

Model Checking Imperative Programs

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Motivation (1)

February 25, 1991:

- a Patriot Missile system that had been running for over 100 hours at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, failed to intercept a SCUD missile.
- The SCUD hit an Army Barracks, killing 28 Americans.
- The problem is that time is stored to an accuracy of 1/10th of a second. A 24-bit register does not have enough precision to store 0.1, so a small fraction of each second is lost. The result is that the register used to keep track of time is off by 0.0001% of the amount of time that the system has been in operation.

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- It came out that the chip gave as answer $z = 256$.
- Intel was forced to offer to replace all flawed Pentium processors.

Motivation (3)

June 4, 1996:

- The ESA rocket named Ariane 5 exploded just 40 seconds after lift-off.
- The destroyed rocket and its cargo were evaluated \$500 million.
- Cause: a 64 bit floating point number relating to the horizontal velocity of the rocket wrt. platform was converted to a 16 bit signed integer.

Motivation (4)

For more interesting cases, you may have a look at:

- ACM Forum on Risks to the Public in Computers and Related Systems: www.risks.org
- Peter Neumann's homepage
www.csl.sri.com/users/neumann

Last piece of data¹:

- Cost of inadequate Software Testing Infrastructure to the U.S.A.: \$59.5 Billions.
- Potential portion of cost reduced from feasible improvements: \$22.2 Billions.

¹Source: NIST Planning Report 02-3, June 2002

The context

Formal Verification is the act of proving or disproving the correctness of a (hardware or software) system with respect to a certain formal specification or property, using formal methods (logic, automata, etc.).

Formal Verification ensures consistency with its specification for **all** possible input patterns.

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States

State: a “snapshot” of the system. Usually involves valuations of the system variables $\omega : V_S \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$.

Formal Methods - Reachability (1)

As example property, in this talk we only consider **reachability**.
The operator $post$ on Σ is defined as

$$post(\Sigma_1) = \{\sigma' \in \Sigma \mid \text{exists } \sigma \in \Sigma_1 : \sigma \rightsquigarrow \sigma'\}$$

for all $\Sigma_1 \subseteq \Sigma$. The set of **reachable states** is defined as the closure of \mathcal{I} under $post$:

$$post^*(\mathcal{I}) = \mathcal{I} \cup post(\mathcal{I}) \cup \dots$$

The set $post^*(\mathcal{I})$ is also known as the *least fix point* of $post$ that contains \mathcal{I} .

Formal Methods - Reachability (2)

A finite computation can lead to:

- *erroneous states* $E : E \subseteq \Sigma$;
- *safe states* $F : F \subseteq \Sigma$ and $F = \Sigma \setminus E$.

The system S executes correctly iff no unsafe state is reachable:

$$\text{post}^*(\mathcal{I}) \cap E = \emptyset,$$

or, analogously, if

$$\text{post}^*(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq F.$$

Moreover, given a specification $Q : Q \subseteq \Sigma$, the system is correct wrt Q if

$$\text{post}^*(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq Q.$$

Formal Methods - Reachability (3)

- Reachability is in general **undecidable**; [Esparza, 97]
- However, there are many interesting cases to consider for which reachability becomes decidable:
 - finite-state automata,
 - timed automata, [Alur and Dill, 94]
 - pushdown automata,
 - ...

Formal Methods - An Overview

Formal methods include:

- State space exploration
- Abstract Interpretation
- Automatic Theorem Proving
- Model Checking
- ...

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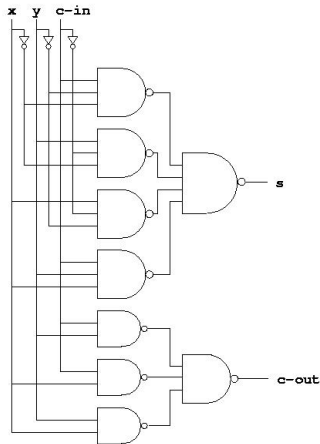
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Main drawback

Combinatorial state space explosion!

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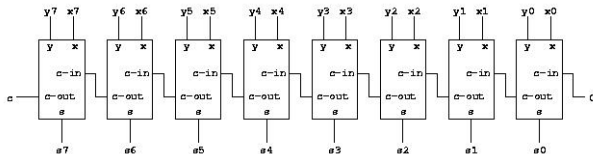
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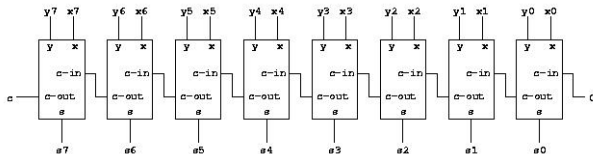
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What if we want to verify a 32-bit adder?

Number of possible input states: $2^{64} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{19}!!$

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (1)

- Introduced by Patrick and Rhadia Cousot in 1977.
- The system S is *abstracted* by a “simpler” one, $S^\#$.
- Then we apply verification techniques on $S^\#$.
- Aim of abstract interpretation is to make the computation of fix-points (in our case, $post^*$) easier.

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (2)

Definition

Let $L, L^\#$ be complete lattices. Then,

$$\langle L, \sqsubseteq \rangle \xrightleftharpoons[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle L^\#, \sqsubseteq^\# \rangle$$

is a Galois Connection iff

$$\forall x \in L, \forall y \in L^\# \quad \alpha(x) \sqsubseteq^\# y \Leftrightarrow x \sqsubseteq \gamma(y),$$

where α and γ are monotonic functions that relate concrete and abstract domains.

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (3)

A possible abstraction in the case of reachability:

- We can relate the “concrete” transition system S with a simpler one $S^\#$ (that preserves the original properties);
- We then compare concrete and abstract (sets of) states.
- Concrete and abstract states are related by a surjective function $h : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^\#$ such that $h(\sigma) = \sigma^\#$ for all $\sigma \in \Sigma$.

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (4)

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Definition (Concretization)

The concretization γ is a function $\gamma : 2^{\Sigma^\#} \rightarrow 2^\Sigma$ such that, for all $\Sigma_1^\# \subseteq \Sigma^\#$,

$$\gamma(\Sigma_1^\#) = \{\sigma \in \Sigma \mid h(\sigma) \in \Sigma_1^\#\}.$$

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (5)

Definition (Galois connection)

The functions α and γ form a *Galois connection*:

$$\langle 2^\Sigma, \subseteq \rangle \xleftrightarrow[\alpha]{\gamma} \langle 2^{\Sigma^\#}, \subseteq \rangle.$$

Some Properties

- $\forall \Sigma_1 \in \Sigma, \Sigma_1 \subseteq \gamma(\alpha(\Sigma_1))$
- $\forall \Sigma_1^\# \in \Sigma^\#, \Sigma_1^\# \subseteq \alpha(\gamma(\Sigma_1^\#))$
- For $post^\#(\Sigma_1^\#) = \alpha(post(\gamma(\Sigma_1^\#)))$,

$$lfp(post) \subseteq \gamma(lfp(post^\#)).$$

Formal Methods - Abstract Interpretation (6)

Drawback

$$lfp(post) \subseteq \gamma(lfp(post^\#)).$$

- if the abstract program satisfies the properties, so does the concrete one.
- if it does not, no conclusive answer!

Formal Methods - Model Checking

In Model Checking, a system S is formalized as a Kripke Structure.

Definition (Kripke structure)

Let AP be a set of atomic propositions. A *Kripke Structure* M over AP is a 4-tuple

$$M = \langle \Sigma, \mathcal{I}, \rightsquigarrow, \mathcal{L} \rangle$$

where

- Σ is a **finite** set of states
- $\mathcal{L} : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^{AP}$ is a function that labels each state with the set $AP' \subseteq AP$ of atomic propositions that are true in that state.

Model Checking - Specification of the properties

Desirable properties of a system are usually specified in some temporal logics like *LTL*, *CTL*, *CTL**.

Examples:

- *LTL*:
 - Mutex: $\neg \mathbf{F}(c_1 \wedge c_2)$
 - Safety: $\mathbf{G}\phi$
 - Liveness: $\mathbf{GF}active$
- *CTL*:
 - Possibility: $\mathbf{EF}\phi$ (Reachability)
 - Invariance: $\mathbf{AG}\phi$
 - Unavoidableness: $\mathbf{AF}\phi$
- *CTL**: a combination of *LTL* and *CTL*..

Model Checking - The Problem

Given a property ϕ , the goal of Model Checking is to verify whether ϕ holds in M .

$$\models_M \phi$$

- The problem is decidable
- For both *LTL* and *CTL** it is P-SPACE complete;
- For *CTL* it is decidable in $\mathcal{O}(|M| \cdot |\phi|)$.

Model Checking - Pros & Cons.

Advantages

- Fully automatic (“push-button”)
- No proofs needed!
- A counterexample is always given in case an error is found.

Drawbacks:

- Construction of a good model is hard;
- Size of the model may explode;
- Model is hard to represent in a compact way (BDDs heavily depend on variable ordering, and may become exponential).

Applications

- 1992, Clarke: IEEE Futurebus+ cache coherence protocol (SMV),
- 1996, Bell Labs: AT&T High-Level Data Link Controller,
- 1996, Rahimi and Lear: PowerPC 620,
- 2000, Tacchella et al.: part of control logic of Intel Pentium IV,
- 2001, Stanford FLASH multiprocessor cache coherence protocol,
- etc..

What if systems are **not finite**? Model Checking becomes **undecidable**.

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Main actors:

- The SLAM Toolkit (Ball et al., Microsoft Research),
- BLAST (Henzinger et al., Berkeley University),
- MAGIC (Clarke et al., CMU),
- Java PathFinder (Visser et al, NASA).

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 - If $C^\#$ is also a concrete counterexample, then $\not\models_P \phi$ and return **FALSE**.
 - If $C^\#$ is spurious, then refine $P^\#$ and go back to Step 2.

Boolean Abstraction and Refinement

- First introduced by Ball and Rajamani (Microsoft Research),
- C language as representative for the imperative paradigm,
- Combines Model Checking and Path Simulation techniques,
- Very successful on control-intensive programs like device drivers,
- Tested on Windows NT device drivers (many bugs found!).

Abstraction

Predicate abstraction

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- a concrete program P ,
- a set of predicates \mathcal{K} ,

let abs be the abstraction function such that

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Boolean Programs

Imperative programs whose variables are of type boolean only.

Abstraction

From concrete to Boolean Programs

The abstraction function is such that

- it preserves the control-flow graph of the concrete program. Therefore, Boolean Programs support:
 - iteration constructs (`while`),
 - conditional constructs (`if`, `assert`),
 - procedure calls (also with recursion) with call-by-value parameter passing;
- each boolean variable b_i is in a one-to-one relation with a concrete predicate $k_i \in \mathcal{K}$.

Boolean Programs are equivalent in power to pushdown automata (model checking is decidable).

Example

```
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2  level: int;  
3  void getUnit(){  
4      canEnter: bool:=F;  
5      if(numUnits=0){  
6          if(level >0){  
7              NewUnit();  
8              numUnits:=1;  
9              canEnter:=T;  
10         }  
11     } else canEnter:=T;  
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14             assert(F);  
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Question

Assertion at label [14] can be reached?

Approach

We first abstract the program with respect to $\mathcal{K} = \emptyset$.

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Answer

Yes! The shortest trace is

4, 5, 12, 13, 14

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Is that trace feasible in the concrete program?

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Simulation

Trace 4, 5, 12, 13, 14 is not feasible, because it generates an inconsistency:
 $\text{numUnits} \neq 0$ at line 5 and
 $\text{numUnits} = 0$ at line 13!

Adding predicates

We then introduce a new boolean variable $nU0$ that is true when $\text{numUnits} = 0$ and false otherwise.

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Question

Is now statement at label 14
reachable in this new abstract
program?

Answer

Yes! There is a trace
4,5,6,12,13,14

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Again, trace 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 is not feasible, because it generates an inconsistency: $\text{canEnter} = F$ at line 4 and $\text{canEnter} = T$ at line 12!

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Reachable?

At this step label 14 is not reachable anymore in the abstract program, and so is in the concrete one.

Issues

- Abstraction and Refinement are '**expensive**', as they make intensive use of theorem provers.
- Boolean abstraction is very **coarse**, and requires many Abstract-Check-Refine loops in order to output a solution.
- The whole Abstract/Check/Refine loop **may not terminate**, even by choosing an abstraction (like Boolean Programs) for which the model checking procedure is terminating.

The big challenge is to find a less coarse model, in order to decrease the number of loops.

Linear Programs - The EUREKA approach

We propose **Linear Programs** as a more suitable abstraction for Software Model Checking. [Armando et al., 04]

Linear Programs

Imperative programs such that:

- variables range over a numerical domain \mathcal{D}
- expressions are of the form

$$c_0 + c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n,$$

where c_0, \dots, c_n are numeric constants and x_1, \dots, x_n are program variables ranging over \mathcal{D} .

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Linear Program

The same example analyzed before (slightly modified) does not need any abstraction: only one run of the model checker is needed!

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The procedure works by incrementally storing in a worklist the next statement to be analyzed, by computing Path Edges and Summary Edges accordingly, and by removing the processed statement from the worklist.

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  y=0;  
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Main operators over ADLCs:

- $Join(P, \tau)$: computes the ADLC resulting from the application of the transition relation τ to an ADLC P ,
- \sqsubseteq : entailment,
- $\exists \mathbf{x}$: quantifier elimination,
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9      }
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where a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n} are new variables of numeric type. (If $n = 0$, the assignment above reduces to a skip (;) statement.)

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1  int i , a [3];
2  void main(){
3      a[1] = 1;
4      i=0;
5      while (a[i]!=1&& i <3){
6          a[i] = 2*i;
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```

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4      i=0;
5      while (((i==1)?a1:U)!=1)&& i <3){
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7          i = i+1;
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Experimental results

| Program | EUREKA | BLAST | CBMC |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| array_init.c | safe | error | safe |
| array_init_assign.c | safe | unsafe | safe |
| complex_guard.c | safe | unsafe | safe |
| simple_swap.c | safe | safe | safe |
| sequential_swap_call.c | safe | error | safe |
| simple_array_inversion.c | safe | unsafe | safe |
| bubblesort_inner_loop.c | unsafe | error | unsafe |
| bubblesort.c | unsafe | safe | unsafe |
| array_max.c | safe | error | safe |
| wrong_loop.c | unsafe | error | mout |
| loop_on_input.c | unsafe | unsafe | mout |
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Conclusions

Future research directions:

- Extend the approach to pointers
- Use of widening operator
- Use of more efficient data-structures
- Find sufficient conditions for termination

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