#### Discrete Event Systems Verification of Finite Automata (Part 2)



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Last week in Discrete Event Systems

#### Verification Scenarios

Example





### Comparison using BDDs

- Boolean (combinatorial) circuits: Compare specification and implementation, or compare two implementations.
- Method:
  - Representation of the two systems in ROBDDs, e.g., by applying the **APPLY** operator repeatedly.
  - Compare the structures of the ROBDDs.



#### Sets and Relations



#### Reachability of States

- Problem: Is a state  $q \in Q$  reachable by a sequence of state transitions?
- Method:
  - Represent set of states and the transformation relation as ROBDDs.
  - Use these representations to transform from one set of states to another. Set  $Q_i$  corresponds to the set of states reachable after i transitions.
  - Iterate the transformation until a fixed-point is reached, i.e., until the set of states does not change anymore (steady-state).
- Example:



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This week in Discrete Event Systems Efficient state representation

Computing reachability

- Set of states as Boolean function
- Binary Decision Diagram representation

- Leverage efficient state representation
- Explore successor sets of states



- Temporal logic (CTL)
- Encoding as reachability problem

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There exists other logics (e.g. LTL, CTL\*)



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Each state has at least one successor (can be itself)

- We use this computation tree as a running example.
- We suppose that the black and red states satisfy atomic properties p and q, respectively.

 The topmost state is the initial state; in the examples, it always satisfies the given formula.



Over paths:

Path-specific:

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M satisfies  $\phi \iff q_0 \vDash \phi$  where  $q_0$  is the initial state of M



































Can be more than one pair

A and F are convenient, but not necessary

AG 
$$\phi_1$$
 where  $\phi_1 = EF \phi_2 \equiv AG EF \phi_2$ 

E,G,X,U are sufficient to define the whole logic.

$$AF\phi \equiv \neg EG(\neg \phi)$$
$$AG\phi \equiv \neg EF(\neg \phi)$$
$$AX\phi \equiv \neg EX(\neg \phi)$$
$$EF\phi \equiv true EU\phi$$

No need to know that one  $\blacktriangleright \phi_1 AU \phi_2 \equiv \neg ([(\neg \phi_1) EU \neg (\phi_1 + \phi_2)] + EG(\neg \phi_2))$ 

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- No matter what happens, I will like chocolate from now on. But when it gets warm p AU q outside, I don't know whether I still like it. And it will get warm outside someday.

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## Specifying using CTL formula

Famous problem **Dining Philosophers** 

- Five philosophers are sitting around a table, taking turns at thinking and eating.
- Each needs two forks to eat.
- They put down forks. only once they have eaten.
- There are only five forks.



Atomic proposition

 $e_i$ : Philosopher *i* is currently eating.

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#### Computing CTL formula

• Define  $[\![\phi]\!]$  as the set of all initial states of the finite automaton for which CTL formula  $\phi$  is true. A finite automaton with initial state  $q_0$  satisfies  $\phi$  iff

#### $q_0 \in [\![\phi]\!]$

- Now, we can use our "trick": computing with sets of states!
  - $\psi_{\llbracket \phi \rrbracket}(q)$  is true if the state q is in the set  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$ , i.e., it is a state for which the CTL formula is true.
  - Therefore, we can also say

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Over paths:Path-specific:
$$A\phi \rightarrow All \phi$$
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$$[[q_2]] = \{q_2\}$$

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As  $q_0 \notin \llbracket EX q_2 \rrbracket = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$ , the CTL formula EX  $q_2$  is not true.

### Computing CTL formula: EF $\phi$

- Start with the set of initial states for which the formula  $\phi$  is true.
- Add to this set the set of predecessor states. Repeat for the resulting set of states, ...., until we reach a fixed-point.



 $Q_i = Q_{i-1} \cup \operatorname{Pre}(Q_{i-1}, \delta)$  for all i > 1 until a fixed point Q' is reached  $\llbracket \operatorname{EF} \phi \rrbracket = Q'$ 



### Computing CTL formula: EF $\phi$

• Example for  $EF\phi$ : Compute  $EFq_2$ 



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As  $q_0 \in \llbracket \mathrm{EF} q_2 
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# Computing CTL formula: EG $\phi$

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- Cut this set with the set of predecessor states. Repeat for the resulting set of states, ..., until we reach a fixed-point.

 $Q_0 = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$ 

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### Computing CTL formula: EG $\phi$

• Example for EG  $\phi$ : Compute EG  $q_2$ 



$$Q_0 = [\![q_2]\!] = \{q_2\}$$

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• Example for EG  $\phi$ : Compute EG  $q_2$   $q_1$   $q_2$   $q_2$   $q_3$   $q_4$  |  $\exists q \text{ with } \psi_Q(q) \cdot \psi_\delta(q',q) \} = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$   $Q_0 = [\![q_2]\!] = \{q_2\}$   $Q_1 = \{q_2\} \cap \operatorname{Pre}(\{q_2\}, \delta) = \{q_2\}$  $[\![\operatorname{EG}q_2]\!] = Q_2 = \{q_2\}$ 

As  $q_0 \not\in \llbracket \mathrm{EG} q_2 
rbracket = \{q_2\}$ , the CTL formula EG  $q_2$  is not true.

## Computing CTL formula: $\phi_1 EU\phi_2$

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- Start with the set of initial states for which the formula  $\phi_2$  is true.
- Add to this set the set of predecessor states for which the formula  $\phi_1$  is true. Repeat for the resulting set of states we do the same, ..., until we reach a fixed-point.
- Like EF  $\phi_2$ ; the only difference is that, on our path backwards, we always make sure that also  $\phi_1$  holds.



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Compute other CTL expressions as:  $AF\phi \equiv \neg EG(\neg \phi) \quad AG\phi \equiv \neg EF(\neg \phi) \quad AX\phi \equiv \neg EX(\neg \phi)$ 

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Extremely useful! 
 Debugging the model

Searching a specific execution sequence

#### Your turn to practice! after the break

- Familiarise yourself with CTL logic and how to compute sets of states satisfying a given formula
- Convert a concrete problem into a state reachability question (adapted from state-of-the-art research!)

Efficient state representation

Computing reachability

- Set of states as Boolean function
- Binary Decision Diagram representation

- Leverage efficient state representation
- Explore successor sets of states



- Temporal logic (CTL)
- Encoding as reachability problem

#### Conclusion and perspectives

Next week(s)

Petri Nets

- asynchronous DES model
- tailored model concurrent distributed systems
- capture an infinite state space with a finite model

a computer a network

How they work? How to use them for modeling systems? How to verify them?

#### Thanks for your attention and see you next week! ③



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