Topics in Concurrency

Lectures 8–9

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CTL: Computation tree logic

A logic based on paths

$$A \quad ::= \quad At \mid A_0 \wedge A_1 \mid A_0 \vee A_1 \mid \neg A \mid T \mid F \mid$$
$$\mathrm{EX}\ A \mid \mathrm{EG}\ A \mid \mathrm{E}[A_0\ \mathrm{U}\ A_1]$$

A path from state s is a maximal sequence of states

$$\pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_i \ldots)$$

such that $s = \pi_0$ and $\pi_i \to \pi_{i+1}$ for all i.

$s \models \mathrm{EX}\ A$	iff	Exists a path from s along which the neXt state satisfies A
$s \models \mathrm{EG}\ A$	iff	Exists a path from s along which Globally each state satisfies A
$s \models \mathrm{E}[A\ \mathrm{U}\ B]$	iff	Exists a path from s along which A holds Until B holds

Derived assertions

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\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{AX}\ B &\equiv \neg \mathrm{EX}\ \neg B \\
\mathrm{EF}\ B &\equiv \mathrm{E}[\,T\ \mathrm{U}\ B\,] \\
\mathrm{AG}\ B &\equiv \neg \mathrm{EF}\ \neg B \\
\mathrm{AF}\ B &\equiv \neg \mathrm{EG}\ \neg B \\
\mathrm{A}[\,B\ \mathrm{U}\ C\,] &\equiv \neg \mathrm{E}[\neg C\ \mathrm{U}\ \neg B \wedge \neg C\,] \wedge \neg \mathrm{EG}\ \neg C
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The *U*ntil operator is strict

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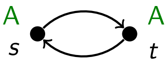

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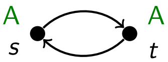

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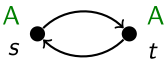

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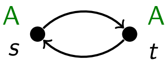

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Alternatively, consider the approximants for finite-state systems.

A translation into modal-μ

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{EX}\, a & \equiv & \langle - \rangle A \\ \mathsf{EG}\, a & \equiv & \nu Y. A \wedge ([-]F \vee \langle - \rangle Y) \\ \mathsf{E}[a\, \mathsf{U}\, b] & \equiv & \mu Z. B \vee (A \wedge \langle - \rangle Z) \end{array}$$

Based on this, we get a translation of CTL into the modal-μ calculus.

Proposition

$$s \vDash \nu Y.A \wedge ([-]F \vee \langle - \rangle Y)$$

in a finite-state transition system iff
there exists a path π *from* s *such that* $\pi_i \vDash A$ *for all* i*.*

Proof:
Take $\varphi(Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A \wedge ([-]F \vee \langle - \rangle Y)$.

$$\nu Y.\varphi(Y) = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} \varphi^n(T) \quad \text{where} \quad T \supseteq \varphi(T) \supseteq \cdots$$

since φ is monotonic and $\bigcap$-continuous due to the set of states being finite.
By induction, for $n \geq 1$

$s \vDash \varphi^n(T)$	iff	there is a path of length $\leq n$ from s along which all states satisfy A and the final state has no outward transition
	or	there is a path of length n from s along which all states satisfy A and the final state has some outward transition

Assuming the number of states is k, we have

$$\varphi^k(T) = \varphi^{k+1}(T)$$

and hence $\nu Y.\varphi(Y) = \varphi^k(T)$.

$$\begin{array}{lll} s \vDash \nu Y.\varphi(Y) & \text{iff} & s \vDash \varphi^k(T) \\ & \text{iff} & \text{there exists a maxmial } A \text{ path of length} \leq k \text{ from } s \\ & \text{or} & \text{there exists a necessarily looping } A \text{ path} \\ & & \text{of length } k \text{ from } s \end{array}$$

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As before, $\mu X.A \equiv \neg \nu X. \neg A[\neg X/X]$ and now

$$\nu X.A = \nu X\{\}.A$$

The reduction lemma

Lemma

Let $\varphi : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}) \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S})$ *be monotonic. For all* $U \subseteq \mathcal{S}$*,*

$$\begin{aligned} & U \subseteq \nu X.\varphi(X) \\ \iff \quad & U \subseteq \varphi(\nu X.(U \cup \varphi(X))) \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} & p \in \nu X.\varphi(X) \\ \iff \quad & p \in \varphi(\nu X.(\{p\} \cup \varphi(X))). \end{aligned}$$

Model checking algorithm

Given a transition system and a set of basic assertions $\{U, V, \ldots\}$:

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\begin{array}{llll}
p \vdash U & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{true} & \text{if } p \in U \\
p \vdash U & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{false} & \text{if } p \notin U \\
p \vdash T & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{true} & \\
p \vdash F & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{false} & \\
p \vdash \neg B & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{not}(p \vdash B) & \\
p \vdash A \wedge B & \longrightarrow & p \vdash A \quad \mathrm{and} \quad p \vdash B & \\
p \vdash A \vee B & \longrightarrow & p \vdash A \quad \mathrm{or} \quad p \vdash B & \\
p \vdash \langle a \rangle B & \longrightarrow & q_1 \vdash B \ \mathrm{or} \ \ldots \ \mathrm{or} \ q_n \vdash B & \\
 & & \qquad \{q_1, \ldots, q_n\} = \{q \mid p \xrightarrow{a} q\} & \\
p \vdash \nu X\{\vec{r}\}.B & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{true} & \text{if } p \in \{\vec{r}\} \\
p \vdash \nu X\{\vec{r}\}.B & \longrightarrow & p \vdash B[\nu X\{p, \vec{r}\}.B / X] & \text{if } p \notin \{\vec{r}\}
\end{array}
$$

Can use any sensible reduction technique for $\mathrm{not}, \mathrm{or}$ and and.

Examples

Define the pure CCS process

$$P \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} a.(a.\mathbf{nil} + a.P)$$

Check

$$P \vdash \nu X.\langle a\rangle X$$

and check

$$P \vdash \mu Y.[-]F \vee \langle -\rangle Y$$

Note:

$$\mu Y.[-]F \vee \langle -\rangle Y \equiv \neg \nu Y.\neg([-]F \vee \langle -\rangle \neg Y))$$

Well-founded induction

A binary relation $\prec$ on a set A is well-founded iff there are no infinite descending chains

$$\cdots \prec a_n \prec \cdots \prec a_1 \prec a_0$$

The principle of well-founded induction:
Let $\prec$ be a well-founded relation on a set A. Let P be a property on A. Then

$$\forall a \in A.\ P(a)$$

iff

$$\forall a \in A.\ ((\forall b \prec a.\ P(b)) \implies P(a))$$

Correctness and termination of the algorithm

Write $(p \vDash A) = \mathrm{true}$ iff p is in the set of states determined by A.

Theorem

Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$ be a finite-state process and A be a closed assertion. For any truth value $t \in \{\mathrm{true}, \mathrm{false}\}$,

$$(p \vdash A) \to^{*} t \quad \iff \quad (p \vDash A) = t$$

Proof sketch

For assertions A and A', take

$$A' \prec A \iff \begin{array}{ll} & A' \text{ is a proper subassertion of } A \\ \text{or} & A \equiv \nu X\{\vec{r}\}B \ \ \& \\ \exists p & A' \equiv \nu X\{\vec{r}, p\}B \ \ \& \ \ p \notin \vec{r} \end{array}$$

Want, for all closed assertions A,

$$Q(A) \quad \iff \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{P}. \forall t. (q \vdash A) \to^* t \iff (q \models A) = t$$

We show the following stronger property on open assertions by well-founded induction:

$$Q^+(A) \quad \iff \quad \begin{array}{l} \forall \text{closed substitutions for free variables} \\ B_1/X_1, \ldots, B_n/X_n : \\ Q(B_1) \& \ldots \& Q(B_n) \implies Q(A[B_1/X_1, \ldots, B_n/X_n]) \end{array}$$

The proof (presented in the lecture notes) centrally depends on the reduction lemma.