



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Formal Methods

2021-3-E3101Q121

Aims

At the end of the course, the student will be able to model, at several levels of abstraction, simple concurrent systems and to specify their requirements by means of a logic; the student will know the main techniques to prove the system's behavioral properties, and will be able to use some software tools for the design and analysis of concurrent systems.

Contents

Role and scope of formal methods in software design and analysis, particularly for concurrent systems. Techniques for defining the semantics of concurrent programs and systems; formal tools for specifying concurrent systems, requirements and properties; algorithms and software tools for the design and analysis of concurrent systems. In particular, the theory of Petri nets will be introduced.

Detailed program

- 1 Survey of formal methods in computer science. Concurrent systems and programs.
- 2 Modeling tools for concurrent systems: transition systems, other formal notations.
- 3 Analysis of concurrent systems: liveness and safety properties, modal and temporal logics, model checking.
- 4 Petri nets: conceptual foundation, applications, types, analysis techniques.
- 5 Theory of systems: basic notions of dynamical systems and cellular automata.

Prerequisites

Basic notions of propositional logic. Basic notions of mathematical analysis and of discrete mathematics (as presented in the course of Fundamentals of Computer Science).

Teaching form

Lectures, practical exercises, laboratory activity. Language: Italian.

If there will be Covid emergency, the teaching activity will be online or recorded.

Textbook and teaching resource

Handouts, research and survey papers.

Semester

Second semester

Assessment method

Written and oral exam. The written exam consists in the execution of some exercises. In the oral exam the solution of such exercises will be discussed and some questions on the developed arguments will be done. Moreover, the solution of some exercises on modeling and verification developed during the lab could be also discussed.

No score is given to the written exam, the score is defined at the interview.

If there will be Covid-19 emergency, the oral exam esami will be online on WebEx or google.meet and in the e-learning page there will be the public link.

Office hours

On appointment
