

Generalised Test Tables

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Project: IMPROVE APS



Scientists

propose a novel formal verification notation and engine.

Design goal: comprehensibility and usability

meet

Engineers from automation industry

- know industrial practice
- know industrial requirements for validation processes

⇒ can value usability of the proposal

Questions we would like to ask ...

- If you use test tables today:
 - What feature do you miss in your table technique?
 - Which presented generalisation feature do you like (and which not ...)?
- Would validation using generalised test tables be a valuable extension to your validation processes?
- What are the requirements to use a formal verification tool like the presented?
(e.g., tradeoff specification effort vs. more coverage)

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Sequence of signals in clock cycles

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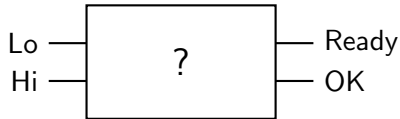
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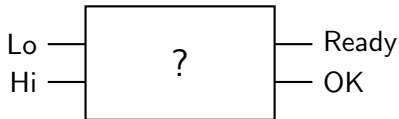
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“must hold for 5-10 cycles”, “... for at least 20 cycles”

Example



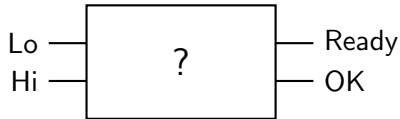
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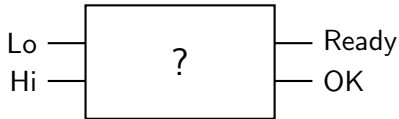
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Concrete table – difficult to recognize concept

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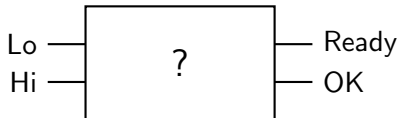


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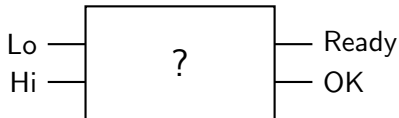
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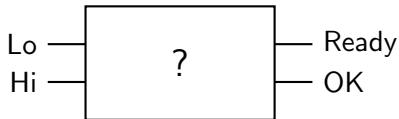
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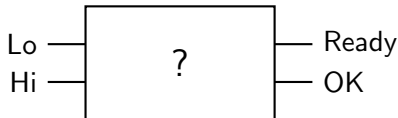
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Generalised table:

- better coverage (*many* test cases covered by this table)
- still comprehensible
- documents the idea of the block



ST Verification Studio

<http://formal.itl.kit.edu/stvs>

- Concepts for Interactive Table Exploration
- “Table-driven debugging”
- Prototypical implementation is there – extension on the way

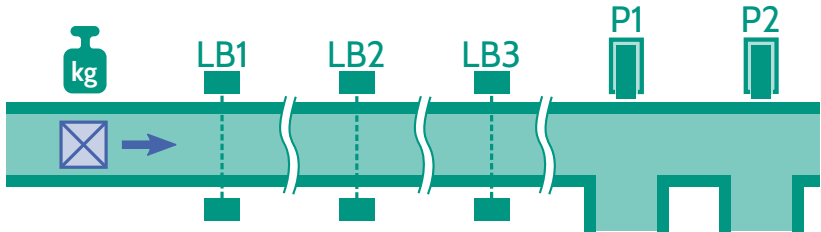


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	Weight...	LightBarrier0	LightBarrier1
0	[1,20]	TRUE	-
	3	TRUE	FALSE
1	-	FALSE	-
	19	FALSE	FALSE
	3	FALSE	FALSE
	19	FALSE	FALSE
	3	FALSE	FALSE
	0	FALSE	FALSE
	19	FALSE	FALSE
	2048	FALSE	FALSE
	32769	FALSE	FALSE
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	59	FALSE	FALSE
2	-	-	-

Verification Engine



Example Production System



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