

Applications of Formal Verification

Functional Verification of Java Programs: Java Modelling Language

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'pure' pprox 'diverges false;' + 'assignable \nothing;'



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→ implicit invariant added to class: 'invariant x != null;'

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