Model Checking and Linear Temporal Logic

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Formal Verification by Model Checking

*Domain:* Continuously operating concurrent systems (e.g. operating systems, hardware controllers and network protocols)

- Ongoing, reactive semantics
  - Non-terminating, infinite computations
  - Manifest non-determinism

*Instrument:* Temporal logic [Pnueli 77] is a formalism for reasoning about behavior of reactive systems
Motivation: What can be Verified?

- **Architecture**
  - Will these two components interact properly?
    - Allen and Garlan: Wright system checks architectures for deadlock

- **Code**
  - Am I using this component correctly?
    - Microsoft’s Static Driver Verifier ensures complex device driver rules are followed
      - Substantially reduced Windows blue screens
  - Is my code safe
    - Will it avoid error conditions?
    - Will it be responsive, eventually accepting the next input?

- **Security**
  - Is the protocol I’m using secure
    - Model checking has found defects in security protocols
Temporal Logic Model Checking

[Clarke, Emerson 81][Queille, Sifakis 82]

- Systems are modeled by **finite state machines**
- **Properties** are written in **propositional temporal logic**
- Verification procedure is an **exhaustive search of the state space** of the design
- **Diagnostic counterexamples**
Temporal Logic Model Checking

Finite State Machine

Preprocessor

Property

Model Checker

True or Counterexample
What is Model Checking?

Does model M satisfy a property P?
(written $M \models P$)

What is “M”?

What is “P”?

What is “satisfy”?
What is “M”?

Example Program:

precondition: numTickets > 0
reserved = false;
while (true) {
    getQuery();
    if (numTickets > 0 && !reserved)
        reserved = true;
    if (numTickets > 0 && reserved) {
        reserved = false;
        numTickets--;
    }
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Is a ticket reserved?

```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>nT</th>
<th>r</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>f</td>
</tr>
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<td>1</td>
<td>f</td>
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**State:** valuations to all variables  
- concrete state: (numTickets=5, reserved=false)  
- abstract state: (a=true, r=false) 

**Initial states:** subset of states 

**Arcs:** transitions between states 

**Atomic Propositions:** 
- a: numTickets > 0  
- r: reserved = true 

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- \( S \) – finite set of states
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- \( L : S \rightarrow 2^{\text{AP}} \) – mapping from states to a set of atomic propositions
Model of Computation

Unwind State Graph to obtain traces. A trace is an infinite sequence of states. The semantics of a FSM is a set of traces.
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State Transition Graph

Infinite Computation Tree

Represent all traces with an infinite computation tree
What is “P”?

Different kinds of temporal logics

Syntax: What are the formulas in the logic?

Semantics: What does it mean for model \( M \) to satisfy formula \( P \)?

Formulas:

- Atomic propositions: properties of states
- Temporal Logic Specifications: properties of traces.
Computation Tree Logics

Examples:  
**Safety** (mutual exclusion): no two processes can be at a critical section at the same time

**Liveness** (absence of starvation): every request will be eventually granted

Temporal logics differ according to how they handle branching in the underlying computation tree.

Our Focus

In a linear temporal logic (LTL), operators are provided for describing system behavior along a single computation path.

In a branching-time logic (CTL), the temporal operators quantify over the paths that are possible from a given state.
The Logic LTL

Linear Time Logic (LTL) [Pnueli 77]: logic of temporal sequences.

- \( \alpha \): \( \alpha \) holds in the current state
- \( X\alpha \): \( \alpha \) holds in the next state
- \( F\gamma \): \( \gamma \) holds eventually
- \( G\lambda \): \( \lambda \) holds from now on
- \( (\alpha U \beta) \): \( \alpha \) holds until \( \beta \) holds
Typical LTL Formulas

- $G (\text{Req } \Rightarrow \ F \text{ Ack})$: whenever $\text{Request}$ occurs, it will be eventually $\text{Acknowledged}$.

- $G (\text{DeviceEnabled})$: $\text{DeviceEnabled}$ always holds on every computation path.

- $G (F \text{ Restart})$: Fairness: from any state one will eventually get to a $\text{Restart}$ state. i.e. $\text{Restart}$ states occur infinitely often.

- $G (\text{Reset } \Rightarrow \ F \text{ Restart})$: whenever the reset button is pressed one will eventually get to the $\text{Restart}$ state.
LTL Conventions

• G is sometimes written □
• F is sometimes written ◊
Notation

- A path $\pi$ in $M$ is an infinite sequence of states $s_0, s_1, \ldots$ such that for every $i \geq 0$, $(s_i, s_{i+1}) \in R$
- $\pi^i$ denotes the suffix of $\pi$ starting at $s_i$
- $M, \pi \models f$ means that $f$ holds along path $\pi$ in the Kripke structure $M$
Semantics of LTL Formulas

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\[ \land \forall 0 \leq j < k M, \pi^j \models g_1 \]
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The semantics of “until” in English are potentially unclear—that’s why we have a formal definition.
Practice Writing Properties

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  – $G (\text{locked} \implies (\neg \text{open} \lor \text{unlocked}))$

• If you press ctrl-C, you will get a command line prompt
  – $G (\text{ctrlC} \implies \text{F prompt})$

• The saw will not run unless the safety guard is engaged
  – $G (\neg \text{safety} \implies \neg \text{running})$
LTL Model Checking Example

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\( G(\text{Start} \Rightarrow F \text{ Heat}) \)
LTL Model Checking

• f (primitive formula)
  – Just check the properties of the current state
• X f
  – Verify f holds in all successors of the current state
• G f
  – Find all reachable states from the current state, and ensure f holds in all of them
    • use depth-first or breadth-first search
• f U g
  – Do a depth-first search from the current state. Stop when you get to a g or you loop back on an already visited state. Signal an error if you hit a state where f is false before you stop.
• F f
  – Harder. Intuition: look for a path from the current state that loops back on itself, such that f is false on every state in the path. If no such path is found, the formula is true.
    • Reality: use Büchi automata
LTL Model Checking Example

- Pressing Start will eventually result in heat

\[ G(\text{Start} \Rightarrow F \text{ Heat}) \]
LTL Model Checking Example

- The oven doesn’t heat up until the door is closed.
LTL Model Checking Example

- The oven doesn’t heat up until the door is closed.
  \((\neg \text{Heat}) \mathbf{U} \text{Close}\)
  \((\neg \text{Heat}) \mathbf{W} \text{Close}\)
  \(G (\text{not Closed} \Rightarrow \text{not Heat})\)
Efficient Algorithms for LTL Model Checking

• Use Büchi automata
  – Beyond the scope of this course

• Canonical reference on Model Checking:
SPIN: The Promela Language

- PROcess MEta LAnguage

- Asynchronous composition of independent processes
- Communication using channels and global variables
- Non-deterministic choices and interleavings
Mutual Exclusion

• Peterson’s solution to the mutual exclusion problem
Mutual Exclusion in SPIN

```c
bool turn;
bool flag[2];
proctype mutex0() {
    again:
        flag[0] = 1;
        turn = 1;
        (flag[1] == 0 || turn == 0);
        /* critical section */
        flag[0] = 0;
        goto again;
    }
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Mutual Exclusion in SPIN

bool turn, flag[2];

active [2] proctype user()
{
    assert(_pid == 0 || __pid == 1);
    again:
        flag[_pid] = 1;
        turn = 1 - _pid;
        (flag[1 - _pid] == 0 || turn == _pid);

    /* critical section */

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Active process: automatically creates instances of processes
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**assert:** Checks that there are only at most two instances with identifiers 0 and 1
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```c
bool turn, flag[2];
byte ncrit;
active [2] proctype user()
{
    assert(_pid == 0 || __pid == 1);
    again:
        flag[_pid] = 1;
        turn = 1 - __pid;
        (flag[1 - __pid] == 0 || turn == __pid);
        ncrit++;
        assert(ncrit == 1); /* critical section */
        ncrit--;
        flag[_pid] = 0;
        goto again;
}
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ncrit: Counts the number of Process in the critical section
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    ncrit++;
    assert(ncrit == 1); /* critical section */
    ncrit--;
    flag[_pid] = 0;
    goto again;
}
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**assert:** Checks that there are always at most one process in the critical section.
### Mutual Exclusion in SPIN

```c
bool turn, flag[2];
bool critical[2];
#define critical1 critical[1]

active [2] proctype user()
{
    assert(_pid == 0 || __pid == 1);
again:
    flag[_pid] = 1;
    turn = 1 - _pid;
    (flag[1 - _pid] == 0 || turn == _pid);
    critical[_pid] = 1;
    /* critical section */
    critical[_pid] = 0;
    flag[_pid] = 0;
    goto again;
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[] (!critical0 || !critical1)

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F critical[0]
<> critical0

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G (turn -> F critical0)
[] (turn -> <> critical0)
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* caveat: can’t use array indexes in SPIN LTL properties--have to duplicate code
** caveat: can’t use next (X) due to SPIN limitations
***caveat: SPIN accepts a “never” property rather than an “always” property, so LTL formulas should be negated before passing them to SPIN.
State Space Explosion

Problem:
Size of the state graph can be exponential in size of the program (both in the number of the program variables and the number of program components)

\[ M = M_1 \parallel \ldots \parallel M_n \]

If each \( M_i \) has just 2 local states, potentially \( 2^n \) global states

Research Directions: State space reduction
Model Checking Performance

• Model Checkers today can routinely handle systems with between 100 and 300 state variables.

• Systems with $10^{120}$ reachable states have been checked.

• By using appropriate abstraction techniques, systems with an essentially unlimited number of states can be checked.
Notable Examples

- **IEEE Scalable Coherent Interface** – In 1992 Dill’s group at Stanford used Murphi to find several errors, ranging from uninitialized variables to subtle logical errors.

- **IEEE Futurebus** – In 1992 Clarke’s group at CMU found previously undetected design errors.

- **PowerScale multiprocessor** (processor, memory controller, and bus arbiter) was verified by Verimag researchers using CAESAR toolbox.

- **Lucent telecom. protocols** were verified by FormalCheck – errors leading to lost transitions were identified.

- **PowerPC 620 Microprocessor** was verified by Motorola’s Verdict model checker.
The Grand Challenge: Model Check Software

Extract finite state machines from programs written in conventional programming languages

Use a finite state programming language:
- executable design specifications (Statecharts, xUML, etc.).

Unroll the state machine obtained from the executable of the program.
The Grand Challenge: Model Check Software

Use a combination of the state space reduction techniques to avoid generating too many states.
- Verisoft (Bell Labs)
- FormalCheck/xUML (UT Austin, Bell Labs)
- ComFoRT (CMU/SEI)

Use static analysis to extract a finite state skeleton from a program. Model check the result.
- Bandera – Kansas State
- Java PathFinder – NASA Ames
- SLAM/Bebop - Microsoft
Bonus: Computation Tree Logic (CTL)
Computation Tree Logics

Formulas are constructed from *path quantifiers* and *temporal operators*:

1. **Path Quantifiers:**
   - $A$ – “for every path”
   - $E$ – “there exists a path”

2. **Temporal Operator:**
   - $X\alpha$ - $\alpha$ holds next time
   - $F\alpha$ - $\alpha$ holds sometime in the future
   - $G\alpha$ - $\alpha$ holds globally in the future
   - $\alpha U\beta$ - $\alpha$ holds until $\beta$ holds

*LTL*: start with an $A$ and then use only Temporal Operators
The Logic CTL

In a branching-time logic (CTL), the temporal operators quantify over the paths that are possible from a given state \( s_0 \). Requires each temporal operator (\( X, F, G, \) and \( U \)) to be preceded by a path quantifier (\( A \) or \( E \)).

\[
M, s_0 \models AG c \\
M, s_0 \models AF c \\
M, s_0 \models EF c \\
M, s_0 \models EG c
\]
Typical CTL Formulas

- **EF** \((\text{Started} \land \neg \text{Ready})\): it is possible to get to a state where \text{Started} holds but \text{Ready} does not hold.

- **\text{AG} (\text{Req} \Rightarrow \text{AF Ack})**: whenever \text{Request} occurs, it will be eventually \text{Acknowledged}.

- **\text{AG} (DeviceEnabled)**: \text{DeviceEnabled} always holds on every computation path.

- **\text{AG} (EF Restart)**: from any state it is possible to get to the \text{Restart} state.
Trivia

• $\text{AG}(\text{EF } p)$ cannot be expressed in LTL
  – Reset property: from every state it is possible to get to $p$
    • But there might be paths where you never get to $p$
  – Different from $\text{A}(\text{GF } p)$
    • Along each possible path, for each state in the path, there is a future state where $p$ holds
    • Counterexample: ababab…
Trivia

• $A(FG \ p)$ cannot be expressed in CTL
  – Along all paths, one eventually reaches a point where $p$ always holds from then on
    • But at some points in some paths where $p$ always holds, there might be a diverging path where $p$ does not hold
  – Different from $AF(AG \ p)$
    • Along each possible path there exists a state such that $p$ always holds from then on
    • Counterexample: the path that stays in $s_0$
Linear vs. branching-time logics

some advantages of LTL

• LTL properties are preserved under “abstraction”: i.e., if $M$ “approximates” a more complex model $M'$, by introducing more paths, then

$$M \preceq \psi \implies M' \preceq \psi$$

• “counterexamples” for LTL are simpler: consisting of single executions (rather than trees).

• The automata-theoretic approach to LTL model checking is simpler (no tree automata involved).

• Anecdotally, it seems most properties people are interested in are linear-time properties.

some advantages of BT logics

• BT allows expression of some useful properties like ‘reset’.

• CTL, a limited fragment of the more complete BT logic CTL*, can be model checked in time linear in the formula size (as well as in the transition system). But formulas are usually far smaller than system models, so this isn’t as important as it may first seem.

• Some BT logics, like $\mu$-calculus and CTL, are well-suited for the kind of fixed-point computation scheme used in symbolic model checking.
Formulas over States and Paths

• State formulas
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  – If $p \in AP$, then $p$ is a state formula
  – If $f$ and $g$ are state formulas, then $\neg f$, $f \land g$ and $f \lor g$ are state formulas
  – If $f$ is a path formula, then $E f$ and $A f$ are state formulas

• Path formulas
  – Describe a property of an infinite path through a model $M$
  – If $f$ is a state formula, then $f$ is also a path formula
  – If $f$ and $g$ are path formulas, then $\neg f$, $f \land g$, $f \lor g$, $X f$, $F f$, $G f$, and $f U g$ are path formulas
**Notation**

- A path $\pi$ in $M$ is an infinite sequence of states $s_0, s_1, \ldots$ such that for every $i \geq 0$, $(s_i, s_{i+1}) \in R$
- $\pi^i$ denotes the suffix of $\pi$ starting at $s_i$
- If $f$ is a state formula, $M, s \models f$ means that $f$ holds at state $s$ in the Kripke structure $M$
- If $f$ is a path formula, $M, \pi \models f$ means that $f$ holds along path $\pi$ in the Kripke structure $M$
Semantics of Formulas

\[ M, s \models p \iff p \in L(s) \]
\[ M, s \models \neg f \iff M, s \not\models f \]
\[ M, s \models f_1 \land f_2 \iff M, s \models f_1 \land M, s \models f_2 \]
\[ M, s \models f_1 \lor f_2 \iff M, s \models f_1 \lor M, s \models f_2 \]
\[ M, s \models E g_1 \iff \exists \pi=s \ldots \mid M, \pi \models g_1 \]
\[ M, s \models A g_1 \iff \forall \pi=s \ldots M, \pi \models g_1 \]
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\[ M, \pi \models g_1 U g_2 \iff \exists k \geq 0 \mid M, \pi^k \not\models g_2 \land \forall 0 \leq j < k M, \pi^j \models g_1 \]
Bonus: Example
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In this case \texttt{b} is always false and therefore there is a deadlock.
Other constructs

• Do loops

\[
\text{do} \\
:: \text{count} = \text{count} + 1; \\
:: \text{count} = \text{count} - 1; \\
:: (\text{count} == 0) \rightarrow \text{break} \\
\text{od}
\]
Other constructs

- Do loops
- Communication over channels

```plaintext
proctype sender(chan out)
{
  int x;

  if
    ::x=0;
    ::x=1;
  fi

  out ! x;
}
```
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```c
proc type receiver(chan in)
{
    int value;
    in ? value;
    assert(value == 0 || value == 1)
}
```
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- Atomic Steps

```c
int value;
proctype increment()
{
  atomic {
    x = value;
    x = x + 1;
    value = x;
  }
}
```