

Formal Specification and Verification

Deductive Verification: An introduction (2)

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Last time: Deductive Verification

Transition systems revisited

Program graphs

From program graphs to transition systems

Set of states: $S = Loc \times Eval(Var)$

Problem

$Eval(Var)$ can be very large

(some variables can have values in large data domains e.g. integers)

Therefore it is difficult to concretely represent \rightarrow
(the relation usually very large as well)

Solution

Succinct representation of sets of states and of transitions between states

- **Set of states:** Formula (property of all states in the set)
- **Transitions:** Formulae (relation between the old values of the variables and the new values of the variables)

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States:

(l, β) , where l location and β assignment of values to the variables.

Idea: Take into account an additional variable pc (program counter), having as domain the set of locations.

State: assignment of values to the variables and to pc

Set of states: Logical formula

Example:

$y \geq z$: The set of all states (l, β) for which $\beta(y) \geq \beta(z)$ (i.e. $\beta \models y \geq z$)

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Transition relation: $(l, \beta) \rightarrow (l', \beta')$

Expressed by logical formulae: Formula containing primed and unprimed variables.

Example:

- $\rho_1 = (\text{move}(l_1, l_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z))$
- $\rho_2 = (\text{move}(l_2, l_2) \wedge x + 1 \leq y \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge \text{skip}(y, z))$
- $\rho_3 = (\text{move}(l_2, l_3) \wedge x \geq y \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z))$
- $\rho_4 = (\text{move}(l_3, l_4) \wedge x \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z))$
- $\rho_5 = (\text{move}(l_3, l_5) \wedge x + 1 \leq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z))$

Abbreviations:

$\text{move}(l, l') := (pc = l \wedge pc' = l')$

$\text{skip}(v_1, \dots, v_n) := (v'_1 = v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v'_n = v_n)$

Programs as transition systems

Verification problem: Program + Description of the “bad” states

Succinct representation:

$$P = (Var, pc, Init, \mathcal{R}) \quad \phi_{err}$$

- V - finite (ordered) set of program variables
- pc - program counter variable (pc included in V)
- $Init$ - initiation condition given by **formula over V**
- \mathcal{R} - a finite set of transition relations

Every transition relation $\rho \in \mathcal{R}$ is given by a formula over the variables V and their primed versions V'

- ϕ_{err} - an error condition given by a **formula over V**

States, sets and relations

- Each program variable x is assigned a domain of values D_x .
- Program state = function that assigns each program variable a value from its respective domain
- S = set of program states
- Formula with free variables in V = set of program states
- Formula with free variables in V and V' = binary relation over program states
 - First component of each pair refers to values of the variables V
 - Second component of the pair refers to values of the variables V' (typically the new variables of the variables in V after an instruction was executed)

States, sets and relations

- We identify formulas with the sets and relations that they represent
- We identify the entailment relation between formulas \models with set inclusion
- We identify the satisfaction relation \models between valuations and formulas, with the membership relation.

Example:

- Formula $y \geq z$ = set of program states in which the value of the variable y is greater than the value of z
- Formula $y' \geq z$ = binary relation over program states, = set of pairs of program states (s_1, s_2) in which the value of the variable y in the second state s_2 is greater than the value of z in the first state s_1
- If program state s assigns 1, 3, 2, and l_1 to program variables x, y, z , and pc , respectively, then $s \models y \geq z$
- Logical consequence: $y \geq z \models y + 1 \geq z$

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Example program

- Program variables $V = (pc, x, y, z)$
- Program counter pc
- Program variables $x, y,$ and z range over integers: $D_x = D_y = D_z = \text{Int}$
Program counter pc ranges over control locations: $D_{pc} = L$
- Set of control locations $L = \{l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4, l_5\}$
- Initiation condition $Init := (pc = l_1)$
- Error condition $\phi_{err} := (pc = l_5)$
- Program transitions $\mathcal{R} = \{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_5\}$, where:
 - $\rho_1 = (\text{move}(l_1, l_2) \wedge y \geq z \wedge \text{skip}(x, y, z))$
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Initial state, error state, transition relation

- Each state that satisfies the initiation condition *Init* is called an **initial state**
- Each state that satisfies the error condition *err* is called an error state
- Program transition relation $\rho_{\mathcal{R}}$ is the union of the single-statement transition relations (formula representation: disjunction) i.e.,

$$\rho_{\mathcal{R}} = \bigvee_{\rho \in \mathcal{R}} \rho$$

- The state s has a transition to the state s' if the pair of states (s, s') lies in the program transition relation $\rho_{\mathcal{R}}$, i.e., if $(s, s') \models \rho_{\mathcal{R}}$:
 - $s : V \rightarrow \bigcup_{x \in V} D_x$, $s(x) \in D_x$ for all $x \in V$
 - $s' : V' \rightarrow \bigcup_{x \in V} D_x$, $s'(x') \in D_x$ for all $x \in V$
 - $\beta : V \cup V' \rightarrow \bigcup_{x \in X} D_x$ defined for every $x \in V$ by $\beta(x) = s(x)$, $\beta(x') = s'(x')$ has the property that $\beta \models \rho_{\mathcal{R}}$

Correctness: Safety

- a state is reachable if it occurs in some program computation
- a program is safe if no error state is reachable
- ... if and only if no error state lies in ϕ_{reach} ,

$$\phi_{err} \wedge \phi_{reach} \models \perp$$

where ϕ_{reach} = set of program states which are reachable from some initial state

- ... if and only if no initial state lies in $\phi_{reach^{-1}}$,

$$Init \wedge \phi_{reach^{-1}}(\phi_{err}) \models \perp$$

where $\phi_{reach^{-1}}(\phi_{err})$ = set of program states from which some state in ϕ_{err} is reachable

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Set of reachable states:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{reach} = & (pc = l_1 \vee \\ & (pc = l_2 \wedge y \geq z) \vee \\ & (pc = l_3 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y) \vee \\ & (pc = l_4 \wedge y \geq z \wedge x \geq y)) \end{aligned}$$

Post operator

Let ϕ be a formula over V

Let ρ be a formula over V and V'

Define a post-condition function $post$ by:

$$post(\phi, \rho) = \exists V'' : \phi[V''/V] \wedge \rho[V''/V][V/V']$$

An application $post(\phi, \rho)$ computes the image of the set ϕ under the relation ρ .

$post$ distributes over disjunction wrt. each argument:

- $post(\phi, \rho_1 \vee \rho_2) = post(\phi, \rho_1) \vee post(\phi, \rho_2)$
- $post(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2, \rho) = post(\phi_1, \rho) \vee post(\phi_2, \rho)$

Application of post in example program

Set of states $\phi := (pc = l_2 \wedge y \geq z)$

Transition relation $\rho := \rho_2$

$$\rho_2 = (\text{move}(l_2, l_2) \wedge x + 1 \leq y \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge \text{skip}(y, z))$$

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[Renamed] program variables:

$$V = (pc, x, y, z), V' = (pc', x', y', z'), V'' = (pc'', x'', y'', z'')$$

Iteration of post

$post^n(\phi, \rho)$ = n -fold application of post to ϕ under ρ

$$post^n(\phi, \rho) = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } n = 0 \\ post(post^{n-1}(\phi, \rho), \rho) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Characterize ϕ_{reach} using iterates of post:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\text{reach}} &= \text{Init} \vee post(\text{Init}, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) \vee post(post(\text{Init}, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}), \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) \vee \dots \\ &= \bigvee_{i \geq 0} post^i(\text{Init}, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) \end{aligned}$$

disjuncts = iterates for every natural number n (“ ω -iteration”)

Finite iteration post may suffice

Fixpoint reached in n steps if $\bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$

Then $\bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) = \bigvee_{i \geq 0} post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$

Forward reachability analysis

Compute $\bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$, $n \geq 0$.

If there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$$

then fixpoint reached.

Let $\phi_{\text{reach}} := \bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$

If $\phi_{\text{reach}} \cap \phi_{\text{err}} = \emptyset$ then safety is guaranteed.

Backward reachability analysis

Another possibility: Start from a bad state and compute states from which the bad state can be reached.

If the initial states are not among these states then safety is guaranteed.

Pre operator

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Define a pre-condition function pre by:

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Computation of pre^n similar.

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Set of states from which l_5 is reachable

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{reach^{-1}} = & pc = l_5 \vee \\ & (pc = l_3 \wedge x < z) \vee \\ & (pc = l_2 \wedge x < y \wedge x + 1 < z) \vee \\ & (pc = l_2 \wedge x < y \wedge x + 2 < z) \vee \\ & \dots\end{aligned}$$

Problem

Assume there exists $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}}) = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$$

i.e. fixpoint reached.

Let $\phi_{\text{reach}} := \bigvee_{i=1}^n post^i(Init, \rho_{\mathcal{R}})$

How to check whether error states are reachable?

$\phi_{\text{reach}}, \phi_{\text{err}}$ are formulae.

No error states are reachable iff $\phi_{\text{reach}} \wedge \phi_{\text{err}} \models \perp$

Both for forward and for backward reachability:

Reasoning modulo theories

Reasoning modulo theories

Goal: Devise efficient methods for reasoning modulo theories

SAT checking (can reduce entailment to checking satisfiability)

Example:

Check whether conjunctions of constraints in linear arithmetic is satisfiable: classical methods exist, e.g. simplex.

Check whether a conjunction of equalities and disequalities of ground terms is satisfiable: methods exist (e.g. congruence closure)

Challenge: efficient methods for handling arbitrary Boolean combinations of constraints in such theories.

Possible solution: Extend the DPLL method to reasoning modulo theories

⇒ Decision Procedures for Verification

Reminder: The DPLL algorithm

State: $M||F$,

where:

- M partial assignment (sequence of literals),
 some literals are annotated (L^d : decision literal)
- F clause set.

A succinct formulation

UnitPropagation

$M \parallel F, C \vee L \Rightarrow M, L \parallel F, C \vee L$ if $M \models \neg C$, and L undef. in M

Decide

$M \parallel F \Rightarrow M, L^d \parallel F$ if L or $\neg L$ occurs in F , L undef. in M

Fail

$M \parallel F, C \Rightarrow \text{Fail}$ if $M \models \neg C$, M contains no decision literals

Backjump

$M, L^d, N \parallel F \Rightarrow M, L' \parallel F$ if $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{there is some clause } C \vee L' \text{ s.t.:} \\ F \models C \vee L', M \models \neg C, \\ L' \text{ undefined in } M \\ L' \text{ or } \neg L' \text{ occurs in } F. \end{array} \right.$

SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

Some problems are more naturally expressed in richer logics than just propositional logic, e.g:

- Software/Hardware verification needs reasoning about equality, arithmetic, data structures, ...

SMT consists of deciding the satisfiability of a **ground** 1st-order formula with respect to a **background theory T**

SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

The “very eager” approach to SMT

Method:

- translate problem into equisatisfiable propositional formula;
- use off-the-shelf SAT solver

- Why “eager”?

Search uses **all** theory information from the **beginning**

- Characteristics:

- + Can use best available SAT solver
- Sophisticated encodings are needed for each theory
- Sometimes translation and/or solving too slow

Main Challenge for alternative approaches is to combine:

- DPLL-based techniques for handling the boolean structure
- Efficient theory solvers for conjunctions of \mathcal{T} -literals

SAT Modulo Theories (SMT)

“Lazy” approaches to SMT: **Idea**

Example: consider $\mathcal{T} = UIF$ and the following set of clauses:

$$\underbrace{f(g(a)) \neq f(c)}_{\neg P_1} \vee \underbrace{g(a) \approx d}_{P_2}, \quad \underbrace{g(a) \approx c}_{P_3}, \quad \underbrace{c \neq d}_{\neg P_4}$$

1. Send $\{\neg P_1 \vee P_2, P_3, \neg P_4\}$ to SAT solver

SAT solver returns model $[\neg P_1, P_3, \neg P_4]$

Theory solver says $\neg P_1 \wedge P_3 \wedge \neg P_4$ is \mathcal{T} -inconsistent

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SAT solver says UNSAT

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Need to analyze alternative solutions

Verification

Modeling/Formalization

System Specification

Is the system safe?

**Is safety guaranteed on all paths
of length $< n$ which start in an initial state?**

**Is the safety property an invariant of the system?
Can we generate an invariant which implies safety?**

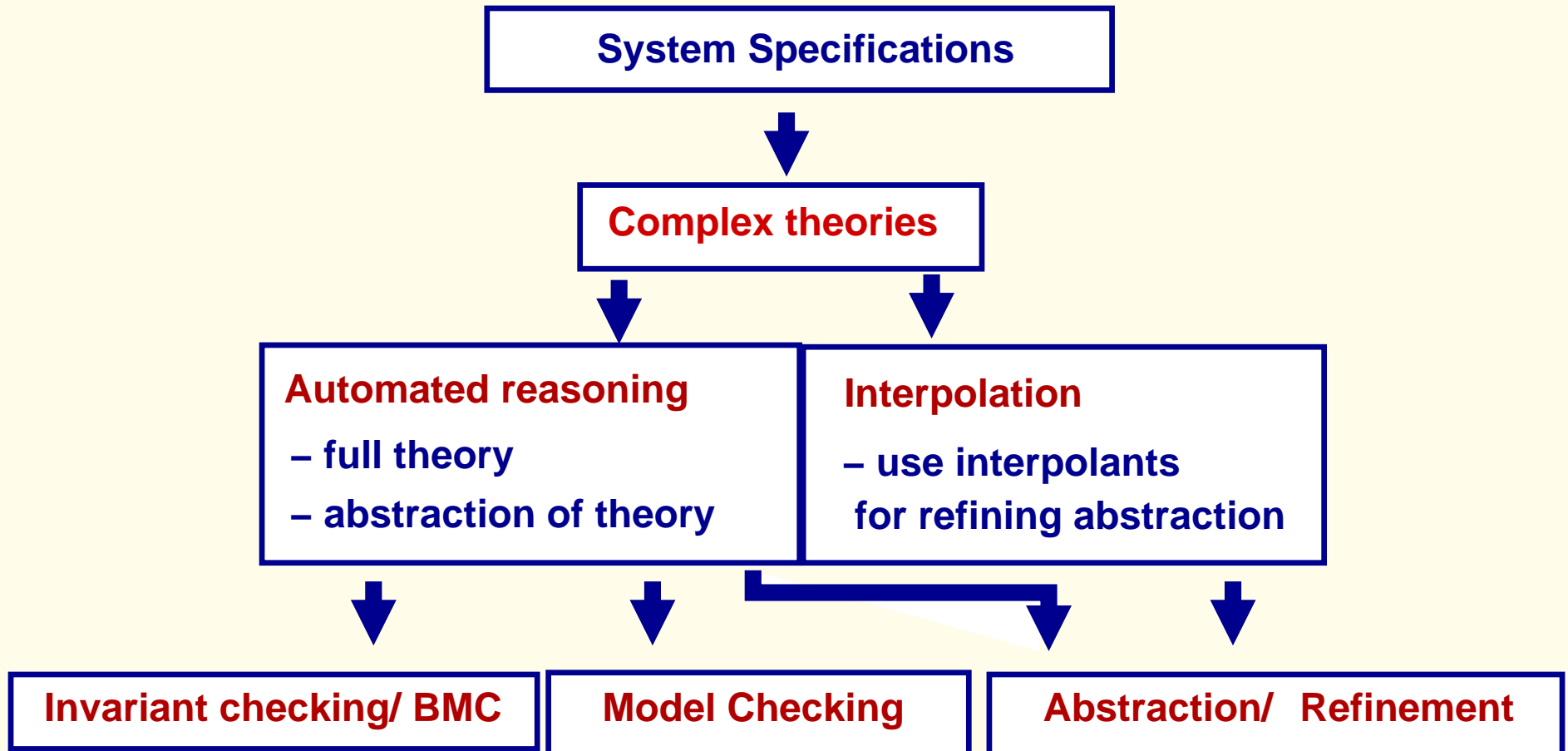
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Model Checking

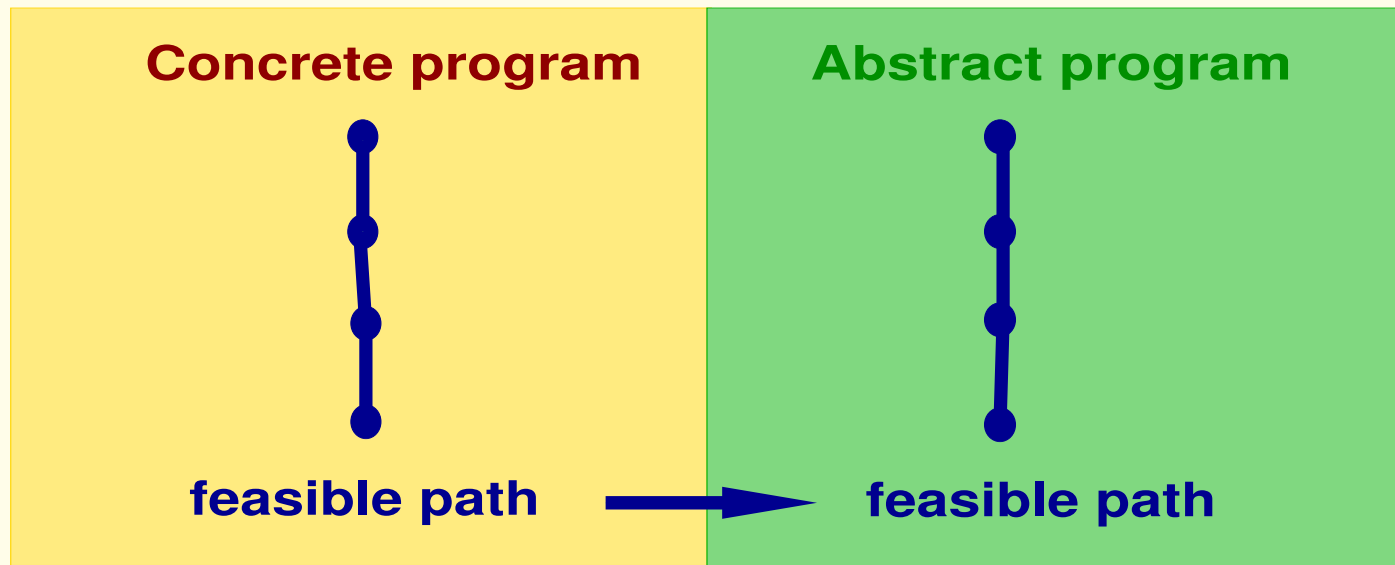
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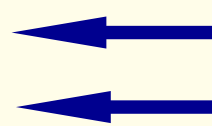
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Abstraction/Refinement



location unreachable
check feasibility



location unreachable
location reachable



conjunction of constraints: $\phi(1) \wedge Tr(1, 2) \wedge \dots \wedge Tr(n - 1, n) \wedge \neg \text{safe}(n)$

- satisfiable: feasible path

- unsatisfiable: refine abstract program s.t. the path is not feasible

[McMillan 2003-2006] use 'local causes of inconsistency'

\mapsto compute interpolants

Invariant checking; Bounded model checking

S specification $\mapsto \Sigma_S$ signature of S ; \mathcal{T}_S theory of S ; T_S transition system
 $\text{Init}(\bar{x}); \rho_{\mathcal{R}}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$

Given: $\text{Safe}(x)$ formula (e.g. safety property)

- **Invariant checking**

(1) $\mathcal{T}_S \models \text{Init}(\bar{x}) \rightarrow \text{Safe}(\bar{x})$ (Safe holds in the initial state)

(2) $\mathcal{T}_S \models \text{Safe}(\bar{x}) \wedge \rho_{\mathcal{R}}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}') \rightarrow \text{Safe}(\bar{x}')$ (Safe holds before \Rightarrow holds after update)

- **Bounded model checking (BMC):**

Check whether, for a fixed k , unsafe states are reachable in at most k steps, i.e. for all $0 \leq j \leq k$:

$$\mathcal{T}_S \models \text{Init}(x_0) \wedge \rho_{\mathcal{R}}(x_0, x_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \rho_{\mathcal{R}}(x_{j-1}, x_j) \wedge \neg \text{Safe}(x_j) \rightarrow \perp$$

Reasoning modulo theories

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Probleme

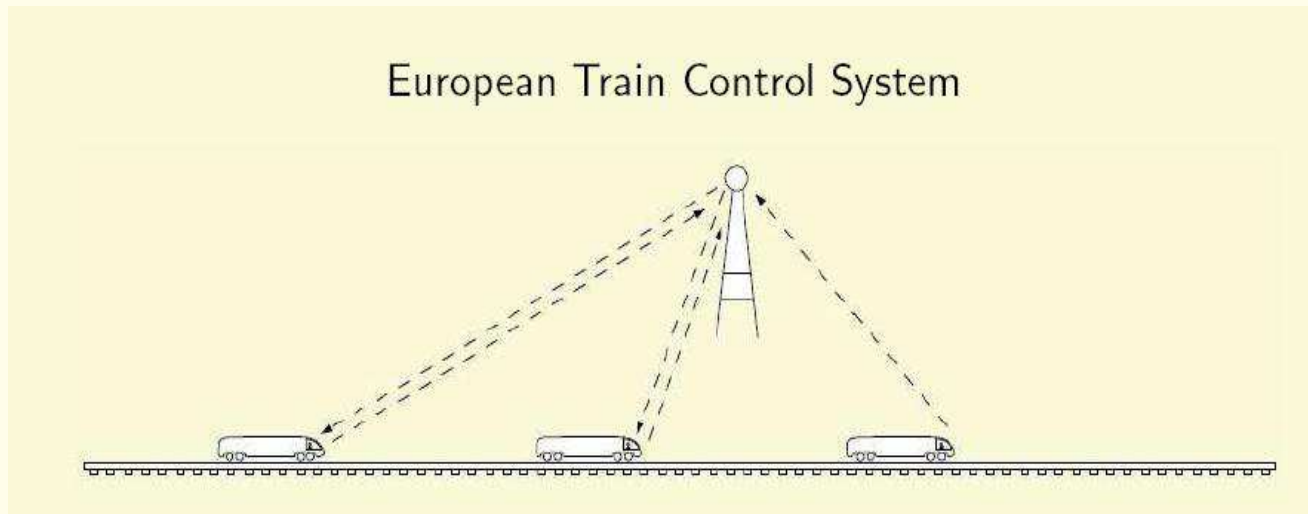
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Important goals:

- Identify decidable theories which are important in applications (Extensions/Combinations) possibly with low complexity
- Development & Implementation of efficient Decision Procedures

Example: ETCS Case Study (AVACS project)

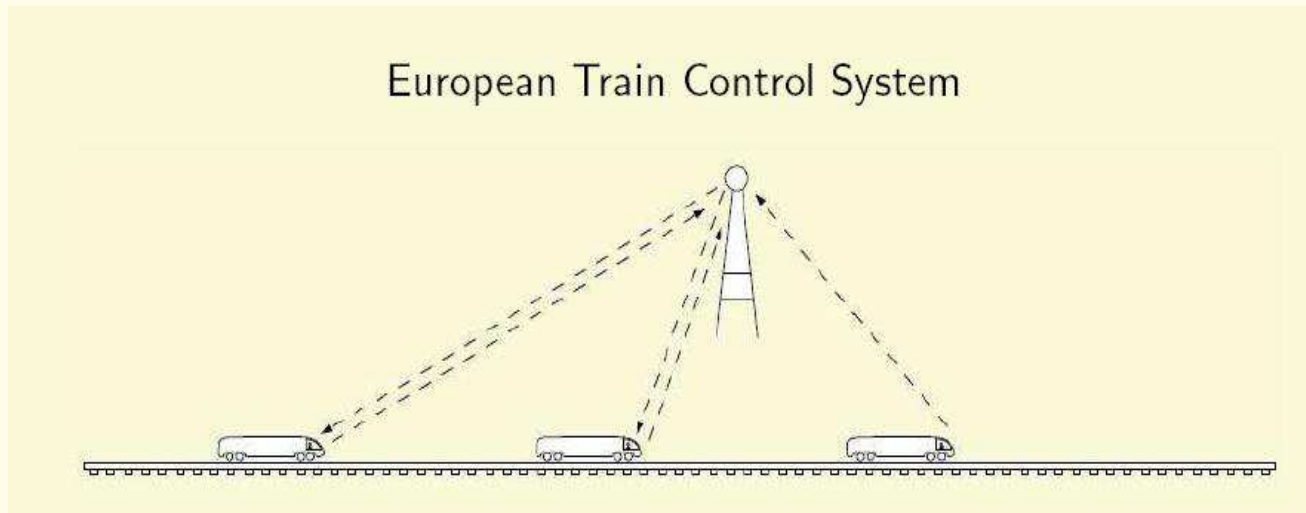
Simplified version of ETCS Case Study [Jacobs,VS'06, Faber,Jacobs,VS'07]



- Number of trains: $n \geq 0$ \mathbb{Z}
- Minimum and maximum speed of trains: $0 \leq \min < \max$ \mathbb{R}
- Minimum secure distance: $l_{\text{alarm}} > 0$ \mathbb{R}
- Time between updates: $\Delta t > 0$ \mathbb{R}
- Train positions before and after update: $pos(i), pos'(i)$ $:\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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- Update(pos, pos') :
- $\forall i (i = 0 \rightarrow pos(i) + \Delta t * \min \leq pos'(i) \leq pos(i) + \Delta t * \max)$
 - $\forall i (0 < i < n \wedge pos(i - 1) > 0 \wedge pos(i - 1) - pos(i) \geq l_{\text{alarm}} \rightarrow pos(i) + \Delta t * \min \leq pos'(i) \leq pos(i) + \Delta t * \max)$
- ...

Example: ETCS Case Study (AVACS project)

Safety property: No collisions $\text{Safe}(\text{pos}) : \forall i, j (i < j \rightarrow \text{pos}(i) > \text{pos}(j))$

Inductive invariant: $\text{Safe}(\text{pos}) \wedge \text{Update}(\text{pos}, \text{pos}') \wedge \neg \text{Safe}(\text{pos}') \models_{\mathcal{T}_S} \perp$

where \mathcal{T}_S is the extension of the (disjoint) combination $\mathbb{R} \cup \mathbb{Z}$
with two functions, $\text{pos}, \text{pos}' : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Problem: Satisfiability test for quantified formulae in complex theory

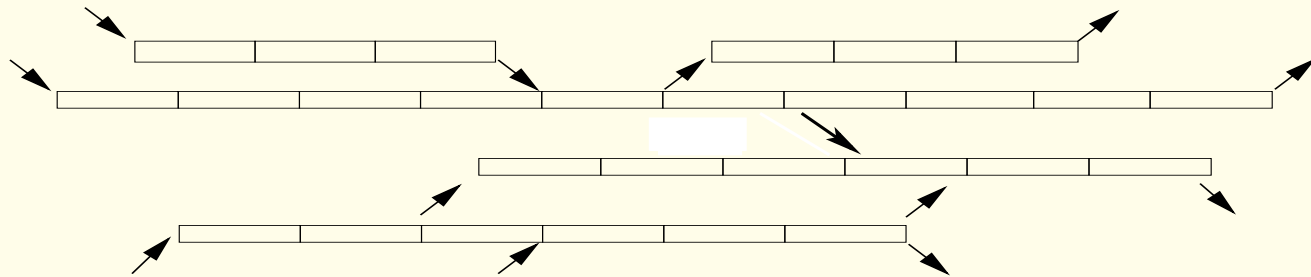
More complex ETCS Case studies

[Faber, Jacobs, VS, 2007]

- Take into account also:
 - Emergency messages
 - Durations
- Specification language: CSP-OZ-DC
 - Reduction to satisfiability in theories for which decision procedures exist
- **Tool chain:** [Faber, Ihlemann, Jacobs, VS]
CSP-OZ-DC \mapsto Transition constr. \mapsto Decision procedures (H-PILoT)

Example 2: Parametric topology

- Complex track topologies [Faber, Ihlemann, Jacobs, VS, ongoing work]

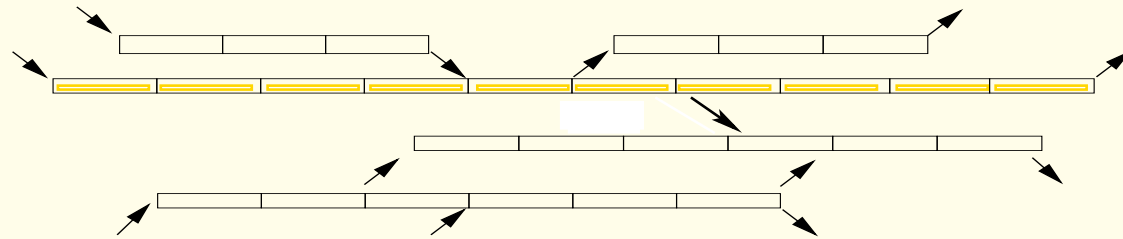


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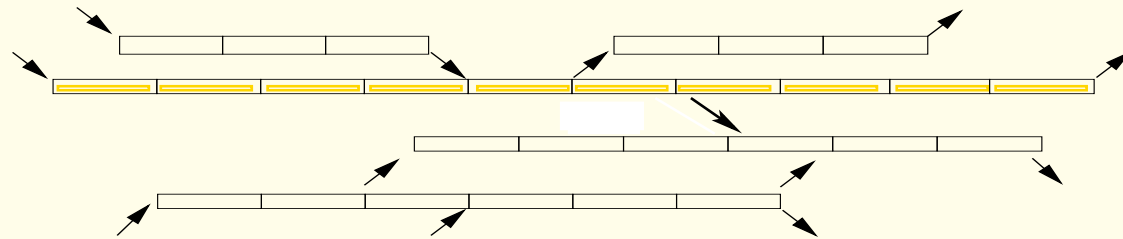
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Approach:

- Decompose the system in trajectories (linear rail tracks; may overlap)
- **Task 1:** - Prove safety for trajectories with incoming/outgoing trains
 - Conclude that for control rules in which trains have sufficient freedom (and if trains are assigned unique priorities) safety of all trajectories implies safety of the whole system
- **Task 2:** - General constraints on parameters which guarantee safety

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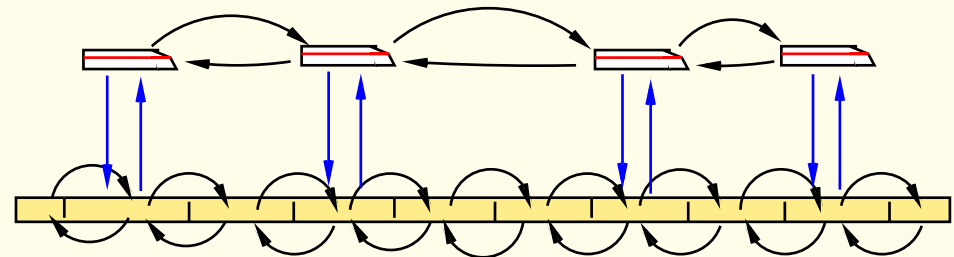


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Data structures:

- 2-sorted pointers
 - p_1 : trains
 - p_2 : segments
- scalar fields ($f: p_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g: p_i \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$)
- updates efficient decision procedures (H-PiLoT)

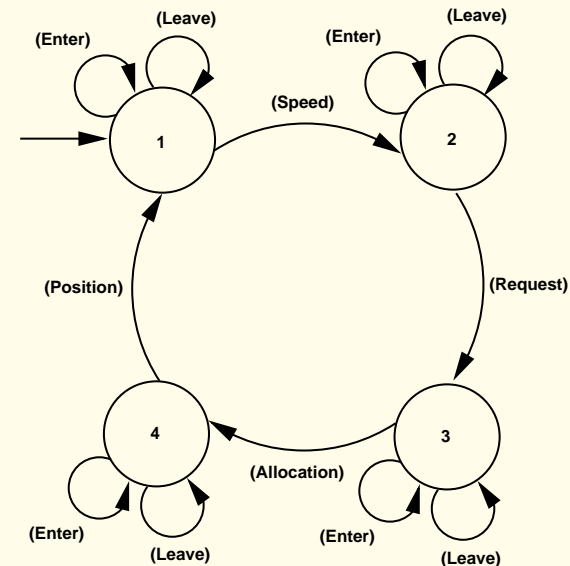


Example: Controller for line track (RBC)

CSP part: specifies the processes and their interdependency.

The RBC system passes repeatedly through four phases, modeled by events:

- **updSpd** (speed update)
- **req** (request update)
- **alloc** (allocation update)
- **updPos** (position update)



Between these events, trains may leave or enter the track (at specific segments), modeled by the events **leave** and **enter**.

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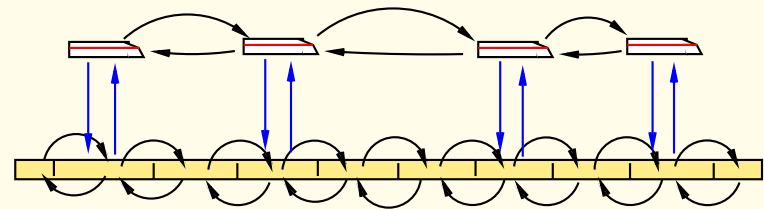
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Data structures:

- 2-sorted pointers

train: trains
segm: segments



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 - $gmax : \mathbb{R}$ (the global maximum speed),
 - $decmax : \mathbb{R}$ (the maximum deceleration of trains),
 - $d : \mathbb{R}$ (a safety distance between trains),
 - Properties of the data structures used to model trains/segments

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- **3. Init schema.** describes the initial state of the system.
 - trains - doubly-linked list; placed correctly on the track segments
 - all trains respect their speed limits.
- **4. Update rules** specify updates of the state space executed when the corresponding event from the CSP part is performed.

Example: Speed update

Modular Verification

COD specification	$\mapsto \Sigma_S$ signature of S ; \mathcal{T}_S theory of S ; T_S transition constraint system	$\text{Init}(\bar{x}); \text{Update}(\bar{x}, \bar{x}')$
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Given: $\text{Safe}(x)$ formula (e.g. safety property)

- **Invariant checking**

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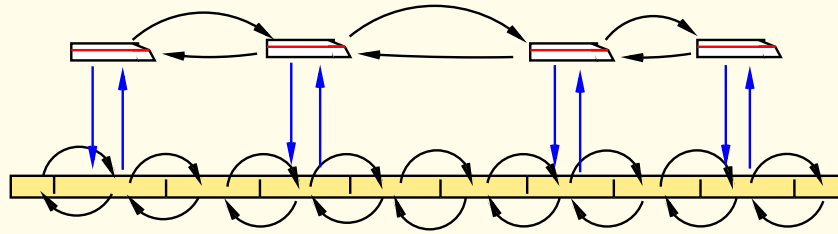
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Check whether, for a fixed k , unsafe states are reachable in at most k steps, i.e. for all $0 \leq j \leq k$:

$$\text{Init}(x_0) \wedge \text{Update}_1(x_0, x_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge \text{Update}_n(x_{j-1}, x_j) \wedge \neg \text{Safe}(x_j) \models_{\mathcal{T}_S} \perp$$

Trains on a linear track



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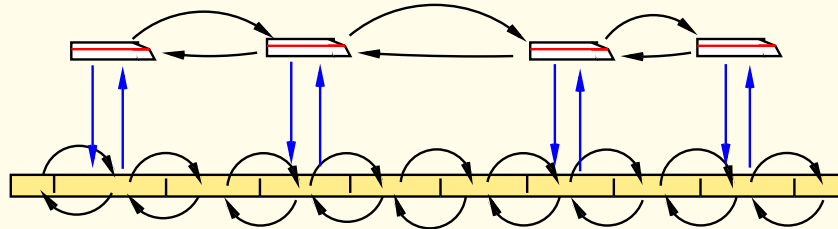
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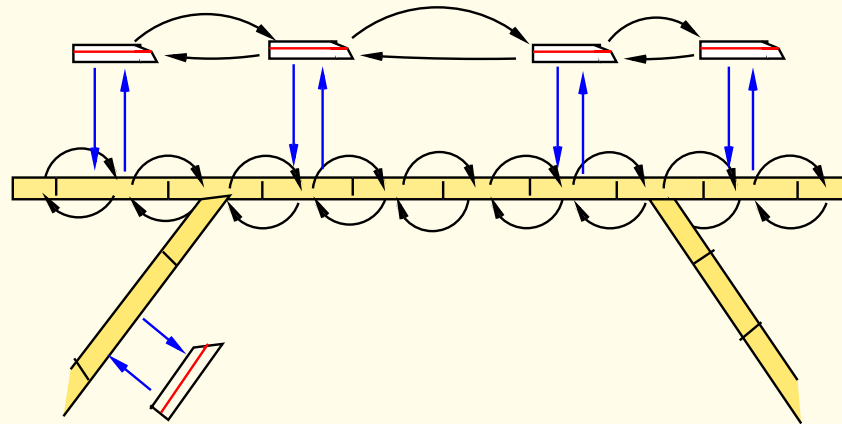
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Proof task:

$$\text{Safe}(\text{pos}, \text{next}, \text{prev}, \text{spd}) \wedge \text{SpeedUpdate}(\text{pos}, \text{next}, \text{prev}, \text{spd}, \text{spd}') \rightarrow \text{Safe}(\text{pos}', \text{next}, \text{prev}, \text{spd}')$$

Incoming and outgoing trains



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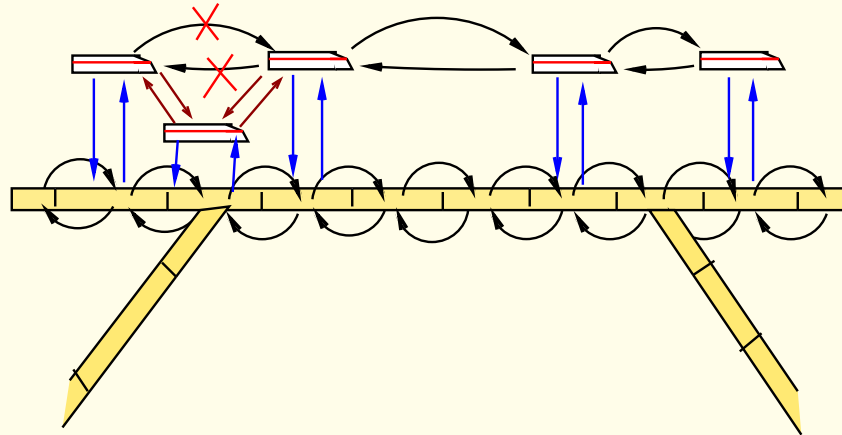
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Here: Inv_i generated by hand (use poss. of generating counterexamples with H-PILoT)

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Ground satisfiability problems for pointer data structures

Problem: Axioms, Invariants: are universally quantified

Our solution: Hierarchical reasoning in local theory extensions

Modularity in automated reasoning

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- **Update rules**

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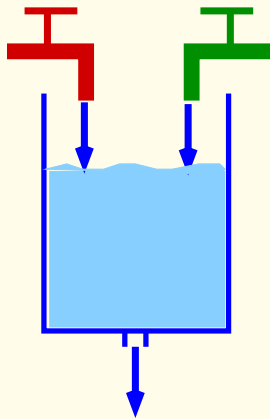
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Example 2

Hybrid systems \mapsto Hybrid automata

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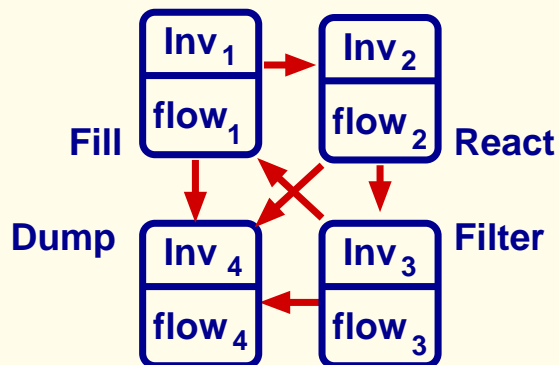


Chemical plant

Two substances are mixed; they react. The resulting product is filtered out; then the procedure is repeated.

Check:

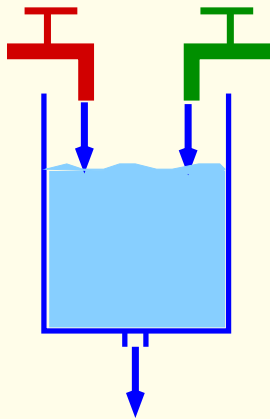
- No overflow
- Substances always in the right proportion
- If substances in wrong proportion, tank can be drained in ≤ 200 s.



Parametric description:

- Determine values for parameters such that this is the case

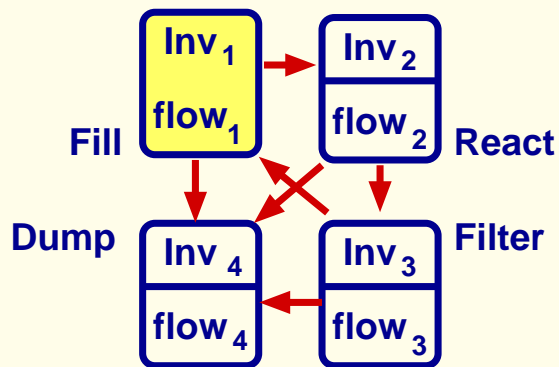
Example 2



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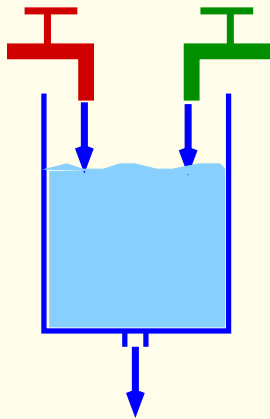
Jumps: (1,4)

If proportion not kept: system jumps into mode 4 (**Dump**)

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 \quad & \text{guard}_{e_1}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 - x_2 \geq \epsilon_a \\ \text{(from 1 to 4)} \quad & \text{jump}_{e_1}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2, x'_3) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 x'_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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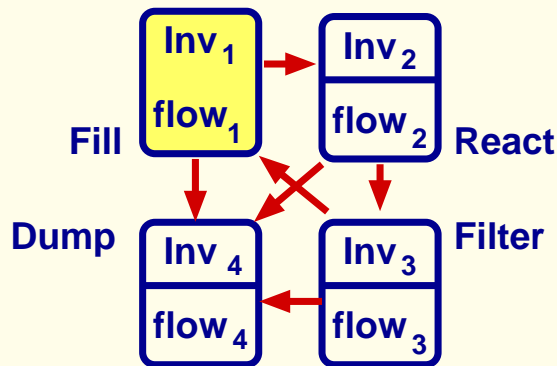
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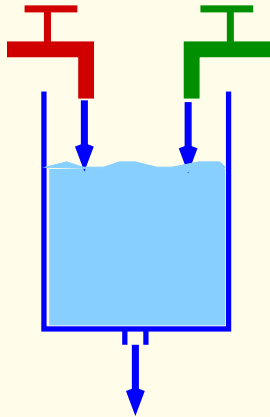
Jumps: (1,2)

If the total quantity of substances exceeds level L_f (tank filled) the system jumps into mode 2 (**React**).

$$e = (1, 2) \quad \text{guard}_{(1,2)}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq L_f$$

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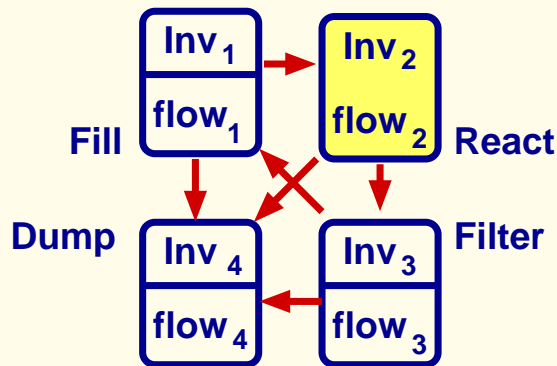
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Mode 2: React Temperature is high. Substances 1 and 2 react. The reaction consumes equal quantities of substances 1 and 2 and produces substance 3.

$$\text{Inv}_2 \quad L_f \leq x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 x_i \geq 0 \wedge -\epsilon_a \leq x_1 - x_2 \leq \epsilon_a \wedge 0 \leq x_3 \leq \text{max}$$

$$\text{flow}_2 \quad \dot{x}_1 \leq -d_{\text{max}} \wedge \dot{x}_2 \leq -d_{\text{max}} \wedge \dot{x}_3 \geq d_{\text{min}} \wedge \dot{x}_1 = \dot{x}_2 \wedge \dot{x}_3 + \dot{x}_1 + \dot{x}_2 = 0$$

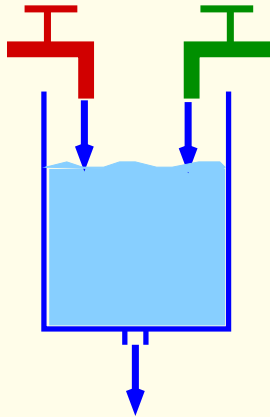


Jumps:

If the proportion between substances 1 and 2 is not kept the system jumps into mode 4 (**Dump**);

If the total quantity of substances 1 and 2 is below some minimal level min the system jumps into mode 3 (**Filter**).

Example



Mode 3: Filter Temperature is low. Substance 3 is filtered out.

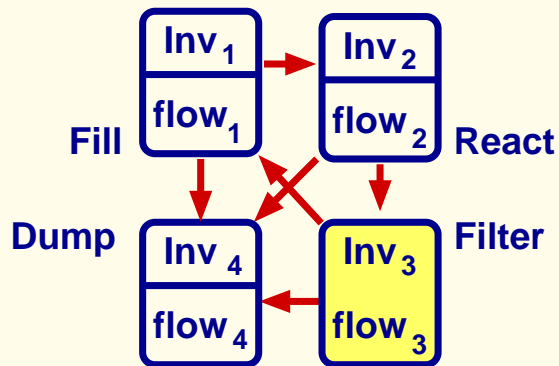
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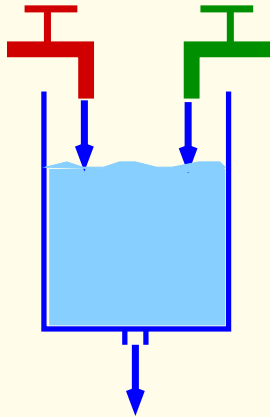
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Otherwise, if the concentration of substance 3 is below some minimal level min the system jumps into mode 1 (**Fill**).



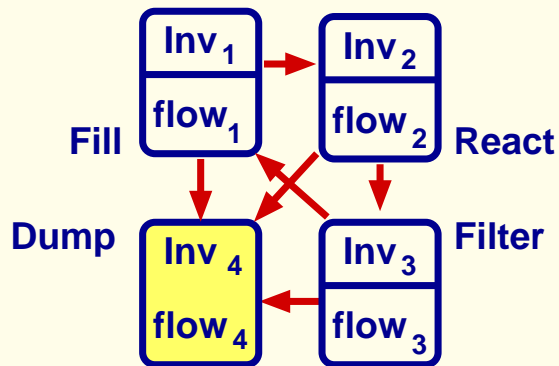
Example



Mode 4: Dump The content of the tank is emptied.

For simplicity we assume that this happens instantaneously:

$$\text{Inv}_4 : \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 x_i = 0 \text{ and } \text{flow}_4 : \bigwedge_{i=1}^3 \dot{x}_i = 0.$$



Simple verification problems

Invariant checking: Check whether Ψ is an invariant in a HA S , i.e.:

- (1) $\text{Init}_q \models \Psi$ for all $q \in Q$;
- (2) Ψ is invariant under jumps and flows:
 - (Flow)** For every flow in mode q , the continuous variables satisfy Ψ during and at the end of the flow.
 - (Jump)** For every jump according to a control switch e , if Ψ holds before the jump, it holds after the jump.

Examples:

- Is “ $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq L_{\text{overflow}}$ ” an invariant? (no overflow)
- Is “ $-\epsilon_a \leq x_1 - x_2 \leq \epsilon_a$ ” an invariant?
(substances always mixed in the right proportion)

Simple verification problems

Bounded model checking: Is formula Safe preserved under runs of length $\leq k$?, i.e.:

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- (2) The continuous variables satisfy Safe during and at the end of all runs of length j for all $1 \leq j \leq k$.

Example:

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Simple verification problems

Reductions of verification problems to linear arithmetic

- (1) Mode invariants, initial states and guards of mode switches are described as conjunctions of linear inequalities.

Example: $\text{Inv}_q = \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_q} (\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}^q x_i \leq a_j^q)$ can be expressed by:

$$\text{Inv}_q(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) = \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_q} (\sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij}^q x_i(t) \leq a_j^q)$$

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Remark: $\text{Flow}_q(t_0, t_1)$ contains universal quantifiers.

Locality results: Sufficient to use the instances at t_0 and t_1

$$\text{Flow}_q^{\text{Inst}}(t_0, t_1) : \text{Inv}_q(\bar{x}(t_0)) \wedge \text{Inv}_q(\bar{x}(t_1)) \wedge \underline{\text{flow}}_q(t_0, t_1).$$

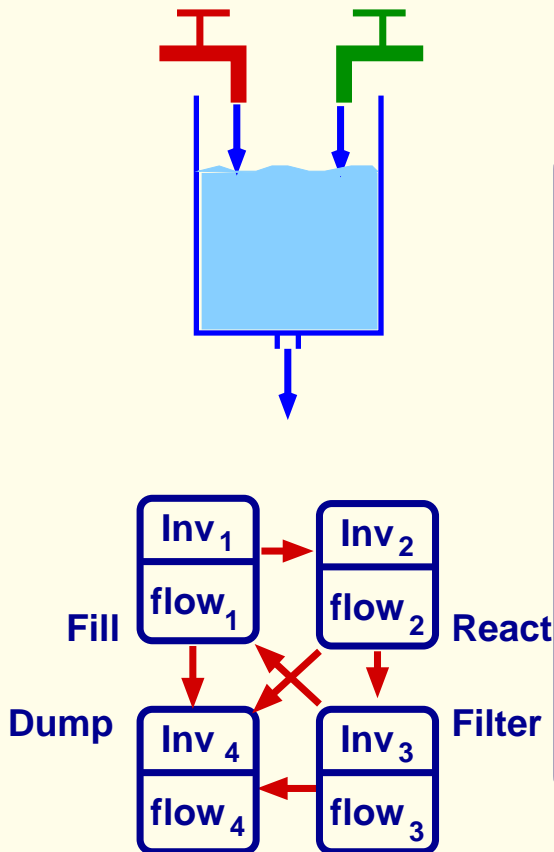
Example

Invariant:

$$\phi_{\text{safe}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \leq L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge -\epsilon \leq x_1 - x_2 \leq \epsilon.$$

Illustration: $F_{\text{flow}}(2)$ (invariance under the flow in reaction mode):

$\Psi(0)$	$(x_1(0) + x_2(0) + x_3(0) \leq L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge -\epsilon \leq x_1(0) - x_2(0) \leq \epsilon) \wedge$
$\neg\Psi(t)$	$\neg(x_1(t) + x_2(t) + x_3(t) \leq L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge -\epsilon \leq x_1(t) - x_2(t) \leq \epsilon) \wedge$
$\text{Inv}_2(0)$	$L_f \leq x_1(0) + x_2(0) + x_3(0) \leq L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge x_3(0) \leq \text{max} \wedge$
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flow_2	$x_1(t) - x_1(0) \leq -d_{\text{max}} \cdot t \wedge x_2(t) - x_2(0) \leq -d_{\text{max}} \cdot t \wedge$ $x_3(t) - x_3(0) \geq d_{\text{min}} \cdot t \wedge (x_1(t) - x_1(0)) - (x_2(t) - x_2(0)) = 0 \wedge$ $(x_1(t) - x_1(0)) + (x_2(t) - x_2(0)) + (x_3(t) - x_3(0)) = 0$



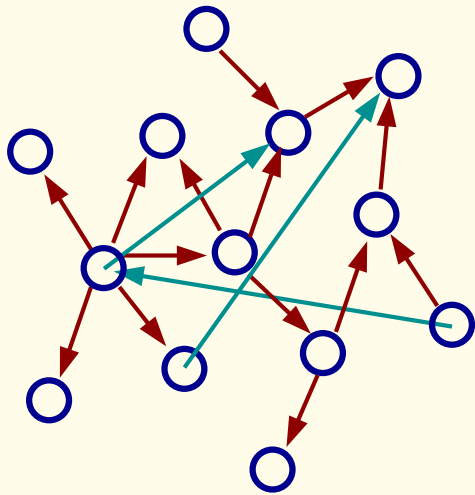
For fixed values for L_f, L_{overflow} – satisfiability check: PTIME.

Parametric version: check satisfiability if $L_f < L_{\text{overflow}} \wedge \epsilon_a < \epsilon$

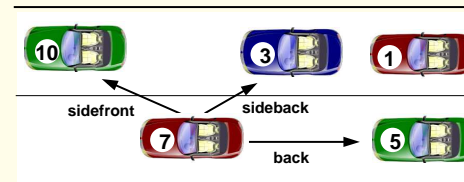
or generate constraints on the parameters which guarantee (un)satisfiability

Further extensions (Systems of LHA)

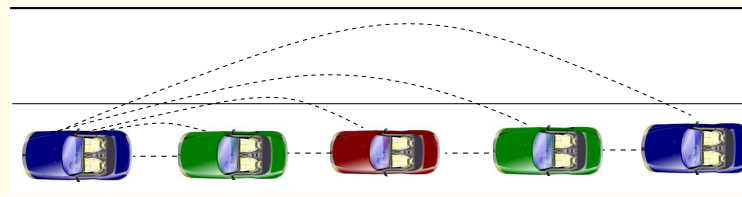
[Damm, Horbach, VS: FroCoS'15] Modularity results and small model property results for (decoupled) families of linear hybrid automata



Examples:



Car platoon



Sensors + Communication Channels

Safety properties: $\forall i_1, \dots, i_k \phi_{\text{safe}}(i_1, \dots, i_l)$

Collision free: $\forall i, j (\text{lane}(i) = \text{lane}(j) \wedge \text{pos}(i) \geq \text{pos}(j) \wedge i \neq j \rightarrow \text{pos}(i) - \text{pos}(j) > d)$

Model: Families of similar interacting system

Model families $\{S(i) \mid i \in I\}$ consisting of an unbounded number of similar interacting systems.

- Model the interaction
- Model the systems $S(i)$
- Model the topology updates

Model: Families of similar interacting systems

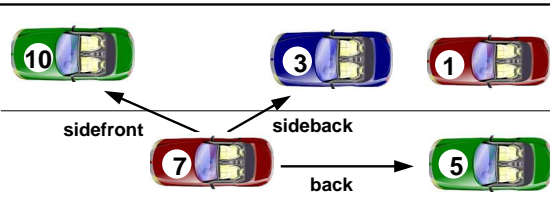
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- Model the interaction**

 \mapsto structures $(I, \{p : I \rightarrow I\}_{p \in P})$
 $P = P_S \cup P_N$

The functions in P model the way the systems perceive their neighbors

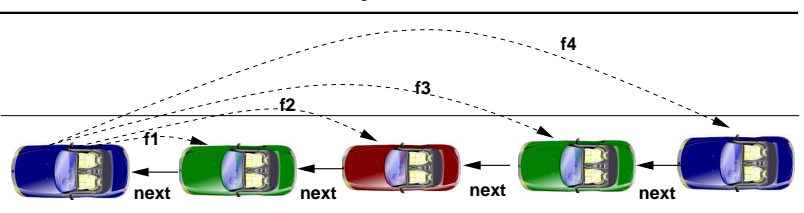
P_S sensors:



sideback(7) = 3 back(7) = 3
 front(7) = nil sidefront(7) = 10

P_N : neighborhood links

car platoon



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Model: Spatial families of LHA

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- Model the systems $S(i)$ \mapsto hybrid automata
- **Model the topology updates** \mapsto **Topology automaton**

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Update}(\text{front}, \text{front}') \\ & \forall i (i \neq \text{nil} \wedge \text{Prop}(i) \wedge \neg \exists j (\text{ASL}(j, i)) \rightarrow \text{front}'(i) = \text{nil}) \\ & \forall i (i \neq \text{nil} \wedge \text{Prop}(i) \wedge \exists j (\text{ASL}(j, i)) \rightarrow \text{Closest}_f(\text{front}'(i), i)) \\ & \forall i (i \neq \text{nil} \wedge \neg \text{Prop}(i) \rightarrow \text{front}'(i) = \text{front}(i)) \end{aligned}$$

ASL(j, i): $j \neq \text{nil} \wedge \text{lane}(j) = \text{lane}(i) \wedge \text{pos}(j) > \text{pos}(i)$

j is ahead of i on the same lane

Closest_f(j, i): $\text{ASL}(j, i) \wedge \forall k (\text{ASL}(k, i) \rightarrow \text{pos}(k) \geq \text{pos}(j))$

j is ahead of i ; no car between them.

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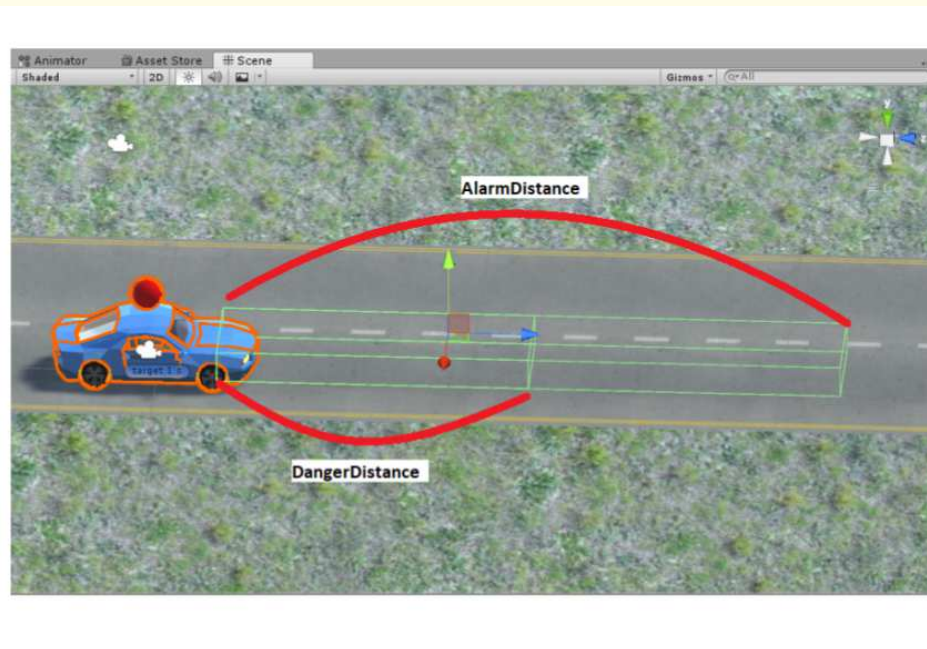
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Local extensions: use **H-PILoT**

● Unsatisfiable \mapsto Safety invariant

● Satisfiable \mapsto Model \mapsto Simulation [J. Wild, BSc Thesis 2018]



Other approaches

First-Order Dynamic Logic

Dynamic logic in which the atomic programs contain variables

The KeY System (Bernhard Beckert et al.)

Hybrid Dynamic Logic

Dynamic logic in which the atomic programs contain differential equations

The KeYmaera Verification Tool (Andre Platzer)

(Differential dynamic logic)

Summary

- Basic notions in formal specification and verification

Related topics

- Seminar “Decision Procedures and Applications”: Summer Semester

More details on Specification, Model Checking, Verification:

Every summer (usually end of August):

Summer school “Verification Technology, Systems & Applications”

BSc/MSc Theses in the area