Formal Specification and Verification

Formal specification (2)

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Until now

- Logic
- Formal specification (generalities)

Algebraic specification

Formal specification

Specification languages for describing programs/processes/systems

Specification languages for properties of programs/processes/systems
 Temporal logic

Formal specification

Specification languages for describing programs/processes/systems

Model based specification

transition systems, abstract state machines, specifications based on set theory

Axiom-based specification

algebraic specification

Declarative specifications

logic based languages (Prolog)

functional languages, λ -calculus (Scheme, Haskell, OCaml)

rewriting systems (very close to algebraic specification): ELAN, SPIKE

Specification languages for properties of programs/processes/systems

Temporal logic

Algebraic Specification

"A gentle introduction to CASL"

M. Bidoit and P. Mosses

http://www.lsv.ens-cachan.fr/~bidoit/GENTLE.pdf

Formal specification

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Transition systems

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- Executions
- Modeling data-dependent systems

Transition systems

- Model to describe the behaviour of systems
- Digraphs where nodes represent states, and edges model transitions
- State: Examples
 - the current colour of a traffic light
 - the current values of all program variables + the program counter
 - the current value of the registers together with the values of the input bits
- Transition ("state change"): Examples
 - a switch from one colour to another
 - the execution of a program statement
 - the change of the registers and output bits for a new input

Transition systems

Definition.

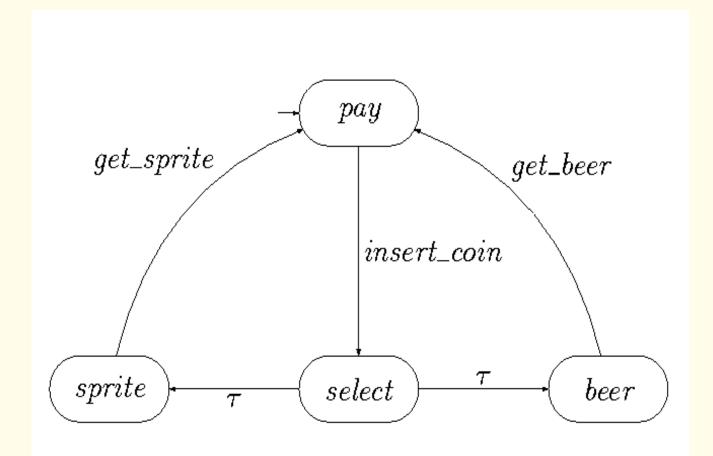
A transition system TS is a tuple $(S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$ where:

- *S* is a set of states
- Act is a set of actions
- $\rightarrow \subset S \times Act \times S$ is a transition relation
- $I \subseteq S$ is a set of initial states
- AP is a set of atomic propositions
- $L: S \to 2^{AP}$ is a labeling function

S and Act are either finite or countably infinite

Notation: $s \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} s'$ instead of $(s, \alpha, s') \in \rightarrow$.

A beverage vending machine



states? actions?, transitions?, initial states?

Direct successors and predecessors

$$Post(s, \alpha) = \{s' \in S \mid s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'\},\$$

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State s is called terminal if and only if $Post(s) = \emptyset$

Action- and AP-determinism

Definition. Transition system $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$ is action-deterministic iff:

$$|I| \leq 1$$
 and $|Post(s, \alpha)| \leq 1$ for all $s \in S$, $\alpha \in Act$

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$$\mid I \mid \leq 1 \text{ and } \mid Post(s) \cap \{s' \in S \mid L(s') = A\} \mid \leq 1 \text{ for all } s \in S, A \in 2^{AP}$$

(at most one initial state; for state and every $A:AP \to \{0,1\}$ there exists at most a successor of s in which "satisfies A")

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Nondeterminism is a feature!

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In automata theory, nondeterminism may be exponentially more succinct but that's not the issue here!

Transition systems \neq finite automata

As opposed to finite automata, in a transition system:

- there are no accept states
- set of states and actions may be countably infinite
- may have infinite branching
- actions may be subject to synchronization
- nondeterminism has a different role

Transition systems are appropriate for modelling reactive system behaviour

Executions

• A finite execution fragment ρ of TS is an alternating sequence of states and actions ending with a state:

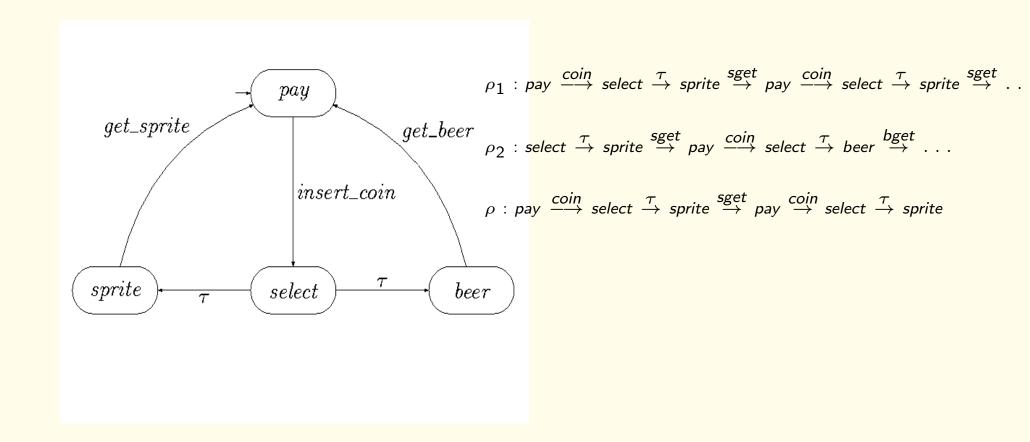
$$\rho = s_0 \alpha_1 s_1 \alpha_2 ... \alpha_n s_n$$
 such that $s_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i+1}} s_{i+1}$ for all $0 \le i < n$.

• An infinite execution fragment ρ of TS is an infinite, alternating sequence of states and actions:

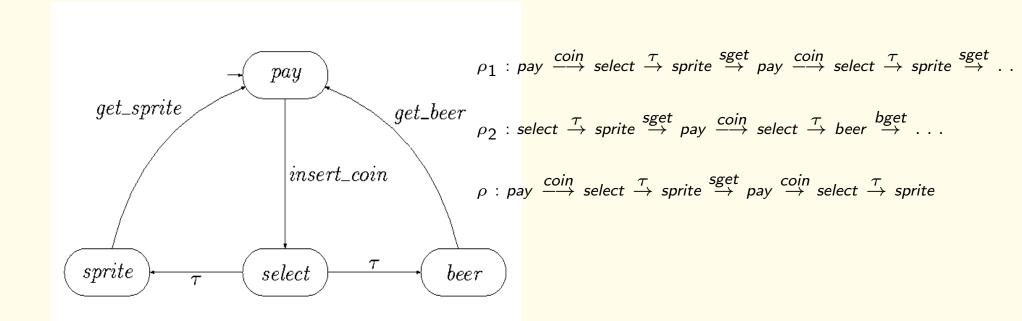
$$\rho = s_0 \alpha_1 s_1 \alpha_2 s_2 \alpha_3 \dots$$
 such that $s_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i+1}} s_{i+1}$ for all $0 \leq i$.

- An execution of TS is an initial, maximal execution fragment
 - a maximal execution fragment is either finite ending in a terminal state, or infinite
 - an execution fragment is initial if $s_0 \in I$

Examples of Executions



Examples of Executions



- Execution fragments ρ_1 and ρ are initial, but ρ_2 is not.
- ullet ρ is not maximal as it does not end in a terminal state.
- Assuming that ρ_1 and ρ_2 are infinite, they are maximal

Reachable states

Definition. State $s \in S$ is called reachable in TS if there exists an initial, finite execution fragment

$$s_0 \stackrel{\alpha_1}{\rightarrow} s_1 \stackrel{\alpha_2}{\rightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{\alpha_n}{\rightarrow} s_n = s$$

Reach(TS) denotes the set of all reachable states in TS.

Detailed description of states

Variables; Predicates

Beverage vending machine revisited

"Abstract" transitions:

$$true:coin \ start \xrightarrow{true:refill} start \xrightarrow{nsprite>0:sget} and start \xrightarrow{nbeer>0:bget} select \xrightarrow{nsprite=0 \land nbeer=0:ret-coin} start$$

| Action | Effect on variables |
|----------|--|
| coin | |
| ret-coin | |
| sget | nsprite := nsprite - 1 |
| bget | $\mathit{nbeer} := \mathit{nbeer} - 1$ |
| refill | nsprite := max; nbeer := max |

Program graph representation

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Some preliminaries

 typed variables with a valuation that assigns values in a fixed structure to variables

- e.g.,
$$\beta(x) = 17$$
 and $\beta(y) = -2$

- Boolean conditions: set of formulae over Var
 - propositional logic formulas whose propositions are of the form " $x \in D$ "

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$$(-3 < x ≤ 5) \land (y = green) \land (x ≤ 2 * x')$$

• effect of the actions is formalized by means of a mapping:

$$\textit{Effect}: \textit{Act} \times \textit{Eval}(\textit{Var}) \rightarrow \textit{Eval}(\textit{Var})$$

- e.g., $\alpha \equiv x := y + 5$ and evaluation $\beta(x) = 17$ and $\beta(y) = -2$
- *Effect*(α , β)(x) = β (y) + 5 = 3,
- Effect(α , β)(y) = β (y) = -2

Program graph representation

Program graphs

A program graph PG over set Var of typed variables is a tuple

$$(Loc, Act, Effect, \rightarrow, Loc_0, g_0)$$

where

- Loc is a set of locations with initial locations $Loc_0 \subseteq Loc$
- Act is a set of actions
- Effect : $Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$ is the effect function
- ullet $\to \subseteq Loc \times (\underbrace{Cond(Var)}_{\text{Boolean conditions on } Var} \times Act) \times Loc$, transition relation
- $g_0 \in Cond(Var)$ is the initial condition.

Notation: $I \stackrel{g:\alpha}{\to} I'$ denotes $(I, g, \alpha, I') \in \to$.

Beverage Vending Machine

• $Loc = \{start, select\}$ with $Loc_0 = \{start\}$ • Act = {bget, sget, coin, ret-coin, refill} • $Var = \{nsprite, nbeer\}$ with domain $\{0, 1, ..., max\}$ • Effect : $Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$ defined as follows: $Effect(coin, \beta) = \beta$ $Effect(ret-coin, \beta) = \beta$ $Effect(sget, \beta) = \beta[nsprite \mapsto \beta(nsprite) - 1]$ $Effect(bget, \beta) = \beta[nbeer \mapsto \beta(nbeer) - 1]$ Effect(refill, β) = β [nsprite \mapsto max, nbeer \mapsto max] • $g_0 = (nsprite = max \land nbeer = max)$

From program graphs to transition systems

- Basic strategy: unfolding
 - state = location (current control) $I + \text{data valuation } \beta$ (I, β)
 - initial state = initial location + data valuation satisfying the initial condition g_0
- Propositions and labeling
 - propositions: "at I" and " $x \in D$ " for $D \subseteq dom(x)$
 - < I, β > is labeled with "at I" and all conditions that hold in β .
- $I \stackrel{g:\alpha}{\to} I'$ and g holds in β then $\langle I, \beta \rangle \stackrel{\alpha}{\to} \langle I', Effect(\langle I, \beta \rangle) \rangle$

Transition systems for program graphs

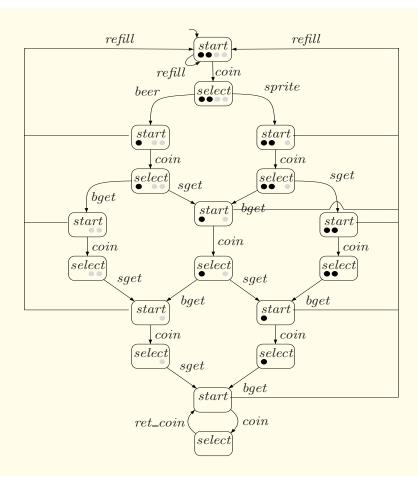
The transition system TS(PG) of program graph

$$PG = (Loc, Act, Effect, \rightarrow, Loc_0, g_0)$$

over set Var of variables is the tuple $(S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$ where:

- $S = Loc \times Eval(Var)$
- $\rightarrow S \times Act \times S$ is defined by the rule: If $I \stackrel{g:\alpha}{\rightarrow} I'$ and $\beta \models g$ then $\langle I, \beta \rangle \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} \langle I', Effect(\langle I, \beta \rangle) \rangle$
- $I = \{ \langle I, \beta \rangle | I \in \mathsf{Loc}_0, \beta \models g_0 \}$
- $AP = Loc \cup Cond(Var)$ and
- $L(\langle I, \beta \rangle) = \{I\} \cup \{g \in Cond(Var) \mid \beta \models g\}.$

Transition systems for program graphs



Generalizations of transition systems

- More detailed description of states: Abstract state machines
- Emphasis on processes and their interdependency: CSP
- Durations: Timed automata
- Continuous evolution + discrete control: Hybrid automata

Abstract state machines (ASM)

Purpose

Formalism for modelling/formalising (sequential) algorithms

Not: Computability / complexity analysis

Invented/developed by

Yuri Gurevich, 1988

Old name

Evolving algebras

ASMs

Three Postulates

Sequential Time Postulate:

An algorithm can be described by defining a set of states, a subset of initial states, and a state transformation function

Abstract State Postulate:

States can be described as first-order structures

Bounded Exploration Postulate:

An algorithm explores only finitely many elements in a state to decide what the next state is. There is a finite number of names (terms) for all these "interesting" elements in all states.

Example: Computing Squares

Initial State

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square = 0
count = 0
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ASM for computing the square of input

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if input < 0 then input := -input else if input > 0 \land count < input then par square := square + input count := count + 1 endpar
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The Sequential Time Postulate

Sequential algorithm

An algorithm is associated with

- a set *S* of states
- a set $I \subseteq S$ of initial states
- A function $\tau: S \to S$ (the one-step transformation of the algorithm)

Run (computation)

A run (computation) is a sequence $X_0, X_1, X_2 \dots$ of states such that

- $X_0 \in I$
- $\tau(X_i) = X_{i+1}$ for all $i \geq 0$

Remark

Remark: In this formalism, algorithms are deterministic

au:S o S can be also viewed as a relation $R\subseteq S imes \{ au\} imes S$ with

$$(s, \tau, s') \in R \text{ iff } \tau(s) = s'.$$

The Abstract State Postulate

States are first-order structures where

- all states have the same vocabulary (signature)
- the transformation τ does not change the base set (universe)
- S and I are closed under isomorphism
- if f is an isomorphism from a state X onto a state Y, then f is also an isomorphism from $\tau(X)$ onto $\tau(Y)$.

Example: Trees

Vocabulary

nodes: unary, boolean: the class of nodes

(type/universe)

strings: unary, boolean: the class of strings

parent: unary: the parent node

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c: constant: the current node

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Remark: This is not a restriction

- predicates with arity n can be regarded as functions with arity
 - $s \dots s \rightarrow \mathsf{bool}$

where s is the usual sort (for terms) and bool is a different sort

- The sort bool is described using a unary predicate Bool
- ullet The sort Bool contains all formulae, in particular also \top , \bot ("relational constants")

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There is an infinite set of variables

Terms are built as usual from variables and function symbols

Formulae are built as usual

First-order Structures (States)

First-order structures (states) consist of

- a non-empty universe (called BaseSet)
- an interpretation of the symbols in the signature

Restrictions on states

- $0, 1, undef \in BaseSet (different)$
- $\perp_{\mathcal{A}} = 0$, $\top_{\mathcal{A}} = 1$
- $undef_A = undef$
- ullet If f relational then $f_{\mathcal{A}}:\mathsf{BaseSet} o \{0,1\}$
- $Boole_{\mathcal{A}} = \{0, 1\}$
- \neg , \lor , \land , \rightarrow , \leftrightarrow are interpreted as usual

The reserve of a state

Reserve: Consists of the elements that are "unknown" in a state

The reserve of a state must be infinite

Extended States

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Terms

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parent(parent(c))
label(firstChild(c))
parent(firstChild(c)) = c (Boolean, formula)
nodes(x) \rightarrow parent(x) = parent(nextSibling(x))
(x is a variable)
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Isomorphism

Lemma (Isomorphism)

Isomorphic states (structures) are indistinguishable by ground terms:

Justification for postulate

Algorithm must have the same behaviour for indistinguishable states

Isomorphic states are different representations of the same abstract state!

Locations. A location is a pair (f, \overline{a}) with

- f an n-ary function symbol
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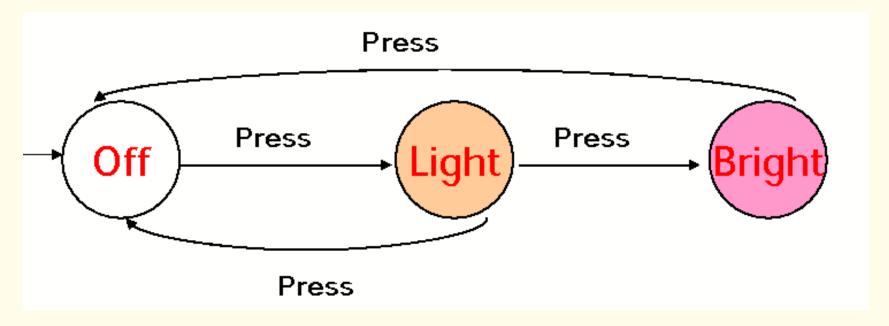
• transition systems + timing constraints

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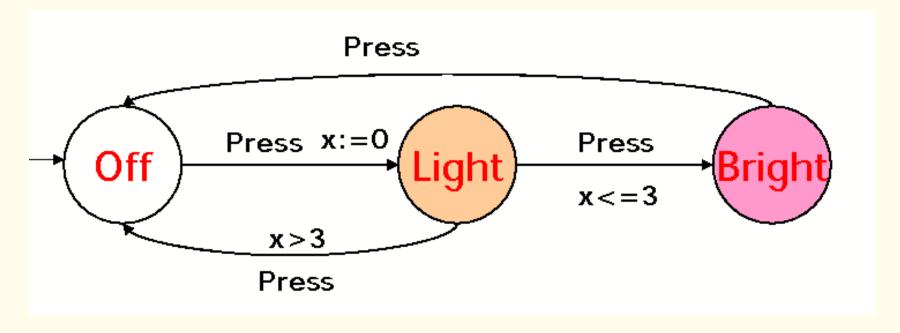
Timed automata can be used to model and analyse the timing behavior of computer systems, e.g., real-time systems or networks.

Example: Simple Light Control



WANT: if press is issued twice quickly then the light will get brighter; otherwise the light is turned off.

Example: Simple Light Control



Solution: Add a real-valued clock x

Adding continuous variables to transition systems

Timed automata: Syntax

- A finite set *Loc* of locations
- A subset $Loc_0 \subseteq Loc$ of initial locations
- A finite set *Act* of labels (alphabet, actions)
- A finite set X of clocks
- Invariant Inv(I) for each location $I \in Loc$: (clock constraint over X)
- A finite set E of edges. Each edge has:
 - source location I, target location I'
 - label $a \in Act$ (empty labels also allowed)
 - guard g (a clock constraint over X)
 - a subset X' of clocks to be reset

Timed automata: Semantics

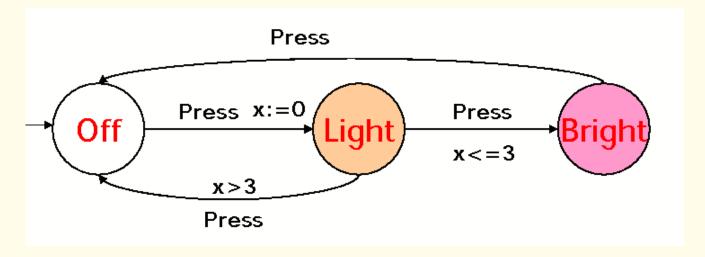
For a timed automaton

$$A = (Loc, Loc_0, Act, X, \{Inv_l\}_{l \in Loc}, E)$$

define an infinite state transition system S(A):

- States S: a state s is a pair (I, v), where
 I is a location, and
 v is a clock vector, mapping clocks in X to ℝ, satisfying Inv(I)
- Initial States: (I, v) is initial state if I is in Loc_0 and v(x) = 0
- Elapse of time transitions: for each nonnegative real number d, $(I, v) \xrightarrow{d} (I, v + d)$ if both v and v + d satisfy Inv(I)
- Location switch transitions: $(I, v) \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} (I', v')$ if there is an edge (I, a, g, X', I') such that v satisfies g and $v' = v[\{x \mapsto 0 \mid x \in X'\}]$.

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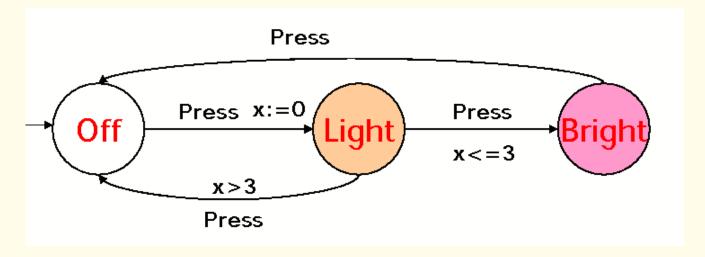
Timed automaton:

$$Loc = \{Off, Light, Bright\}, Loc_0 = \{Off\}, Act = \{Press\}$$

 $X = \{x\}; Inv(Off) = Inv(Light) = Inv(Bright) = (x \ge 0)$

Edges: (Off, Press,
$$\top$$
, $\{x\}$, Light), (Light, Press, $x > 3$, \emptyset , Off) (Light, Press, $x \le 3$, \emptyset , Bright), (Bright, Press, \top , \emptyset , Off)

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States: (Off, v), (Light, v), (Bright, v) (v value of clock x).

Initial state: (Off, 0).

Transitions (Examples)

Elapse of time: $(Off, 10) \xrightarrow{5} (Off, 15)$

Location switch: (Off, 10) $\stackrel{\mathsf{Press}}{\rightarrow}$ (Light, 0)