element in  $P \setminus L$ .

## Minimal counter at the root

- Minimality of counter at the root

$$\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \leq c(m)$$

relates  $c(r)$  with  $c(m)$  for every  $m$ .

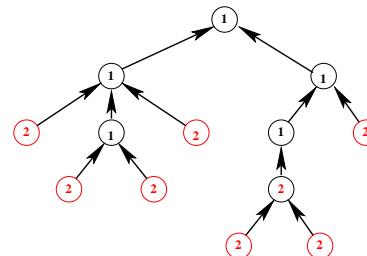
- Events change local values and consult neighbouring values.
- We can (easily) prove properties relating neighbouring nodes.
- How can we relate **local** properties with **global** properties?

## Minimal counter at the root

- We define a weaker, local invariant first.
- The counter at every node is not greater than its descendants:

$$\text{inv1\_1} : \forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$$

✓ Add it to  $m1$



### Rationale (advancing the algorithm)

- Assume we can update the tree keeping a maximum difference between neighbors.
- Will be helpful to prove  $c(r) \leq c(m)$ .

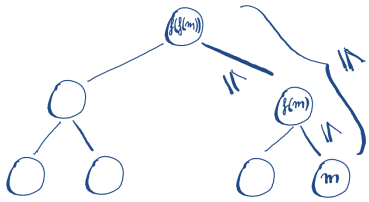


## Minimal counter at the root: induction

We need to *extend* the local property

$$\forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$$

to the whole tree.



- Start with leaves  $l \in L$ .
- Prove that for any  $l$ ,  $c(f(l)) \leq c(l)$ , then  $c(f(f(l))) \leq c(f(l)) \leq c(l)$ , ...
- Work upwards towards root  $r$ .

OR

- Start with  $r$ .
- Prove that for all  $m$  s.t.  $r = f(m)$ ,  $c(r) \leq c(m)$ .  
 $m$  is a child of  $r$
- Then, for all  $m'$  s.t.  $m = f(m')$ ,  $c(m) \leq c(m')$ ...
- And so on towards the leaves.



## Minimal counter at the root: induction

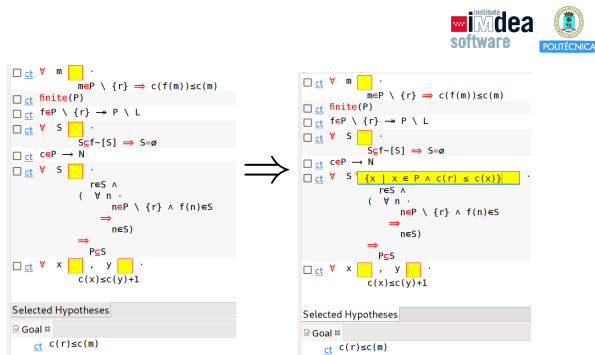
- Induction: difficult for theorem provers to do on their own.
  - Needs to identify base case, property to use for induction — i.e., the *strategy*.
- Proving property for base case & inductive step within theorem provers' capabilities.
- In Rodin: needs **adding** induction scheme:
  - ✓ Add to c1:
  - $\forall S \cdot S \subseteq P \wedge r \in S \wedge (\forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \wedge f(n) \in S \Rightarrow n \in S) \Rightarrow P \subseteq S$
  - ✓ Tip: Ctrl-Enter breaks text in input box in separate lines.
- **Instantiating** it with the property to prove expressed as a set:  $\{x \mid x \in P \wedge c(x) \leq c(x)\}$  (next slide)

- ✓ In m1: ensure you have inv1\_1:  $\forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$
- ✓ Ensure thm1\_1:  $\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \leq c(m)$  below invariant, marked as theorem



## Induction in Rodin: instantiation

- Double click in the unproved theorem (left pane).
- Switch to prover view, lasso.
- Locate induction axiom.
- Enter  $\{x \mid x \in P \wedge c(x) \leq c(x)\}$ .
- Return and p0.
- The theorem should be proved now.



Invariant inv1\_1 not yet proved. Requires order between parent and children  $c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$  that **ascending** cannot guarantee: guard  $c(r) = c(n)$  allows updates in arbitrary order. Will enforce through more local comparison.

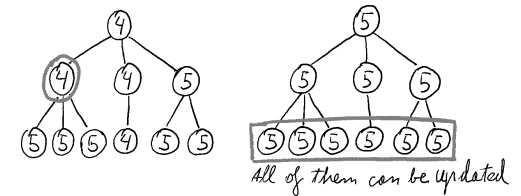


## More local comparison

- Nodes with difference  $\leq$  one from  $r$ .
- When can we update looking locally?

ascending  
 any  $n$  where  
 $n \in P$   
 $c(r) = c(n)$   
 $\forall m \cdot m \in f^{-1}[\{n\}] \Rightarrow c(n) \neq c(m)$   
 then  
 $c(n) := c(n) + 1$   
 end

$c(n) = c(r) \wedge \forall m \cdot m \in f^{-1}[\{n\}] \Rightarrow c(m) > c(n)$   
 "There is a node that has not been updated and whose children have been updated"



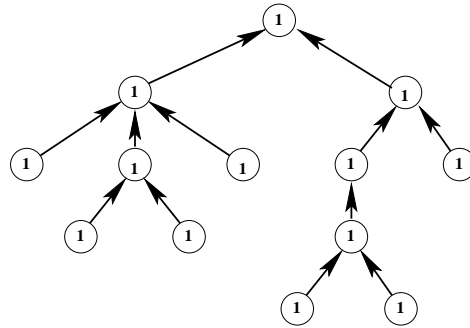
Ensure inv1\_1 is preserved: double click, prover view, lasso, p0 should do it.



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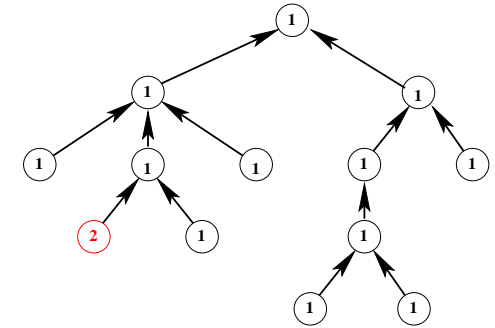
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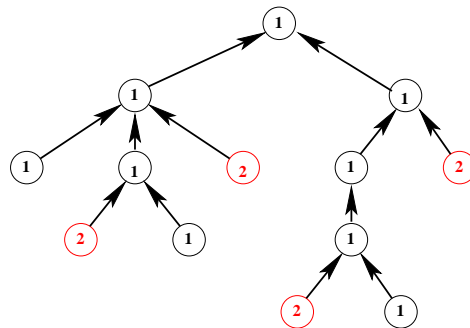
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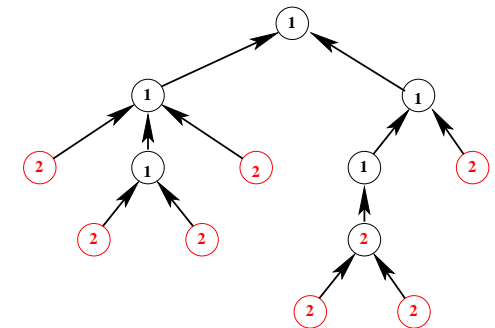
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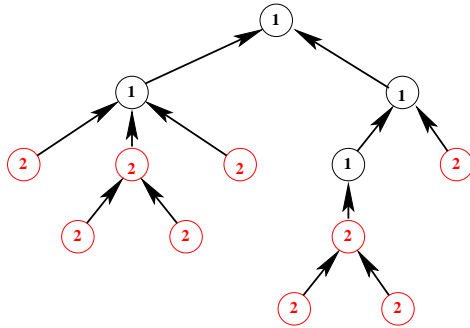
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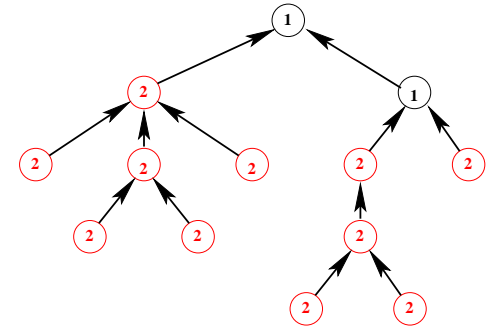
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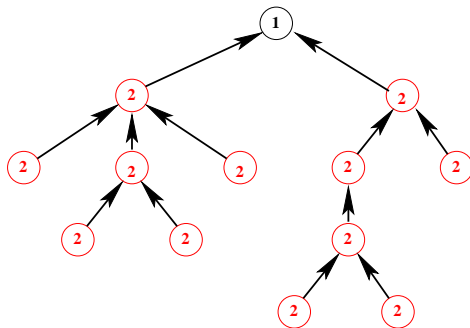
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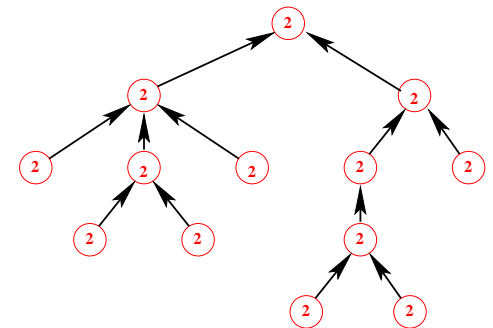
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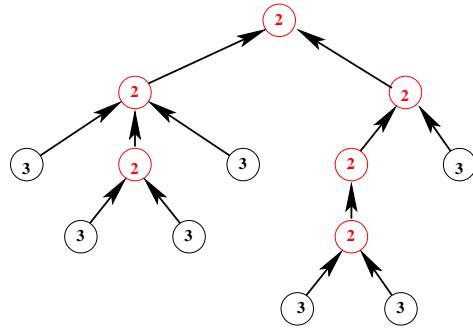
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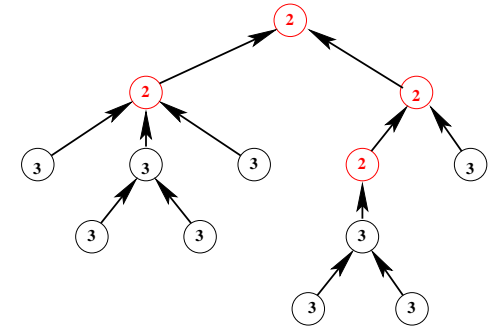
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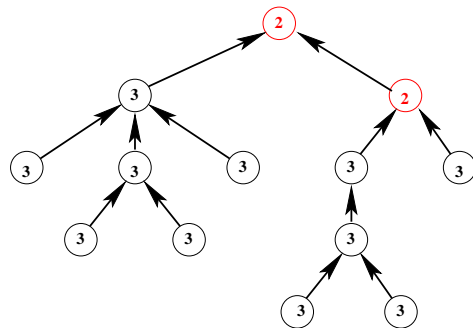
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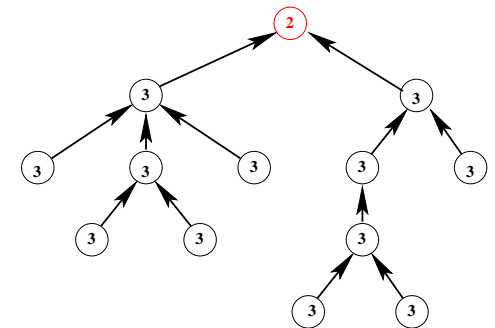
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**FUN 4** Each process can read the counters of its immediate neighbors only

- $\forall m \cdot m \in f^{-1}[\{n\}] \Rightarrow c(n) \neq c(m)$  uses only local comparisons.
- $c(r) = c(n)$  uses non-local comparisons.
- We will tackle that in the next refinement.

Note:  $c(n) < c(m)$  in ascending should be  $c(n) \neq c(m)$

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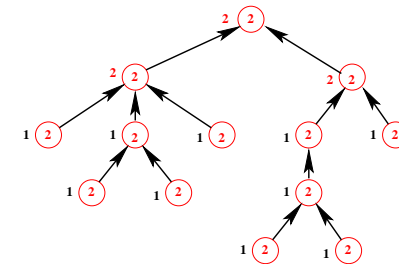
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  axm4:  $\forall S \cdot S \subseteq f^{-1}[S] \Rightarrow S = \emptyset$ 
  axm5:
     $\forall S \cdot S \subseteq P \wedge$ 
     $r \in S \wedge$ 
     $(\forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \wedge f(n) \in S \Rightarrow n \in S)$ 
     $\Rightarrow$ 
     $P \subseteq S$ 
END
    
```

```

MACHINE m1
REFINES m0
SEES c1
VARIABLES
  c
INVARIANTS
  inv1:  $\forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$ 
  inv2: (theorem)  $\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \leq c(m)$ 
EVENTS
  Initialisation (extended)
  begin
    act1:  $c := P \times \{0\}$ 
  end
  Event ascending (ordinary)  $\hat{=}$ 
  refines ascending
  any
  n
  where
    grd1:  $n \in P$ 
    grd2:  $c(r) = c(n)$ 
    grd3:  $\forall m \cdot m \in f^{-1}[\{n\}] \Rightarrow c(n) < c(m)$ 
  then
    act1:  $c(n) := c(n) + 1$ 
  end
END
    
```

1. Initial model: all nodes access to the state of all nodes.
2. First refinement: restrict access to a single node.
3. Second refinement: local check, upwards wave.
4. Third refinement: construct downwards wave.
5. Fourth refinement: remove upwards and downwards counters.

- Replace the guard  $c(r) = c(n)$ .
- Processes must be aware when this situation does occur.
- Add second counter  $d(\cdot)$  to each node to capture value of  $c(r)$ .



## Second refinement: the state

**carrier set:**  $P$   
**constants:**  $r, f$   
**variables:**  $c, d$

Invariant **inv2.2**  
is as **inv0.2**

**inv2.1:**  $d \in P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

**inv2.2:**  $\forall x, y \cdot \left( \begin{array}{l} x \in P \\ y \in P \\ \Rightarrow \\ d(x) \leq d(y) + 1 \end{array} \right)$

$d$  has an overall property similar to  $c$ :

$$\forall x, y \cdot x \in P \wedge y \in P \Rightarrow c(x) \leq c(y) + 1$$

- $d$  will capture the value of  $c(r)$ .
- It will be updated in a downward wave.

- ✓ Refine  $m1$  into  $m2$
- ✓ Add variable  $d$  and invariants

## Updating $d$

This refinement captures:

- The existence of  $d$ .
- How its update can proceed not to break its invariant.

**Event** descending

any  $n$  where

$$n \in P$$

$$\forall m \cdot m \in P \Rightarrow d(n) \leq d(m)$$

then

$$d(n) := d(n) + 1$$

end

✓ Add event to  $m2$

✓ Initialize  $d$  to 0 (copy the initialization of  $c$ )

## Steps

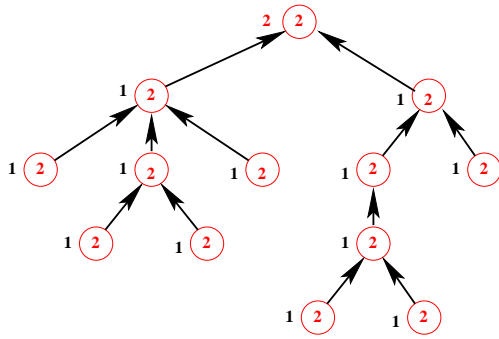
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## Third refinement

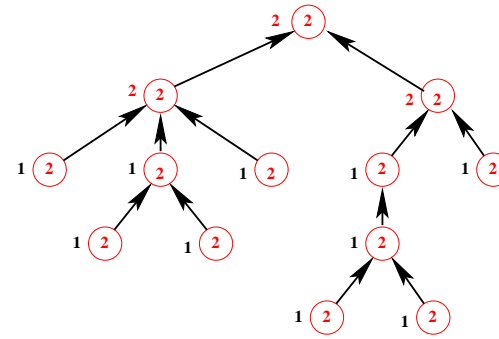
- We extend the invariant of counter  $d$ .
- We establish the relationship between both counters  $c$  and  $d$ .
  - This will allow us to refine event ascending
- We construct the descending wave (by refining event descending).
- **Remark:** this is the most difficult refinement.

✓ Refine  $m2$  into  $m3$

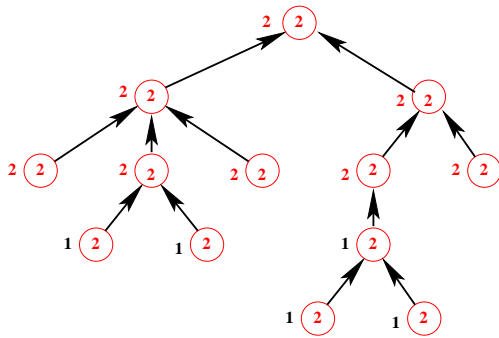
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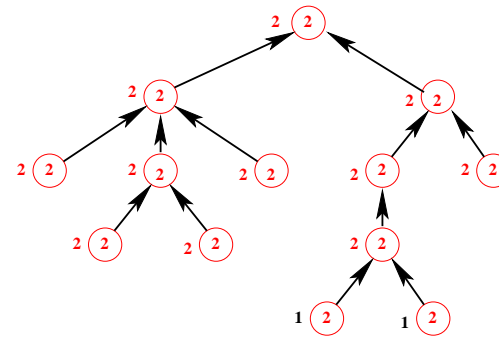
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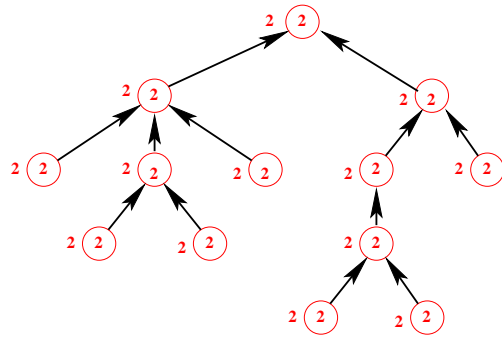
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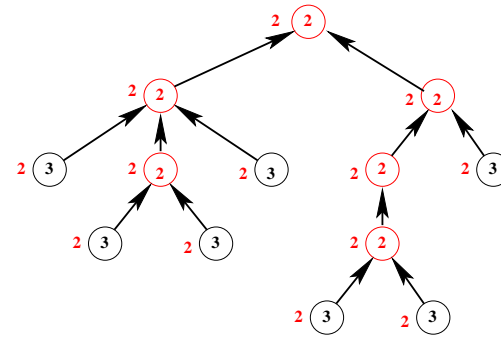
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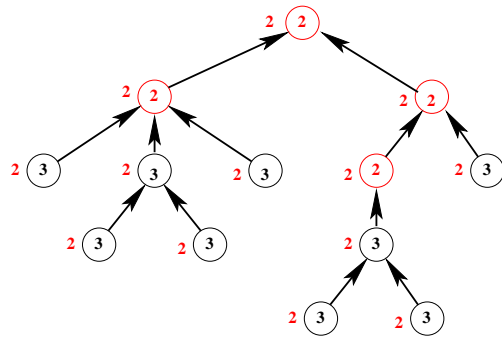
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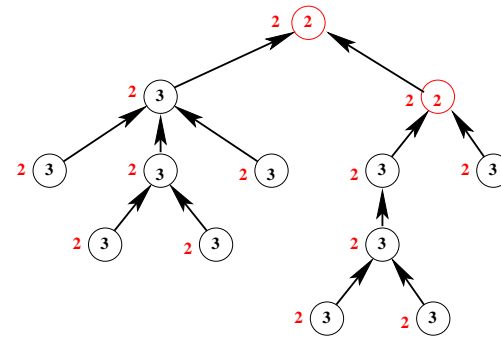
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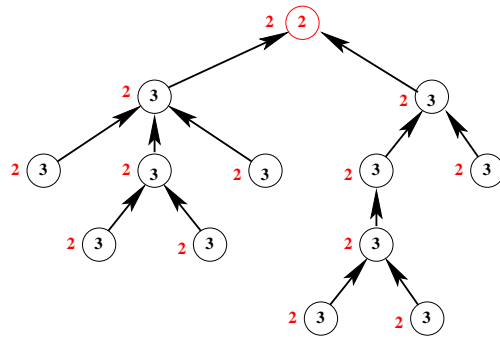


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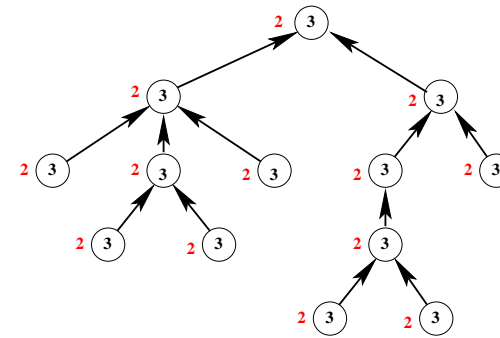




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## Idea behind third refinement



## State and invariants

- Recall local condition for  $c$ :

$$\text{inv1\_1} : \forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(f(m)) \leq c(m)$$

Every node's counter is smaller than or equal to its children's.

- Local condition for  $d$  is similar:

$$\text{inv3\_1} : \forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(m) \leq d(f(m))$$

Every node's counter is smaller than or equal to its parent (if it has a parent). This is what makes the wave descending.

- $\text{inv3\_1}$  and tree induction proves that the root has the **highest** value of  $d(\cdot)$ :

$$\text{thm3\_1} : \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow d(n) \leq d(r)$$

(remember: root had the **smallest** value of  $c(\cdot)$ )

## Proving theorem and invariant

✓ Add to  $m3$ :

$$\text{inv3\_1} : \forall m \cdot m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(m) \leq d(f(m))$$

$$\text{thm3\_1} : \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow d(n) \leq d(r)$$

✓ Mark the latter as theorem

✓ Double click on the PO for THM

✓ Go to proving perspective; locate induction axiom

✓ Instantiate with  $\{x \mid x \in P \wedge d(x) \leq d(r)\}$ , invoke  $p0$

✓ That should prove  $\text{thm3\_1}$

✓  $\text{inv3\_1}$  cannot be proved yet - reasons similar to  $c$ .

We will deal with that later

## Refining ascending

```
Event (abstract -)ascending
  any n where
    n ∈ P
    c(n) = c(r)
    ∀m · m ∈ f-1[[n]] ⇒ c(n) ≠ c(m)
  then
    c(n) := c(n) + 1
  end
```

- Downward wave  $d$  will eventually propagate  $d(r)$ .  
✓ Change event guard in  $m3$

```
Event (concrete -)ascending
  any n where
    n ∈ P
    c(n) = d(n)
    ∀m · m ∈ f-1[[n]] ⇒ c(n) ≠ c(m)
  then
    c(n) := c(n) + 1
  end
```

ascending: only local comparisons now!

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  end
```

- Downward wave  $d$  will eventually propagate  $d(r)$ .  
✓ Change event guard in  $m3$
- Need to prove guard strengthening.
- We cannot.  $c$  and  $d$  unrelated so far!  
✓ Relate  $c$  and  $d$ :  $\text{inv3\_2} : d(r) \leq c(r)$
- If needed: proving perspective, lasso +  $p0$  proves strengthening.

```
Event (concrete -)ascending
  any n where
    n ∈ P
    c(n) = d(n)
    ∀m · m ∈ f-1[[n]] ⇒ c(n) ≠ c(m)
  then
    c(n) := c(n) + 1
  end
```

ascending: only local comparisons now!

## Refining descending

- A different case.
- Two situations raise a change of  $d$ :
  - For a non-root node: parent's  $d$  change.
  - For the root node:  $c(r)$  changes.
- Different guards.
- We will prepare the events to be edited.

- ✓ Change (concrete) descending event to non-extended
- ✓ Left click on circle to left of name to select  
*Ctrl-C* to copy, *Ctrl-V* to paste
- ✓ Rename first event as *descending\_nr*.
- ✓ Rename second event as *descending\_r*.

## Refining *descending*: the non-root case

```
Event (abstract -)descending
any n where
  n ∈ P
  ∀m · m ∈ N ⇒ d(n) ≤ d(m)
then
  d(n) := d(n) + 1
end
```

```
Event (concrete -)descending
any n where
  n ∈ P \ {r}
  d(n) ≠ d(f(n))
then
  d(n) := d(n) + 1
end
```

✓ Update guards

(Note: Rodin  $\geq 3.6$  seems to prove strengthening automatically; previous versions needed additional steps [in next slide])

## Proving guard strengthening

Note: the steps below do not seem to be necessary in Rodin 3.6 with the Atelier B provers installed. Strengthening is proven automatically.

$$n \in P \setminus \{r\}, d(n) = d(f(n)), m \in P \vdash d(n) \leq d(m)$$

We need some magic mushrooms to help the provers:

$$\text{thm3\_2: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(f(n)) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$$

$$\text{thm3\_3: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow d(r) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$$

thm3\_2 downward wave, parent is at most one more than children (when it has just been increased)

thm3\_3 special case for root (the first one to be increased)

## Refining *descending* (Cont. — the root case.)

```
Event (abstract -)descending
any n where
  n ∈ P
  ∀m · m ∈ P ⇒ d(n) ≤ d(m)
then
  d(n) := d(n) + 1
end
```

```
Event (concrete -)descending
refines
  descending
when
  d(r) ≠ c(r)
with
  n: n = r
then
  d(r) := d(r) + 1
end
```

✓ Click on circle left of param. *n*, delete

- Parameter *n* disappeared!
- Substitute (*witness*) for GRD, SIM.
- We are particularizing for *r*.
- Similar to gluing invariant!

- Note **with** label: specific Rodin idiom.
- Need to prove  $d(r) \neq c(r), m \in P \vdash d(r) \leq d(m)$
- **ML** should do the trick.

## Finishing proofs

Note: this is the version I had in previous courses. It seems that with Rodin 3.6, ML as applied in the previous slide does the trick. Or that I did not bother to try it...

I needed two more magic pills:

$$\text{inv3\_3: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow c(n) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1 \quad \text{To prove GRD}$$

$$\text{thm3\_4: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1 \quad \text{To prove inv3\_3}$$

Plus, if not added before:

$$\text{thm3\_2: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(f(n)) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$$

$$\text{thm3\_3: } \forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow d(r) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$$

After this, the invariant can be proved with a combination of several steps:

- Apply lasso.
- Instantiate  $\forall n \cdot c(r) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$  (which relates *c* and *d*) with *n*.
- Remove  $\in$  in goal ( $c(n) \in d(n) + 1..d(n) + 1 + 1$ ) to create inequalities.
- Do **P0** in  $c(n) \leq d(n) + 1 + 1$  goal.
- Note that only possibility to prove is  $d(n) = c(n)$ .
- Do case distinction with  $d(n) = c(n)$ ,
- Apply **ML** to the subgoals.

## Finishing proofs

Note: this strategy works with Rodin 3.6

We needed one magic pill:

inv3\_3 :  $\forall n \cdot n \in P \Rightarrow c(n) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$  To prove GRD

After this, the invariant can be proved with a combination of several steps:

- Apply lasso.
- Apply ML to  $c(n0) \in d(n0)..d(n0) + 1$ .
- Remove  $\in$  in goal  
( $c(n) \in d(n) + 1..d(n) + 1 + 1$ ) to create inequalities.
- Do ML in  $c(n) \leq d(n) + 1 + 1$  goal.
- For  $d(n) + 1 \leq c(n)$ , do case distinction:
  - Either with  $d(n) = c(n)$ , or
  - with  $d(n) + 1 = c(n)$
 and ML to the subgoals.

## Third refinement: invariants

inv3\_1:  $\forall m \cdot (m \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(m) \leq d(f(m)))$

inv3\_2:  $d(r) \leq c(r)$

inv3\_3:  $\forall n \cdot (n \in P \Rightarrow c(n) \in d(n) .. d(n) + 1)$

thm3\_1:  $\forall m \cdot (m \in P \Rightarrow d(m) \leq d(r))$

thm3\_2:  $\forall n \cdot (n \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(f(n)) \in d(n) .. d(n) + 1)$

thm3\_3:  $\forall n \cdot (n \in P \Rightarrow d(r) \in d(n) .. d(n) + 1)$

thm3\_4:  $\forall n \cdot (n \in P \Rightarrow c(r) \in d(n) .. d(n) + 1)$

## Third refinement: events

```

Event descending_r
when
  d(r) ≠ c(r)
with
  n: n = r
then
  d(r) := d(r) + 1
end

```

```

Event descending_nr
any n where
  n ∈ P \ {r}
  d(n) ≠ d(f(n))
then
  d(n) := d(n) + 1
end

```

```

Event ascending
any n where
  n ∈ P
  c(n) = d(n)
  ∀ m · m ∈ f-1[[n]] ⇒ c(n) ≠ c(m)
then
  c(n) := c(n) + 1
end

```

## Steps

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5. Fourth refinement: remove upwards and downwards counters.

## Observation

- The difference among counters is at most one.
  - That has been proven by construction.
- In the guards, we only care whether they are equal or not.
- For this, we only need parity!

$$a, b \in \mathbb{N} \wedge |a - b| \leq 1 \Rightarrow (a = b \Leftrightarrow \text{parity}(a) = \text{parity}(b))$$

- We will prove that this is a valid refinement.

- ✓ *Extend context c1 into c2*
- ✓ *Refine m3 into m4*
- ✓ *m4 should see c2*

## Formalizing parity

- We replace the counters by their parities
- we add the constant *parity*

**carrier set:**  $P$   
**constants:**  $r, f, \text{parity}$

**axm4\_1:**  $\text{parity} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

**axm4\_2:**  $\text{parity}(0) = 0$

**axm4.2:**  $\forall x. (x \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \text{parity}(x + 1) = 1 - \text{parity}(x))$

- ✓ *Add parity and axioms to c2. Note: parity is a function!*
- ✓ *Need some clicking (dom to  $\mathbb{N} + ML$ ) to prove WD*

## The definitions that replace $c(\cdot)$ and $d(\cdot)$

- We replace  $c$  and  $d$  by  $p$  and  $q$

**variables:**  $p, q$

**inv4\_1:**  $p \in P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

**inv4\_2:**  $q \in P \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

**inv4\_3:**  $\forall n. (n \in P \Rightarrow p(n) = \text{parity}(c(n)))$

**inv4\_4:**  $\forall n. (n \in P \Rightarrow q(n) = \text{parity}(d(n)))$

- ✓ *Do it in m4. Note the gluing invariants!  $p$  and  $q$  really syntactic sugar.*

## New events: counters replaced by parity

ascending  
**any**  $n$  **where**  
 $n \in P$   
 $p(n) = q(n)$   
 $\forall m. (m \in f^{-1}[\{n\}] \Rightarrow p(m) \neq p(n))$   
**then**  
 $p(n) := 1 - p(n)$   
**end**

descending\_1  
**any**  $n$  **where**  
 $n \in P \setminus \{r\}$   
 $q(n) \neq q(f(n))$   
**then**  
 $q(n) := 1 - q(n)$   
**end**

descending\_2  
**when**  
 $p(r) \neq q(r)$   
**then**  
 $q(r) := 1 - q(r)$   
**end**

## Proving remaining POs (in ascending)

### GRD of $q(n) = p(n)$

- Needs additional property

$$\forall x, y \cdot y \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \in y..y + 1 \Rightarrow (\text{parity}(x) = \text{parity}(y) \Leftrightarrow x = y)$$

- We could make it axiom, but it can be proven as theorem (better!).
- Proving it is not difficult.

WD: P0 takes care of it.

THM: A couple of simple rewritings + distinction by cases work.

- $\Leftrightarrow$ : rewrite in two implications.
- $\text{par}(x) = \text{par}(y) \Rightarrow x = y$ : ah with possible values of  $x$ .
- Prove ah with ML.
- Goal  $y = y + 1$ : do dc with  $\text{par}(y) = 0$ .
- P0 works for both branches.



## Proving remaining POs (in ascending)

### GRD of $q(n) = p(n)$

- With theorem

$$\forall x, y \cdot y \in \mathbb{N} \wedge x \in y..y + 1 \Rightarrow (\text{parity}(x) = \text{parity}(y) \Leftrightarrow x = y)$$

- Instantiate with  $c(n), d(n)$ .
- Instantiate defs. of  $p(n), q(n)$ .
- Invoke P0.

```

simplification rewrites
├─ type rewrites
├─ simplification rewrites
│   └─ sl/ds
│       └─ sl/ds
│           └─ hyp (inst n)
│               └─ goal
│                   └─ hyp (inst n)
│                       └─ goal
│                           └─ hyp (inst n)
│                               └─ goal
│                                   └─ hyp (inst c(n),d(n))
│                                       └─ generalized MP
│                                           └─ simplification rewrites
│                                               └─ goal
│                                                   └─ generalized MP
│                                                       └─ simplification rewrites
│                                                           └─ hyp mp (d(n) ∈ N ⇒ parity(c(n)) = parity(d(n)))
│                                                               └─ functional image goal for d(n)
│                                                                   └─ functional image goal for d(n)
│                                                                       └─ hyp
│                                                                           └─ PP
    
```



## Proving POs (in ascending)

### GRD of $\forall m \cdot m \in f^{-1}[n] \Rightarrow p(n) \neq p(m)$

One simple path that works:

- Add a new THM:  $\forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow c(n) \in c(f(n))..c(f(n)) + 1$
- Introduce the hypothesis  $n = f(m)$  (which comes from  $m \in f^{-1}[n]$ ) with ah and use ML repeatedly. See recording at course web.

Rationale: we have to prove that if  $p(m) \neq p(f(m))$ , then  $c(n) \neq c(f(m))$ . We have a theorem that says  $\text{parity}(x) = \text{parity}(y) \Leftrightarrow x = y$  when  $x \in y..y + 1$ . So we need  $c(n) \in c(f(n))..c(f(n)) + 1$  to apply it. We add it as a theorem, which is immediately proven, and ML can use it.



## Discharging POs (in descending)

- In my case, GRD for  $q(n) \neq q(f(n))$  in `descending_nr` remains to be proven.
- It should imply  $d(n) \neq d(f(n))$ .
- Similar to the previous case.
- Add a symmetrical theorem  $\forall n \cdot n \in P \setminus \{r\} \Rightarrow d(f(n)) \in d(n)..d(n) + 1$
- It is immediately proven and it discharges the pending GRD proof.



## Less Manual Work?



- *Atelier B* provers: integrated and developed in conjunction with Rodin and with Event B in mind.
- However, in the world of theorem provers probably not the most powerful ones.
- Some third-party SMT provers available as plugins.
  - Check term project for installation instructions.
- Not guaranteed to work always seamlessly.
- But in many cases can discharge proofs without manual intervention!
- Why not using them before?
  - I wanted to show interactive theorem proving in examples that are not too complex to require it.